

Lancaster County 4-H'ers Shine At Achievement Night

BY LISA RISSER

LANCASTER — The high point of Stacey Goss's Saturday night last week was when she was named outstanding 4-H'er for 1989 during the Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Night held at the Farm & Home Center.

Stacey, 17, remarked during a presentation given before peers and parents, that without 4-H she would have become a couch potato content to sprawl before the television and idle away her life.

Instead, the Pequea teen belongs to the Penn Willow Community

Club and has been active in everything from cooking to air pistol marksmanship. For more on Stacey, see the related article in this section.

Amy Jo Strasbaugh, outgoing Outstanding 4-H'er, relinquished her duties Saturday night, which also happened to be her birthday. Amy Jo advised Stacey to get ready for a busy year as Zoann Parker, the county 4-H agent, would keep her calendar full.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by seven 4-H'ers who competed in the county-wide talent contest. Kandi Mullen from

the Solanco Community Club stirred judges Carol Borry and Vicki LeFever with her animated rendition of "Casey At The Bat," and was named winner of the contest.

Taking second place was a duet performed by Matt Rush of the Woolies Club and Heidi Frey of the Red Rose Beef Club. The two sang "Worlds Apart." In third place was Heather Ranck from the Pequea Valley 4-H Club. Heather performed a monologue, "What It Was, Was Football," an act first performed by actor Andy Griffith.

Four-H'ers who had excelled within their clubs and at their projects were named to the Honor Roll. This year's honorees were Kerry Freese of Nottingham, Frank Bentrem of Elizabethtown, Heather Haldeman of Manheim, and Angie Spickler of Mount Joy in the senior division. Members of the junior division were Carolyn Nestleroth of Manheim, Susan Bentrem of Elizabethtown, Beth Spickler of Mount Joy, and Sharon LeFever of Quarryville.

Scholarship winners also were named during the evening. This year's winners are Jeff Craig, Amy Jo Strasbaugh, Sheldon Heisey, Nanette Bushong, and Stacy Nestleroth.

There were 20 entries in this year's poster contest in the two divisions. Stacey Goss took first place in the senior division with her entry, which depicted Calvin and Hobbes, characters from the popular cartoon. Other placings were Vicki Creighton, second; Andy Allen, third; Kim Kettering, fourth; and Lavonne Lehman, fifth; in the senior division. In the junior division Emily Zug was first; Amy Siegrist, second; Heather Buller, third; Joy Hess, fourth; and Pam Lehman, fifth.

Other 4-H'ers who were recognized include the Gold Ribbon project winners; the 4-H fair's omelet contest winners: Saranna Miller in first place followed by Starr Waltz and Bob Creighton; John Hess, county public speaking winner; Club exhibit winners: Seeing Eye Puppy Club in first followed by the Boots & Saddle Club and Horsin' Around Club; the Swine Club for its volleyball victory; the Horsin' Around and Boots & Saddles clubs for their scrapbooks; Chad Eberly, Appalachian Audobon Society Award winner; Sheldon Heisey, grand champion showman overall at the 4-H fair; Greg Shipe, reserve grand champion showman overall; baby blue form winners: Kim Kettering, Jami Krause, Eric Wenger, Lori Loeffler, Paula Loeffler, Marsha Dehmey; blue form winners: Marsha Dehmey, Stacy Nestleroth, and Kevin Mease.



Lancaster County is full of talented 4-H'ers as these four members illustrated at the 4-H Achievement Night: they are the three top winners in the county talent contest. In front is contest winner Kandi Mullen, who performed "Casey At The Bat". In the back row are, from left, Heather Ranck, third place; and Heidi Frey and Matt Rush, second place.



This year's Outstanding 4-H'er, Amy Jo Strasbaugh, passed on her title and its duties to Stacey Goss of Pequea, right.



Lancaster County 4-H'ers were awarded scholarships provided by banks in Lancaster County. Three of this year's winners are, from left, Amy Jo Strasbaugh, Nanette Bushong, and Jeff Craig.



1988 senior members of the Honor Roll include, from left, Angie Spickler, Frank Bentrem, and Heather Haldeman.



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

This month means school days for many families and so I decided to read my diary of some thirty years ago when we sent our first child to school. If I hadn't written everyday, I wouldn't be able to relive the good and the bad times that we had here on the farm.

Our oldest daughter gleefully skipped off to school without a backward glance while I tearfully watched. The almost four year old was left to fend for himself but he wasn't happy. He missed his sister but kept busy feeding the pigs, pulling weeds and pushing the lawnmower. And, my ten month old had just learned to walk and took a lot of watching as he went to the barn every chance he got. He often fell when he walked on our uneven lawn.

One thing that I realize by rereading my diary is that I've learned not to plant so much. We were picking a bushel of cucumbers every other day and three bushel of lima beans at a time. One

day I canned seventeen quart of grape juice and another day twenty-four quart of beans. With milkers to wash and children to watch, I'm not sure how I did it. No wonder that I did the ironing when everyone else was in bed.

My husband was busy putting away tobacco which we no longer grow. And, he had the silo to fill too.

There were two figures mentioned that surprised me. One was the fact that we were paying \$1.50 per basket for the peaches that I canned. Another was the weight of a hog that we sold to a neighbor--he tipped the scales at 540 pounds. Now that is a hog.

Some things never change. I wrote about the heifer that swam the Conestoga and had to be brought back. Last week my husband and our Amish neighbor worked to get another heifer out of the mud along the bank on the opposite side of the Conestoga River.

Benefit Sale Held For Amish Family

LANCASTER — The benefit sale for the Amish family injured by an intoxicated, hit-run driver is being held today. The Esh family from Atglen are faced with astronomical hospital bills from the June 27th accident that left 38-year-old Joseph Esh paralyzed from the neck down. His pregnant wife, Barbara, lost the baby she was carrying and four of their five children were seriously injured.

To help meet the spiraling medical costs, the community organized a benefit sale that starts at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to run to 6 p.m. The sale site is located on Route 23 across from the Atlantic gas station on a farm two miles west of New Holland.

For more information, contact the Beiler Benefit Fund, 101 Amishtown Road, New Holland, PA 17557, or phone 717 354-6066.

Recognized for their successes, these four junior 4-H'ers were named to the Honor Roll. From left, Beth Spickler, Sharon LeFever, Carolyn Nestleroth, and Susan Bentrem.