

State 4-H Award Winners Off For National Congress

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teen leader, song and game leader. Shiner completed projects in foods, design, crafts, weather and displays.

He took part in county and regional demonstrations, fashion revue commentator, Leadership Congress, State Capitol Days, State Farm Show and State Achievement Days. Shiner also participated in the National 4-H Congress, Citizenship-Washington Focus and the National 4-H Conference.

He also was honored as 1986 Pennsylvania Leadership winner and 1986 Pennsylvania Outstanding 4-H'er.

Cathy Shive

Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys, (York), was named state Health Award winner.



The daughter of Gordon and Dianna Shive, she is a sophomore at Susquehannock High School. Shiner, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as secretary, treasurer and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a song and game leader and completed projects in health, beef, capons, swine, breeding, foods, rabbits, pet care, photography, crafts, public speaking, livestock and meats judging.

She took part in county and regional judging and demonstrations, the State Farm Show, State Days, and the National Delaware Valley Judging Contest.

Andrew Smith

Andrew Smith, Myerstown, (Lebanon), was named state Consumer Education Award winner.



The son of Lee and Mary Smith, he is a junior at Eastern Lebanon County. Smith, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as vice president, treasurer, historian and news reporter of his local 4-H club. He also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in safety, leadership, cooking, health and stress connection.

He took part in county Achievement Night, Regional Night, Capitol Days, Leadership Congress, State Achievement Days and the Citizenship Washington Focus.

Clay Snyder

Clay Snyder, (Venango), was named state Electric Energy Award winner.



The son of James and Beverly Snyder, he is a junior at Allegheny Clarion Valley Junior-Senior High School. Snyder, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president and vice president of his local 4-H club. He also assisted with club activities and events as a song leader, and completed projects in electricity, woodworking, sports, rabbits, swine, lambs, foods, outdoors, photography, money, clothing, community development, camping, leadership, fire safety, energy, careers and riflery.

He took part in camping, teen leader, and counseling on the

county and regional levels, and participated in Leadership Congress and State Achievement Days on the state level.

Snyder also received scholarships to attend State Congress and Achievement Days.

Gregory Strait

Gregory Strait, Harrisonville, (Fulton), was named state Animal Science Scholarship Award winner.



The son of Woodrow and Joycelene Strait, he is a sophomore at Delaware Valley College. Strait, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president and treasurer of his local 4-H club. He also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in horse, dairy, beef, dog, pet care, agriculture, vegetables, tractor driving and rockets. He took part in the county, regional and state horse show.

Lynn Svonavec

Lynn Svonavec (Somerset), was named state Safety Award winner.



The daughter of Jim and Sally Svonavec, she is a junior at Somerset High School.

Svonavec, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a song and recreation leader. Svonavec completed projects in safety, clothing, cooking, crafts, lambs and bicycling.

She took part in public speaking and the county and regional Fashion Revue. On the state level she participated in Farm Show Squaredancing.

Stephanie Vogus

Stephanie Vogus, Oil City, (Venango), was named state Food Conservation and Safety Award winner.



The daughter of Ted and Judy Vogus, she is a sophomore at Rocky Grove High School. Vogus, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as president, secretary and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in vegetables, breads and food preservation.

She took part in the Citizen's Retreat, Tri-County Olympics and Teen Leader Retreat on the regional level, Day Camp and State Days on the state level.

Jeff Wagner

Jeff Wagner Lebanon (Lebanon), was named state Wildlife and Fisheries winner.



The son of Glen and Carinne Wagner, he is a sophomore at Cedar Crest High School. Wagner has been a 4-H member for eight years and served as treasurer, historian, and game leader of his local 4-H club. He has also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in health, riflery, archery, forestry,

clothing, foods, coin collecting, stamp collecting, gardening, wood science, photography, automotive, bicycling and logs.

He took part in teen council and Olympic Day at the county level, Demonstration Night at the regional level, State Days and Leadership Congress. He was also awarded a trophy for being an outstanding 4-H'er in Lebanon County.

Christina Walls

Christina Walls, Montoursville, (Lycoming), was named state nominee in the Edwin T. Meredith Scholarship Award category.



The daughter of Jerry and Joy Walls, she is a freshman at American University. Walls, a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president, vice president, song and social leader of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with club activities and events as a teen leader and a member of the telephone committee. Walls has completed projects in public speaking, wood-working, foods, clothing, leadership, home environment and gardening.

She took part in Demonstration Days and teen retreats on the county and regional level. On the state level she participated in State Capitol Days, State 4-H Days and was P.I.F.Y.E. Ambassador to Japan. She also participated in the National 4-H Agent's Conference and was an I.F.Y.E. host family.

Walls was named Outstanding 4-H'er for Lycoming County and was the Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H Scholarship winner for Japan.

Joyce Waltermire

Joyce Waltermire, Rockwood, (Somerset), was named state Bicycle Award winner.



