

Lean Hogs Dominate Franklin County 4-H Hog Roundup

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GREENCASTLE (Franklin Co.) — "The 4-H'ers of Franklin County have something to be proud of," Dr. Michael Miller told entrants in the 4-H Pig Club Round-Up. "Nobody brought fatty pigs."

Miller, judge for the show held at the Greencastle Livestock Market August 12, had high praise for the quality of the hogs he judged. When considering the class winners to pick his champion, Miller said, "It's unbelievable that pigs this heavy look this good."

He chose as his champion a 235-pound hog shown by Donnie Sheiss of Chambersburg. The hog sold later during the evening sale to W.R. Sellers Buying Station of Greencastle for \$4.10 per pound. Sheiss plans to attend Penn State this fall.

The reserve grand champion was a 245-pound hog shown by Todd Stoner. It also sold to W.R. Sellers Buying Station for \$4.10 per pound.

Champion pair honors went to Darwin Meyers for his two

237-pound hogs. They sold to Hatfield packing for 97½ cents per pound. Eric Sheiss took home the reserve champion pair honors for his 232-pound hogs, which sold for \$1.18 to Willard Agri-Service Inc.

Vice president of marketing at White Oak Mills, Miller was formerly a professor at Penn State.

The sale averaged \$84.39 per hundredweight on 90 head, including companion pigs. The hogs weighed an average of 238 pounds.

Jeff Craig, owner of the Greencastle Livestock Market, donated the use of his facilities. Craig Knepper of Fulton County was auctioneer. Trophies were donated by the Chambersburg Branch of York Farm Credit.

A partial list of winners follows.

- Class I**
1. Robert Thompson; 2. Rodney Weller; 3. Lori Caulman.
- Class II**
1. Darwin Brechbill; 2. Jenny Bricker; 3. Roger Carbaugh.
- Class III**
1. Darwin Meyers; 2. Seth Walk; 3. Spencer Walk.
- Class IV**
1. Donnie Sheiss; 2. Becky Stoner; 3.

- Randy Bricker.
- Class V**
1. Todd Stoner; 2. Steve Stoner; 3. Gregg Weller.
- Class VI**
1. David Sheiss; 2. Dennis Brechbill; 3. Wesley Longacre.
- Class VIII**
1. Eric Sheiss; 2. Daren Stauffer; 3. William Longacre.
- Champion**
Donnie Sheiss
- Reserve Champion**
Todd Stoner
- Class Pair I**
1. David Sheiss; 2. Braden Eaton; 3. Randy Bricker.
- Class Pair II**
1. Robert Thompson; 2. Todd Stoner; 3. Bill Longacre.
- Class Pair III**
1. Eric Sheiss; 2. Spencer Walk; 3. Roger Carbaugh.
- Class Pair IV**
1. Darwin Meyers; 2. Valerie Bittinger; 3. Missy Bittinger.
- Class Pair V**
1. Becky Stoner; 2. Wesley Longacre; 3. Tim Stoner.

- Champion Pair**
Darwin Meyers
- Reserve Champion Pair**
Eric Sheiss
- Junior Fitting and Showing**
Champion
David Sheiss
- Reserve Champion**
Spencer Walk
- Senior Fitting and Showing**
Champion
Eric Sheiss
- Reserve Champion**
Donnie Sheiss



Donnie Sheiss's 235-pound grand champion hog sold to W.R. Seller's Buying Station of Greencastle for \$4.10 per pound. Paul Bowders, right, did the bidding for Seller's.



Todd Stoner sold his 245 pound reserve grand champion hog to W.R. Seller's Buying Station of Greencastle for \$4.10 per pound. Paul Bowders, right, did the bidding for Seller's.

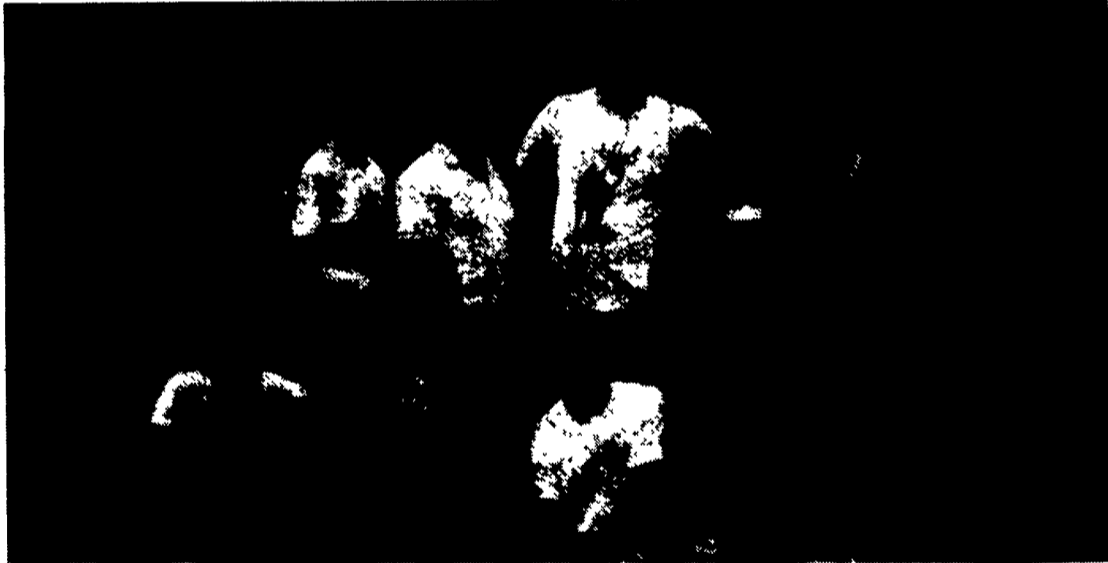
Elanco Students Excel At Youth Conservation School

