



HAPPENINGS

New Castle County

Teens Win 4-H Awards

When the 70th National 4-H Congress begins next month in Chicago, eight New Castle County, Del., teens will be among Delaware's representatives. These 4-H'ers won the privilege to attend the conference, which will be held Dec. 7-11, by taking top honors for their 4-H program activities in a statewide evaluation.

Nancy L. Cleaver (Middletown), Bernita S. Jenkins (Wilmington), James E. Leary (Newark), Kristen M. Nye (Wilmington), James H. Skaggs (Clayton), Lisa Toccafondi (Bear), Christine Tymes (Wilmington), and Brian M. Wood (Middletown) will participate in the conference, where they will compete with 4-H'ers from around the country for national scholarships and awards.

Cleaver, 18-year-old daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Cleaver, won the state award for clothing. A member of the Hi-Bridge 4-H Club for eight years and a senior at William Penn High School, Cleaver plans a career in nursing or child care. Her trip is being funded by Coats & Clark and Singer Sewing Co.

Jenkins, who won an award in the food and nutrition category, is 17 and the daughter of Vivian Jenkins. She is a senior at McKean High School and has been a member of the Highlanders 4-H Club for six years. Jenkins hopes to pursue a career in medicine. Her trip to Chicago is being sponsored by the National 4-H Council.

Seventeen-year-old Leary was recognized with the citizenship award. He is the son of Robert and Lise Leary. A Salesianum School senior, Leary has been a member of the Fantastics 4-H Club for eight years. The Coca-Cola Foundation will fund his trip.

Nye, a 17-year-old junior at Dickinson High School, garnered a food and nutrition award. She is the daughter of Don and Kathleen Nye. A 9-year Highlanders 4-H Club member, Nye is a senior at Dickinson High School. Her trip is being sponsored by Kraft General Foods.

Skaggs, 18, took the top award for agriculture. The son of Ernest and Jane Skaggs, he is a 9-year member of the Friendship 4-H Club and a senior at Smryna High School. He plans to become an accountant. CASE IH and Purina Mills Inc. are funding his trip to the conference.

A 17-year-old senior at St. Marks High School, Toccafondi won a state leadership award. She is the daughter of Rolando and Barbara Toccafondi and has been a member of the Porter Gang 4-H Club for eight years. Toccafondi plans to study voice and cultural anthropology. Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund is sponsoring her trip to Chicago.

Tymes, a 17-year-old senior at Christiana High School and an active community volunteer, was recognized with a leadership award. Tymes is the granddaughter of Florence Burns. She has been a member of the ABC 4-H Club for seven years. The Delaware 4-H Foundation is sponsoring her trip.

Wood won an award for horticulture. The 16-year-old sophomore at Caravel Academy is the son of Ronald and Karen Wood. He has been a member of the Blackbird 4-H Club for eight

years. His trip is being funded by the Delaware State Grange.

The eight New Castle County teens will join four other Delaware teens in Chicago. About 1,000 4-H representatives from 50 states and Puerto Rico were selected by the Cooperative Extension System to attend the five-day educational and cultural event. A total of 256 scholarships valued at \$317,000 will be awarded during the week.

4-H is the youth education program of the Cooperative Extension System of state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. National 4-H Council, which conducts the National 4-H Congress, is a not-for-profit organization that uses private resources to enhance the development and education of youth.

National Dairy Judging Contest Results

Warren County 4-H Dairy Judging team finished 7th in overall judging scores during the North American Invitational Dairy Judging Contest held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 9-11, 1991. Judging team coaches Dean and Melinda Johnson of



Warren stated there were 112 individuals making up 28 teams, from the East and Midwest states.

Other honors went to Tim Ludwick of Sugar Grove of the Eastern Dairy 4-H Club. He had the 8th highest individual score for oral reason in the all breed judging and Ron Riedel of the Western Dairy Club placed 7th in the same division. The Warren County dairy team also placed 3rd of the 28 teams for the oral reasons competition and were only four points from first place. Team members are Tim Ludwick, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Ludwick of Sugar Grove; Belmer Hitchcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hitchcock of Russell; Tom Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Lottsville; and Ron Riedel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Riedel, Jr. of Corry.

Other honors included the Brown Swiss breed judging category the Warren County team earning 1st place of 28 teams participating. They received a clipboard from the Brown Swiss Association. Individual member placings were Belmer 4th and Tom 7th.

With the Guernsey Breed the county team placed 5th with overall scores. Individual member placings were Belmer 3rd and Ron 9th of the 112 participants. In the Jersey Breed the county team placed 8th with overall scores, with Tim placing 4th and Ron placing 8th in individual scores.

According to Phyllis Wright extension agent/4-H, this was the only team from Pennsylvania. The team won at the Penn State Achievement Day competition

and competed in several state dairy association contests.

Jefferson 4-H

Jefferson Community 4-H Club held its achievement night meeting at the Golden Corral in Hanover recently.

Installation of officers was as follows: president - Daniel Cole; vice president - Melissa Albright; secretary - Daphne Doll; assistant - Susan Albright; treasurer - Christy Davies; assistant - Curt Davies; historian/news reporter - Elizabeth Kann; assistant - Melissa Miller; and song and game - Dixie Doll and Nikki Lemanski.

Completion pins and 4-H shirts were handed out to all members and the following awards: perfect attendance - Dixie Doll and Eli-

zabeth Kann; cookie sales - Carrie Davies; flower bulbs - Dixie Doll; computer - Daniel Cole; clothing - Carrie Davies; entomology - Elizabeth Kann; quilting - Christy Davies; dairy - Dixie Doll; swine - Robin Shive; crocheting - Daphne Doll; and woodworking - Curt Davies.

Donors of awards were Baugher Motors, Glenville Farm Center, Kennies Market of Spring Grove, Old Forge Garage, Peoples Bank of Glen Rock, and the Shive Family.

Special guest was Tom Itle, an International Four-H Youth Exchange representative who gave a slide presentation of his exchange visit in Luxembourg.

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