The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Waltermire, she is a senior at Rockwood Area High School. Waltermire, who has been a 4-H member for nine years, served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She completed projects in breads, bicycles, clothing, cooking, leadership, steers and lambs.

She took part in county and regional Demonstration Contest and the Fashion Revue. She also participated in State 4-H Days, Club Congress and the Eastern National 4-H Engineering Event-Bicycle Contest.

Kelly Wentz

Kelly Wentz, Lehighton, (Carbon), was named state Rabbit Scholarship Award winner.



The daughter of Lester and Kathleen Wentz, she is a recent graduate from Lehighton Area High School. Wentz, who has been a 4-H member for seven years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in swine, beef, vegetables, flowers, geology, entomology, rabbits, veterinary science, bicycling and strawberries.

Wentz took part in county and regional demonstrations and livestock judging. She participated in

Capitol Days, Leadership Congress, State Achievement Days and the Citizenship-Washington Focus.

Wendy Whitehall

Wendy Whitehall, Centre Hall, (Centre), was named state Recreation Award winner.



The daughter of Ben and Linda Whitehall, she is a junior at State College Senior High School. Whitehall, who has been a 4-H member for five years, served as president, vice president and news reporter of her local 4-H club. She also assisted as a teen leader and completed projects in square dancing, clothing, cooking, cross stitching, poultry, rabbits, geology, photography and wildlife.

She took part in county and regional demonstrations, State Days and Club Congress. She also participated in the National Teen Leader Forum.

Lori Winsheimer

Lori Winsheimer, (Indiana), was named state Agricultural Award winner.



The daughter of Burton and Eleanor Winsheimer, she is a freshman at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Winsheimer, who has been a 4-H member for 10 years, served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of her local 4-H club. She also assisted with

club activities and events such as both a song and game leader, and completed projects in gardening, veterinary science, dairy animals, computers, photography, vegetables, pet care, clothing, cake decorating.

She took part in Demonstration Day and the fashion revue on the county and regional levels, and attended State Days, Club Congress, and the Junior Dairy Show on the state level.

Winsheimer was also the recipient of the Outstanding Junior 4-H Dairy Member and Outstanding Senior 4-H Member for Indiana County.

Henry Wojton

Henry Wojton, Trappe, (Montgomery), was named state Forestry Award winner.



The son of Henry and Ann Wojton, he is a junior at St. Pius X High School. Wojton, who has been a 4-H member for eight years, served as president, secretary, treasurer and news reporter of his local 4-H club. He also assisted in club activities and events as a teen leader and completed projects in handyman, archery, forestry, leadership, pet care, electricity and models.

He took part in his county Achievement Night, Demonstration and Teen Ambassadors. Regionally, he participated in Teen Ambassador Weekend and Camp Counselor Training. He also attended State Capitol Days, Leadership Congress and State Days.

Mulch Strawberries Now

Now is the time to consider mulching your strawberry planting for the winter months.

Mulching helps to protect the plant from wintertime damage of temperature extremes. These extremes are detrimental to the plants because they can kill flower buds or alternate freezing and thawing can cause the soil to heave and thus injure the plants.

It's best to apply mulch after the planting has had sufficient exposure to low temperatures, usually 20 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, to harden the plants. The mulch should be applied at a thickness of 3 to 4 inches over the entire strawberry planting. Clean, weed-free oat or wheat straw is the preferred mulch for strawberries. This type of mulch tends to stay in place on top of the strawberry plants and tends to form a tightly knit protective covering over the plants during the wintertime months.

The mulch can then be removed from on top of the strawberry plants next spring. Mulch left around the strawberry plants and between the rows will help to discourage grasses and weeds from growing in these areas.

A bed of mulch around each strawberry plant will also keep the ripe strawberries up off of the soil surface and will result in cleaner strawberries for you to enjoy picking and eating next year.

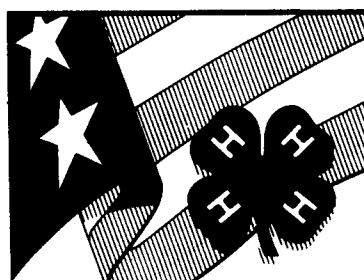
For additional information about mulching strawberries or strawberry production please contact the Wayne County Extension Office by dialing 253-5970, extension 114 or stop in at the office which is located in the basement of the Wayne County Courthouse, in Honesdale.

A series of two meetings on fruit production and marketing will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 8 and 9, at 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Extension meeting room, Courthouse, Honesdale.

The first session will be devoted to small fruit crops such as blueberries, strawberries, and brambles. Speakers will be Paul Craig, Monroe County Agricultural Agent, and Donal Coutts, Paupack Blueberry Farm. The second meeting will focus on the production of tree fruits such as apples and pears. Speakers for this session will be Paul Craig and Charles Bertram of Bertram's Orchard.

Specific topics at both sessions will include varieties, insect and disease control, pruning, and marketing techniques.

All interested persons are welcome. The sessions are being sponsored by the Wayne County Agricultural Extension Service.



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