

Julie Myers named junior stockman

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WELLSVILLE — A York County 4-H'er is \$500 richer after being named junior stockman of the year at the Timonium, Md., Eastern National Livestock Show.

Julie Myers, daughter of Dale and Jean Myers, Wellsville R1, topped a contingency of York County youth who claimed several of the high placings in the annual stockmen knowledge testing.

This was just the second year of competition for 17-year-old Julie a

senior and FFA member at Northern High School. Through her youth work, Julie has carried beef, sheep and hog projects, and was a member of the state 4-H meats and livestock judging teams. She attributes her stockmen win largely to the wealth of information taught the judging teams and her years of growing up in a livestock-farm environment.

Julie plans to add her \$500 award to her college savings fund, with plans to major in animal science at Penn State, York, next fall.

Categories in which junior stockmen compete for cash prizes include judging of beef, sheep, swine and meats, feedstuffs identification, hay classes and a quiz covering a broad range of livestock industry background. Ten top scorers in these combined areas are then chosen for personal interviews, and those scores added to the judging and quiz points.

Three other York 4-H members finished in the top ten. John Myers, Dallastown, was sixth place winner, Tim Flory of Red Lion took the seventh place spot and Melissa Trostle, Red Lion, earned the tenth place award.

York countians competing in the team judging also left their mark, taking the overall second, fourth and seventh place spots.

Members of the second place stockmen team were Tim Flory, Melissa Trostle and Tim Ferrence. Finishing in the fourth spot was the team of Julie Myers, John Eaton, Jr., and Ed Keeney, while John Myers, Connie Hoover and Jim Townsend wrapped up a seventh place win.

Beware of pantry pests

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Not many people have pantries in their homes these days, but they will probably be bothered by "pantry pests" at one time or another. These are the insects that get into the dry plant products stored in kitchens. Although often commonly referred to as weevils, most home food pests are larvae of beetles and moths.

The first sign of a problem may be small caterpillars climbing the kitchen wall, occasional small moths fluttering around the house, a beetle or two in a drawer. Or it may be more obvious - a package of "wormy" pasta or "bugs" in the flour.

The first step in controlling food pests is a check of all products that may become infested - flour, cereals, seeds, nuts, baking mixes, dried fruit, spices, chocolate are examples. Bird seed and dry pet food are frequently attacked. If you have trouble tracking the

infestation, think about things in other places - decorations containing plant materials, children's "bean bag" toys, flower and vegetable seeds - that could be sources of the problem.

Get rid of infested materials. Suspect products can be disinfested by freezing them for three or four days. Then thoroughly vacuum, clean and wash storage areas. They can be treated with an insecticide labeled for that purpose. Wipe away excess spray, let the area dry, and cover shelves with paper before replacing food packages. Keep susceptible foods in tight glass, metal or plastic (freezer bags are good) containers until the insects are eliminated. Pantry pests can be persistent, persistence may be required in getting rid of them. For spray material recommendation, contact the Extension Service at 788-1338.

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Read energy claims carefully

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percent savings in heating costs for foambacked aluminum siding are common, yet the Department of Energy estimates this type of siding saves only 5 percent of your home heating costs.

• Furnace burners: some advertisements for energy efficient furnace burners claim a savings from 30 to 65 percent, depending on the overall efficiency of your burner. But consumers should not expect to achieve these savings. The Brookhaven National Laboratory found furnace burners improved the efficiency by 12 to 25 percent over conventional burners, depending on a whole list of other factors.

• Storm windows: up to 45 percent fuel saved... can cut heat loss up to 50 percent... can increase the R-value of your single windows up to four times... but established tests to make claims comparable don't exist. Standard engineering tables indicate that only about twice the R-value is possible with a double pane window with one fourth inch air space. The savings in total house heating costs for one type was only about five percent in Department of Energy tests.

• Wood burning appliances: claims of efficiency range from 76 to 83 percent and 100 percent use of energy from your wood have been made but are difficult to substantiate. Officials in a wood stove testing program showed airtight units are only 40 to 60 percent efficient at best.

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