

Adams Co. Celebrates Autumn With National Apple Harvest Festival

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ARENDSVILLE — It is once again time for Johnny Applesed and apple butter, apple pancakes, cider and apple pie. It's time for the 22nd National Apple Harvest Festival held the first and second weekends in October at the South Mountain Fairgrounds just outside of Arendtsville.

The festival is sponsored by the Upper Adams Jaycees, who use the proceeds from the event for the maintenance of the Oakside Park. The remainder of the funds is given to local charities such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association

and the United Way. This popular event draws as many as 40,000 spectators each weekend. It features over 200 arts and crafts booths, antique engines, tractors, and car displays, games and contests for all ages, and of course, food.

One of the main features of the festival is the apple butter boil stand sponsored by the Upper Adams Jaycees. Here the Jaycees sell both sweetened and unsweetened apple butter in 28-ounce jars. They also sell locally baked loaves of Italian bread.

Apple Butter Boil co-chairmen Rick Cullison, Biglerville, and

Scott Starner, Peach Glen, estimate they will sell over 12,000 jars of apple butter and 600 loaves of bread during the four days of the festival. They noted that the apple butter stand is one of the original booths at the festival and is the best profit maker of the event.

Ruth Dunlop, Biglerville, who has worked in the booth since her youth, now brings her own youngsters along to help stick labels on jars and rank the full jars on the table. Dunlop explained that the apple butter is made locally, jarred, and then brought to the fairgrounds. Since it takes 18 hours to boil down apple butter as we know it, a simulated display of cooking apple butter is done at the booth by mixing some of the apple butter with more cider in a black kettle and then stirring it over an open fire.

The ingredients in their apple butter are all natural. It contains apples, cider, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and sugar. Dunlop states that in the last two years there has been a dramatic increase in their demand for the unsweetened apple butter. This contains absolutely no sugar and has a more tart flavor.

Another popular character at the festival is Johnny Applesed, the patron saint of the apple tree. Portrayed by Anthony Helman, Bendersville, Johnny Applesed has three showings daily which feature apple bobbing, a pie eating contest, and sack races. Helman divides the participants by age groups and everyone comes out a winner.

The National Apple Harvest



These hungry contestants are trying to eat an entire apple pie without using their hands.



The Apple Butter boil is one of the most popular features of the National Apple Harvest Festival. Pictured here tasting a sample are, from left, co-chairman Rick Cullison and Scott Starner, and booth worker Ruth Dunlop.

Festival is a complement to the Adams County Apple Blossom Festival held here each year on the first weekend in May. To over 700 volunteers and 20-plus civic groups, the festival represents the culmination of a year's worth of

planning. To the 122 commercial growers in Adams County, it is the celebration of a harvest of 300 million pounds of apple from about 15,000 acres each year. The apple industry brings \$27.5 million worth of commerce into the county annually.

Fayette County 4-H'ers Hold Achievement Program

UNIONTOWN — Fayette County 4-H Clubs held their 4-H Achievement Program at the Fayette County Fairground, Thursday, Sept. 25. Awards and recognition were presented to the Fayette County 4-H members and their clubs.

the 4-H Court was one of the many highlights of the program. Outstanding 4-H'ers in Fayette County for 1986 are: Susan Sickle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sickle of R1, Perryopolis, and Deborah Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Townsend of R1, McClellandtown.

Jane Anne Strong, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Strong of R1, Smock, was named 4-H Queen. 4-H King was Gregory Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Wilson of R1, McClellandtown.

Senior attendants selected included: Deborah Swetts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Swetts of Star Junction, and Todd Hayward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Hayward of R1, Vanderbilt.

Junior attendants were: Christa Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher of R2, Uniontown, and Charles Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe of Grindstone.

Matthew B. Mitchell, branch manager of the Uniontown Office of West Central Production Credit, presented plaques to the Outstanding 4-H'ers. The plaques will be displayed for one year in the Fayette County Extension Office in Uniontown.

National Award recognition and pins were presented to the following 4-H members: Deborah Townsend, Achievement and Agriculture; Jane Anne Strong, Clothing; Gregory Wilson, Swine; Michael Sveda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sveda of R1, Fayette City, Beef and Gardening; Raymond Grimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grimm of R1, Vanderbilt, Commodity Marketing; Amy Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richardson of R1, Smock, Horse and Sheep; and

Michelle Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes of Dawson, public speaking.

