

## Berks County 4-H'ers

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to the organization.

Valerie Hunter and Michele Wojszwillo were Keystone winners, while Gwen Perry was a Gertrude Warren Scholarship Nominee. The following 4-H'ers also received awards at the county level: Tammy Balthaser, swine; Danielle Baus, horse; Amy Eshelman, beef and sheep; Lisa Geschwindt, clothing and textiles and food and nutrition; Valerie Hunter, agriculture and swine; Karen Mengle, clothing and textiles and food and nutrition; Gwen Perry, sheep; Charlene Plushanski, clothing and textiles, personal development, and rabbit and cavy; Mark Runge, horse; Candace Schappell, horse; Kerry and Kathy Scott, rabbit and cavy; Brett Shorley, horse; Michele Wojszwillo, clothing and textiles and food and nutrition; Scott Youse, dairy.

For the first time, the county offered a government in action program. Ray Piar served as the voluntary 4-H leader for the project with six members serving on the advisory board. Nine members completed at least three or six sessions, shadowed a Berks County government employee for a day, and made a scrapbook.

Completing the project were Amanda Behe, Amy Eshelman, Lisa Geschwindt, Christine Hunter, Paula Hunter, Karen Mengle, Megan Perry, Gwen Perry, and Alice Strause. Also participating were Arthur Auchenbach III, Scott Cormier, Valerie Hunter, and April Ulshaffer.

Five young ladies were county fashion revue winner: Lisa Geschwindt, Heather Houser, Amy Kohler, Tricia Werley, and Michele Wojszwillo. Wojszwillo also was a winner in the senior division at the Southeast Fashion Revue. In the junior division, Amy Seiverling and Stephanie Wojs-

zwillo were award winners.

Lisa Geschwindt received a gold medal in recognition for her clothing and textile demonstration during Penn State 4-H Week. Also receiving gold medals were Troy Koenig, with a second-place individual finish in the dairy judging contest, and the first-place rabbit and cavy team composed of Richele Greib, Charlene Plushanski, Ronda Greib, and Kerry Scott.

Thirteen members participated in the state junior dairy show including Erica Davis, Jeffrey Davis, Stacey Geist, Amy Hollenbach, Daniel Hollenbach, Jennifer Neiman, Leslie Nirschl, Samuel Seidel, Jeremy Troutman, Jed Vail, Angela Werley, Melissa Werley, and Scott Youse.

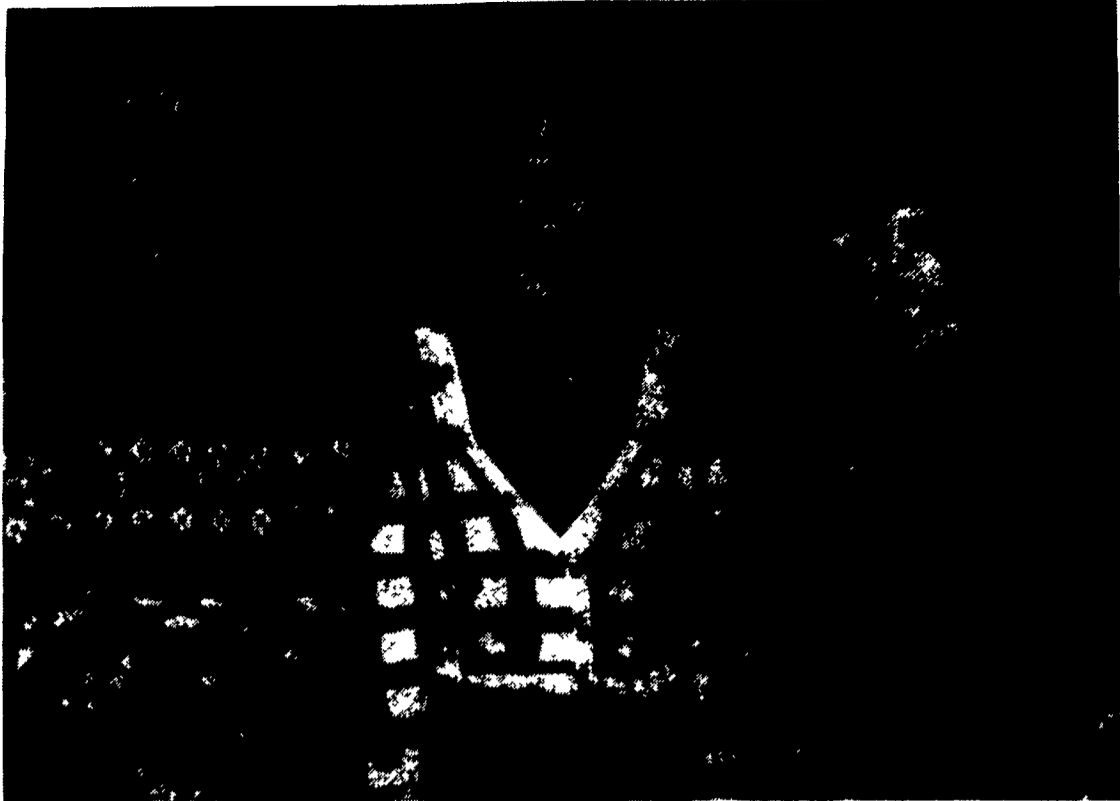
Seven members were part of the state junior horse show. They were Lynne Dorward, Billie Jean Fritz, Christopher Gerow, Robert Ralston IV, Mark Runge, Brett Shorley, and Angie Zeller.

