

Crawford Dairy Clinic Held

MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — Forty Crawford County 4-H youth and adults attended the annual county 4-H Dairy Clinic held recently at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. This program is conducted by county 4-H dairy leaders and the Penn State Extension Office.

The day's program includes a dairymen's knowledge contest which consists of four parts. First, identifying 14 common seeds used on the farm. Second, recognizing and naming 20 common feed ingredients used in feeding animals. Third, identifying 10 various items necessary in the milking operation. Fourth, a 25 question dairy knowledge quiz. County Agent Joe Beard conducted the session. The ten high scorers with 4-H dairy projects were as follows: Jenny Dickey, Espyville; Lori Black, Saegertown; Christylynn Curtis, Union City; Heather Furry, Guys Mills; Mathew Curtis, Union City; Heather Jackson, Cochranon; Morgan Sweeney, Venango; Sara and Beth Duncan, Cochranon; and Jeremy Williams, Springboro.

Bruce Stainbrook from Meadville Farm Credit office discussed what information is important and necessary in a 4-H project book to know just what it takes to raise a calf. Good records are a vital part of today's farm business.

Jonele Reese, Guys Mills, a Penn State Dairy Science graduate, discussed and demonstrated good showmanship techniques in preparation for the 4-H Roundup held in conjunction with the

Crawford County Fair. After lunch the 4-H youth were divided into groups to learn how to clip their animals in preparation to show. The group leaders and instructors for actual clipping an animal were as follows: Clark Duncan, Cochranon; Lori Black, Saegertown; Jenny Dickey, Espyville; and Beth Duncan, Cochranon.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent by conducting a showmanship contest by age of the

exhibitors. The showmanship judge was County Agent Joe Beard. Their placings were as follows:

8 yr. old class: Bryon Pegan, 1st; Jim Kalinowski, 2nd, both from Cochranon and Megan Sweeney, 3rd, Venango.

9 yr. old class: Debbie Duncan, 1st, Cochranon; Jonathon Hunter, 2nd, Venango; and Jill Reese, 3rd, Guys Mills.

10 yr. old class: Corey Hart,

1st, Cochranon; Missy Dengler, 2nd, Saegertown, and Sara Duncan, 3rd, Cochranon.

11 yr. old class: Shaun Freyer-muth, 1st, Cochranon; Matt Curtis, 2nd, Union City; and Chris Hansen, 3rd, Saegertown.

12 yr. old class: Kathy Duncan, 1st, Cochranon; Mike Allen, 2nd, Conneaut Lake.

13 yr. old class: Christylynn Curtis, 1st, Union City; Heather Furry, 2nd, Guys Mills.

14 yr. old class: Beth Duncan, 1st, Cochranon.

16 yr. old class: Jenny Dickey, 1st, Espyville; Janyelle Hunter, 2nd, Venango.

18 yr. old class: Lori Black, 1st, Saegertown.

This program was designed to answer questions concerning the 4-H Dairy Project animals, give the 4-H'ers hands-on experience and improve the 4-H members' knowledge and experience in their 4-H Dairy Project.

TV Program By FFA To Premiere

ALEXANDRIA, VA — When the new television line-up hits the airwaves this fall, a newcomer to the screen will be listed on the schedule -- *FFA Today*.

The one-hour, monthly video magazine covering FFA and agriculture is the result of a June 12 agreement between the National FFA Organization, Alexandria, Va. and Heartland Communications of Shawnee Mission, Kan. Heartland will produce, distribute and promote the new television program with input provided by the FFA.

"At a time when it is literally bursting with opportunity, American agriculture is still narrowly perceived by the general public," said Dr. Larry Case, national FFA advisor. "*FFA Today* will help clarify and focus attention on our nation's most productive industry. It will also shine a light on the most successful programs for career and personal development offered to young people in high

school today -- agricultural education and the FFA."

William F. Stagg, director of information for the FFA said the show holds three purposes -- to inform Americans about agriculture, to keep FFA members current on the organization's activities and to spread the word about the career development and leadership benefits of agricultural education and the FFA.

"We are excited about the wide exposure this program will generate for the more than 405,000 FFA members in the United States," Stagg said. "Through *FFA Today*, we can inform our members and the general public about the important issues in agriculture which affect us all. It will greatly increase our effectiveness in promoting agricultural literacy in America."

Current topics in such areas as agriscience, marketing and international agriculture will be featured, as well as issues concerning

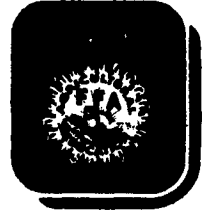
the environment, careers; education and FFA activities. Former national FFA officers Kelli Evans of Hayes Center, Neb. and David Pearce of Warrensburg, Mo. will serve as co-hosts for the video magazine.

The first program is tentatively scheduled to air Sept. 23, according to Bryan Winsby, president of Heartland Communications and producer of *FFA Today*. Each show will follow a video-magazine format, with four or five feature stories videotaped completely on location. Regular monthly departments also will be included. The broadcast will be carried by independent and affiliate television stations. Current plans are to air the show the third weekend of each month.

The target audience for *FFA Today* includes FFA members, young people, teachers, parents, and leaders in education, government and industry.

The FFA is a national organiza-


tion of 405,000 students in 7,800 local chapters preparing for careers in the industry of agriculture. FFA activities and award programs complement instruction in agribusiness and agriscience by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained through classroom instruction. A major emphasis of the FFA is the development of skills and abilities to prepare young people for leadership roles in agriculture and in their communities.



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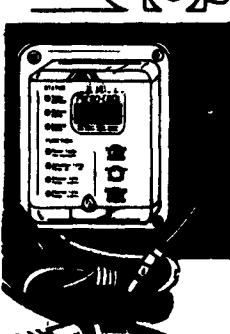
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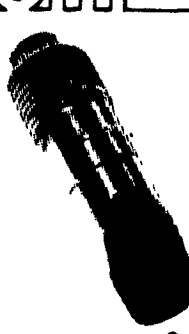


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