Fashion Revue pins were presented to the 4-H'ers who participated in the Regional Fashion Revue, including: Wendy Boger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boger of R4, Uniontown; Melanie Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swartz of R4, Uniontown; Robin Magerko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Magerko of R1, New Salem; Carolyn Gerber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Garber of R1, Vanderbilt; Penny Hornberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hornberger of R1, McClellandtown; Jane Anne Strong and Deborah Swetts.

Melaine Swartz and Jane Anne Strong qualified for the state Fashion Revue, held at the State 4-H Achievement Days in University Park.

In the county Blue Form competition, the following 4-H members received recognition. First place winners received an award pin and second place individuals received a ribbon.

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| Junior Division | |
| Public Speaking & Horse | First place Jason Hayes son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Hayes of Dawson |
| Swine & Gardening | First place Charles Wolfe |
| Clothing and Foods & Nutrition | First place Christa Gallagher |
| Senior Division | |
| Public Speaking | First place, Michelle Hayes |
| Dairy | First place Joseph Diamond, son of Mr and Mrs Alvin Diamond of R2 Smithfield |
| Beef | First place Gregory Wilson Second place Deborah Townsend |
| Horse | First place Susan Sickle |
| Swine | First place Deborah Townsend Second place Gregory Wilson |
| Clothing | First place Jane Anne Strong Second place Deborah Swetts |
| Foods & Nutrition | First place Deborah Swetts |
| Gardening | First place Michael Sveda Second place Gregory Wilson |
| Lamb | First place Todd Hayward Second place Michael Sveda |
| Commodity Marketing | First place Michael Sveda Second place Raymond Grimm |
| Poultry | First place Susan Sickle Second place Deborah Townsend |
| Agriculture | First place Deborah Townsend Second place Gregory Wilson |
| Achievement | First place Gregory Wilson |
- County Demonstration and Public Speaking Tropies were presented to the following: Senior Public Speaking - Gregory Wilson;

and Senior Demonstration - Paula Burgess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burgess of R1, Vanderbilt; and Junior Demonstration - Christa Gallagher.

Completion Certificates were presented to all 4-H members who completed their 1986 projects. The leaders also received certificates for their contribution to the 4-H Program.

Recognition was given to all 4-H members participating in the county, regional, state, and national events.

Club winners in the 4-H News Reporter Scrapbook Contest were: first, Laurel Highlands Horse; second, Smock Community; third, North Union Horse; fourth, Dawson horse; and fifth, Bullsken Horse.

Refreshments were served, and music was provided by Dr. D and Fred G, local disc jockeys.



Debbie Townsend of McClellandtown was named Outstanding 4-H'er for Fayette County. Missing from photo is Susan Sickle of Perryopolis who was also named Outstanding 4-H'er.

30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

— Corn picking is in full swing over Lancaster County at the moment, with favorable weather spurring activity in this line. Most corn crops are past the danger spot where cold weather is concerned, with very little damage reported from Tuesday night's low

A word of warning is passed along by County Agent Max M. Smith who points out first the need for safety — and already several corn picker casualties have been reported in the area — and corn in cribs must be watched carefully to prevent mold.

— For the third time in the same family, the Future Farmers of America next week in Kansas City will confer upon James A. Hess the degree of American Farmer.

— Production of red meats in slaughter plants of Pennsylvania during July totaled nearly 69 million pounds, dressed weight, according to surveys by the State Department of Agriculture.

— Because of too much rain, many central and western Pennsylvania dairy farmers have been unable to make sufficient hay, and some sales of livestock are being made, the State Department of

Agriculture declared today. — From Lititz R3, Mrs. Dales L. Landis writes: Dear Folks of Lancaster Farming: We are getting your paper and think it is the best good little farm paper you can lay your hands on. I especially enjoy the recipes, since I am a Farmer's Wife and love to cook and bake. I am making a scrapbook of a lot of the recipes. I love to try new recipes.

— In a move to assist Pennsylvania farmers and consumers, Governor George M. Leader Monday announced plans for the start of a program of promotion for Pennsylvania farm foods.

— Intensive preparations for the 1957 Pennsylvania Farm Show next Jan. 14-18 started last week at the annual fall meeting of the Farm Show Committee composed of representatives of 52 statewide farm and allied organizations.

The 41st State Farm Show theme was announced as "Pennsylvania Agriculture Builds for Tomorrow."