



HAPPENINGS

Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club

The 4-H achievement dinner was discussed. County medals were awarded to Cheryl Buchanan and Danielle Riccioni, both of Flemington, for their sheep project; Geneva Miller of Flemington for her vet science project; Amy Ercolino of Asbury for her citizenship project; and Lisa Zachmann of Flemington for leadership.

Amy Ercolino was awarded the Ramsburg Memorial Award. Senior Merit awards were given to Amy Ercolino and Lisa Zachmann.

Susan Miller, club leader, was awarded the Farm Credit Service Award, sponsored by the Farm Credit Service.

The Hunterdon County Sheep Club received recognition for second place for camp participation; first place tent decorating at the Flemington Fair; and first place for best club scrapbook. Several club members received certificates for submitting their record books for judging.

Amy Hunter of Somerville will be in charge of a committee to obtain more buyers for the 4-H Lamb Sale at the Flemington Fair. Geneva Miller will be chairman of the club square dancing competition. Cadi Houck of Flemington organized the club holiday party.

Scissor Wizards 4-H Club

The Scissor Wizards 4-H Club met at the Acken home in Whitehouse on November 28 at 7 p.m.

The group baked three batches of brownies for the 4-H Achievement Dinner. Members also wrapped gifts for the Women's Correctional Institute.

Rough Rider 4-H

Rough Rider 4-H Horse and Pony Club met on December 7 to elect new officers for 1991. They

are: president- Spring Younts; vice president- Trina Moyer; 1st. secretary - Becky Aukamp; 2nd. secretary - Melissa McCardell; 3rd. secretary - Tina Henry; 4th. secretary - Lacy Moyer; news reporter - Josh Sheetz; and parliamentarian - Sarah Paine. John Kroener will be fulfilling his second year of a 2-year term as treasurer.

Hunterdon Hoppers 4-H Rabbit Club

At the November meeting of the Hunterdon Hoppers, the club collected food for the needy. The group decided a meeting will be held at the Hoffman's home in Hampton to prepare for the holiday workshop. The club also made plans for the newly elected officers to attend the officers training workshop.

Members chose their topics for county presentations they will make at monthly meetings. Brent Higgins of Milford will be the new refreshment chair.

The Clover Bunch 4-H Prep Club

The Clover Bunch 4-H Prep Club met at the extension center on November 16. Mrs. Bruff of Flemington talked to the group about the first Thanksgiving and how the Indians used different things to do different jobs.

Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club

The Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club held their November meeting on November 29. At the Shartlesville Grange.

The club discussed what they wanted to do in the upcoming year and for the Christmas party.

A games committee was appointed, which consists of Mike Hix, Laura Phillips, and Erica Davis.

Local Government Day

Melanie Eck, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Eck, RR#3, Williamsport and a member of the Nisbet 4-H Club, recently attended Local Government Day held at the Best Western in Danville.

Melanie joined approximately 30 other teens from Union, Northumberland, Montour, and Snyder counties for a program designed to give teens firsthand experience in local government. The topic was

"The Homeless," and the participants role-played various aspects of local government, including hearings and public meetings.

Dr. Alton Motter, who until just recently was the director of United Churches, introduced the subject by presenting a talk on the homeless and answered questions. Barbara Hutchison, extension assistant for the Penn State Cooperative Extension, also participated in the day's activities.

4-H Dairy Club

Several Northern Berks 4-H

Dairy Club members helped bake Christmas cookies for servicemen in Saudi Arabia recently. Those who participated included Sandy Gross, Mike Gross, Alicia Gross, Angie Werley, Missy Werley, Lynne Koinski, and Tammy Epting.

The group would like to thank the mothers who took time out of their busy schedules to help bake the cookies. The next meeting will be held November 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shartlesville Grange.

4-H Member Wins Arabian Gelding

CREAMERY (Montgomery Co.) — Jessica Hunsberger, a teenager from Pennsburg, was chosen recently as one of two winners of an Arabian horse in the Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association's 1990 4-H Gelding Merit Award Program.

The award was based on Jessica's overall 4-H record, her leader's recommendation, a statement of parental support, and her thoughtful essays revealing her knowledge of and interest in the Arabian breed. Jessica is a member of the Timbertalk Trotters 4-H Horse Club of Montgomery County, Pa.

Jessica's leader described how Jessica helped younger members with their project books and demonstrations, used her pony for demonstrations, and taught a horseless member how to ride. She spoke also of her patience and understanding around horses.

Jessica's essay indicated that she has developed her love for Arabians through her experience with her half-Arabian pony. Since she is outgrowing her pony, she would welcome the challenge of owning and training a young Arabian horse. She said, "I would teach it to love and respect me without dimming its fiery spirit.

To win an Arabian would be a dream come true."

Jessica is the daughter of Marlin and Kathy Hunsberger, Pennsburg. Her award, a weanling Arabian gelding, was donated to the program by the Suorsas of Slippery Rock, Pa. The other winner was Mary Maeve Barrett of Troy, Pa.

Both girls were also given complimentary memberships in the sponsoring organization. This is the ninth year for the Gelding Merit Awards, and to date 12 geldings have been awarded to deserving 4-H'ers.

Volunteers Attend 4-H Leader Forum

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — Eight Bucks County 4-H volunteers recently attended the Northeast Regional 4-H Leader Forum held October 18-21, 1990 at Newport, Rhode Island. The participants were Christine Dickson, Carol Chester, David Droppa, Ruth Troxel, Jacqueline Smith, Mary Montgomery, Eileen Sommers, and Marian Eurich.

Rhode Island 4-H volunteers hosted more than 375 adult volunteers from 12 Northeast states and Washington D.C. at the annual forum. The conference theme was "Chart Your Course Through 4-H."

Keynote speaker, Marcia McFarland, spoke on self-esteem and its importance to youth and leaders. Other speakers were Dr. Robert Miller, dean of the College of Resource Development and director of the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension, and Julie Grieb from the National 4-H Council.

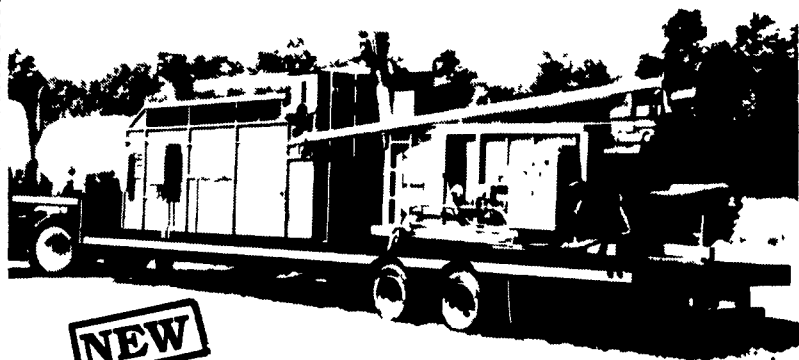
4-H leaders participated in a variety of workshops, including Working with Teens, Microwaving for Kids, Communication Skills, Plant Science, Water Quality and Special Needs Kids. The forum also included opportunities for the volunteers to tour the

Audubon Society's Norman Bird Sanctuary, the University of Rhode Island's School of Oceanography or Newport itself.

4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension System. More than 4,000 boys and girls ages 8 to 19 participate in 4-H programs in Bucks County. Adult volunteer leaders play an important role in guiding, advising, and encouraging their 4-H members. 4-H leader forums provide opportunities for volunteers to share ideas with each other and to gain new skills to share with their 4-H members.

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