A number of 4-H'ers received teen leader awards. First-year winners included Stephanie Bowman, Paula Galley, Richele Greib, Joyce Heffner, Jeff Heimbach, Karen High, Christine and Paula Hunter, Tracy Kain, Renne Kline, Dorinda Lingle, Lisa Massey, Heather Moll, Gwen and Megan Perry, Trisha Reed, Mark and Lisa Runge, Angela Sell, Alice Strause, Tara Wahl, Travis Werley, and Angie Zeller.

Receiving second-year teen leader keys were Lisa Geschwindt, Kathy High, Heather Houser, Karen Mengle, Megan Perry, Charlene Plushanski, Kathy and Kerry Scott, and Brett Shorley.

The silver pins for three-year participants went to Amy Eshelman and Valerie Hunter with Michele Wojszwillo and Scott Youse receiving a fourth-year gold pin.

Honored for service to the 4-H Development Board were Blaine



Valerie Hunter, left, and Amy Eshelman, right, received their third-year teen leader award at the Berks County 4-H Recognition Banquet last month. Michele Wojszwillo was honored with a gold pin for her fourth year of participation. Wojszwillo and Hunter also were Keystone winners.

Fessler, Elmer Martin Jr., Sharon Hill, Michele Wojszwillo, Joann Wojszwillo, Lillian Harnish, Beth Hartman, and Scott Cormier.

A number of leaders also were honored for five years of service including May Blatt, Delores Gelsinger, Larry Gelsinger, Kathleen

Heimbach, Leon Hunter, Patricia Hunter, Mary Mengle, Carol Reed, Joanne Ralston, Brenda Rivera, Glenna Smith, and Linda Wentzel.

## Erie County 4-H'ers Excel In National Competition

ERIE (Erie Co.) — Four Erie County 4-H teens represented Pennsylvania in the hippology contest at the recent Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY. The team finished in fourth place in the overall competition, and team member Heather Bennett of Waterford was the high-scoring individual, finishing first in the nation.

The team of Bennett; Cyndi Hayes, Allison Rogala, and Alice Davids, qualified to compete in the national contest by winning the Pennsylvania 4-H hippology contest at Penn State University last August. A typical hippology contest tests the 4-H members' knowledge of horses and horsemanship. Members compete in horse judging and identification and anatomy, and they take a written test. The national contest also featured a team problem-solving section in which members worked together to solve a horse-related problem and then presented their proposed solution to a panel of judges.

In addition to finishing first in the overall competition, Bennett placed third in the written phase of the contest and third in the station, or identification phase. Bennett, the daughter of Ron and Janice Bennett of Waterford, is a senior

at Fort LeBoeuf High School and has been in 4-H for the past five years.

Rogala, a member of the Stablemates 4-H Club in Fairview, finished second in the station phase of the contest and was ninth in the overall individual placings. She has been a 4-H member for the past three years. Rogala, the daughter of Cindy and Donald Rogala of Millcreek is a student at McDowell.

Hayes, the daughter of Gloria and Art Hayes of Cambridge Springs, finished tenth in the written phase of the contest. Hayes is a senior at General McLane High School and has been a member of the Cloverleaf Riders 4-H Club for four years.

Davids, a student at Seneca High School, finished twelfth in the judging phase of the contest. A six-year 4-H member, she currently serves as president of the Silver Buckles 4-H Club in Wattsburg. Davids is the daughter of Mary Lou and Fred Davids of Wattsburg.

The team, coached in Louisville by Janice Bennett, leader of the Waterford Bucking Broncos 4-H Club, finished fifth in the written phase of the competition, seventh in the judging phase, and second in the written phase.

According to Carolyn L. Belczyk, Extension Agent - 4-H with the Erie County Cooperative Extension office, the team's finish is the highest by any Pennsylvania team since the national contest's inception several years ago. The team was aided in its efforts to prepare for the competition by several Erie County 4-H horse leaders, including Beth Simmons and Peg Trichel, leaders of the Tally Ho 4-H Club, Harborcreek, and Melissa Balter, leader of the Stablemates 4-H Club. Balter, a student at Edinboro University, coached the team members prior to the state contest this summer, and Simmons and Trichel worked with the team prior to the national contest.

The national contest was won by the team representing New York. Connecticut's team placed second, and Maryland's team placed third in the overall competition. In all, teams representing fourteen states participated in the competition.

Hippology is one of many opportunities open to members of the 4-H horse program. For more information about this or any 4-H program, please contact the Erie County Cooperative Extension Office, 850 East Gore Road, Erie, PA 16509.



Berks County Extension 4-H agent Rick Kauffman presents Michele Wojszwillo with her "I Dare You" leadership award.



Among the 4-H leaders honored for five years of service at the Berks County 4-H Recognition Banquet were, from left, Larry Gelsinger, Leon Hunter, Patricia Hunter, and Mary Mengle.



These Erie County 4-H'ers finished fourth in the national hippology contest held during the recent Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Ky. The team members are, from left, Heather Bennett of Waterford, Alice Davids of Wattsburg, Allison Rogala of Millcreek, and Cyndi Hayes of Cambridge Springs. Bennett finished first in the contest's individual competition.