NEW HOLLAND (Lanc. Co.) — Five students from Eastern Lancaster County's Garden Spot High School recently participated in the week-long Lancaster County Youth Conservation School.

Participating were: Christina Halls, Alan Houck, Bob Jenkins, Corey Kunkle, and Tiffany Peters.

The Youth Conservation School involves a week-long resident camping experience with

Northern Lancaster County Fish and Game Association serving as the base of operations. The school is co-sponsored by the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Federated Sportsmen of Lan-



Students from Eastern Lancaster County's Garden Spot High School participated in the Youth Conservation School recently. Pictured: (back row, from left) Christina Halls, Tiffany Peters, Gretchen Frederick, counselor; Lowell Graybill, asst. director; Bob Lauffer, Garden Spot env. ag instructor; Mike Lindenmuth, counselor; Kent Halsey, counselor; Andy Petersheim, counselor; (front row) Corey Kunkle, Bob Jenkins, Alan Houck, Bruce Stjanrajh, env. ag teacher.



Corey Kunkle, Bob Jenkins, Alan Houck and Shawn Carpenter build a rock and log deflector as part of the stream improvement project on Mill Creek in the Lancaster County Park.

caster County. Each student must be sponsored by a conservation organization and keep a notebook of activities experienced and knowledge gained so that they can make a report back to the organization which sponsored them.

Penn Dutch Sportsmen's Club sponsored Bob Jenkins and Tiffany Peters; District II of the Pa. Trappers' Association sponsored Christina Halls; Beartown Sportsmen Association sponsored Alan Houck and Northeastern Lancaster County Rod and Gun Club sponsored Corey Kunkle.

Garden Spot alumnus Lowell Graybill (a former Env. Ag student who attended the conservation school while in high school) served as assistant director. Counselors included Gretchen Frederick, Kent Halsey, Mike Lindenmuth and Andy Petersheim all alumni of Garden Spot's Environmental Agriculture program and previous campers at the school.

Among the activities were: orienteering, survival, soil conservation and erosion control, laying out contour strips, building a rock and log deflector as a stream improvement device in Mill Creek, safety and handling of firearms and archery equipment, wildlife management principles, aquatic biology, fly fishing, forest management and wildlife habitat improvement practicums.

The school utilizes a number of volunteers and conservation agency personnel as resource persons throughout the week. Three extensive field trips were taken during the week to add to the realistic flavor of the camp. Tuesday the group toured the Frank Myer farm in Pequea Township to learn more about various methods of reducing

erosion and conserving soil. Students had the opportunity to see actual conservation practices being utilized on the farm on a firsthand basis and later laid out a contour strip on the farm. Tuesday they also spent several hours constructing a stream improvement device on Mill Creek within the Lancaster County Park under the supervision of the Pa. Fish Commission's "Adopt a Stream" coordinators.

They capped off their day with swimming and volleyball at the County Park and a chicken B-B-Q. That evening the group heard a presentation by Bob Mowrer on the Lancaster County Conservancy and a role playing simulation on the legislative process as related to environmental issues conducted by Representative Jere Schuler.

Thursday's activities included a tour of the Ephrata Waste Water Treatment Facilities and the Lancaster sanitary landfill. After lunch they conducted a selective improvement cutting on Game-lands 52 under the supervision of the Pa. Game Commission's S.E. Field Division Forester and Land Manager.

Friday the group travelled to Middle Creek Wildlife Management and culminated their week's activities with an environmental competition. Awards were presented to the following students:

- Best Notebook:** Christina Halls, New Holland
- Bushwackers (orienteering):** Warren Glose, Ephrata and George Bard, Conestoga.
- Trapshooter:** Shawn Carpenter, Litz