

Montgomery Co. 4-H'ers launch fund-raiser for new 4-H Center

NORRISTOWN — The Montgomery County 4-H clubs have launched a major fund-raising campaign to raise monies for their new 4-H Center to be located in Creamery.

The former Skippack School has been purchased by the Montgomery County Farm, Home & 4-H Foundation. The building will be developed into a 4-H Center where youngsters from throughout the county can gather for club meetings, fairs, horse shows, recreation and other educational events. The current 4-H Center near Lansdale has served the program well for the past 15 years but a larger, more adequate and self-supportive Center will help the youth even more, said 4-H coordinator Nancy Kadwill.

Total cost of the Center project is budgeted at \$950,000. Members are actively seeking financial support from friends, neighbors, individuals and small businesses in their communities. According to 4-H Coordinator Nancy Kadwill, support from the community is crucial to the success of the campaign. Although the money raised is important, it's more important for the young people to know that the community supports their efforts and recognizes the positive things they are doing in 4-H. "The five dollar (or even one dollar) donation from a neighbor helps the youngster know that others believe in what he or she is accomplishing in 4-H" says Kadwill.

The 4-H Club program across the nation annually attracts several million young Americans who learn skills, develop leadership ability and who grow in character and responsibility. There are 3,200 4-H members and leaders in Montgomery County and 81,000 throughout Pennsylvania. 4-H is a volunteer organization open to all boys and girls ages 8-19.

The new 4-H Center will house several county-wide agricultural offices that will not only serve the community in one convenient location but will also pay rent

which will help maintain the Center. Facilities at the new location will include meeting rooms, animal show facilities, a demonstration kitchen, and

community recreation grounds. All donations are tax deductible as a gift to 4-H. For more information or details call the 4-H office at 277-0574.

Pa. 4-H'ers place in engineering event

UNIVERSITY PARK — Four 4-H members represented Pennsylvania in the Eastern Division of the 34th Annual National 4-H Engineering Events held recently in Richmond, Va. Nearly 70 4-H members from 25 states competed.

Terry Hutchison, 4-H member from Huntingdon County, placed second in the small engines division and Chris Rishack, Butler County, placed third in the electric energy category. Scoring was based on a written examination, parts and tool identification and a visual presentation.

Bill Leamer, Indiana County, won third place honors in the compact tractor division and Brian Shively, Union County, placed

seventh in the tractor division. Their competition included two-wheel and four-wheel driving events and a written examination on maintenance, safety and knowledge of tractor operation.

The competition, held in the conjunction with the State Fair of Virginia, was sponsored by Arnoco Foundation, Inc., The Firestone Trust Fund, Westinghouse Electric Corporation and the Toro Company.

The 4-H'ers were accompanied by James W. Garthe, Penn State Extension agricultural engineer instructor; Jim McCracken, PenElec Representative; and U.B. Bakker, 4-H Youth Specialist at Penn State.



Heading up the fund raising campaign for the new 4-H Center are from left: Sybil Sigfried, East Norriton; Donna Fagley, Collegeville; Mary Bradshaw, Souderton; and Sara Danehower, Lansdale. These active volunteer leaders are coordinating the county-wide effort to raise \$950,000 for the new 4-H Center in Creamery.

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