

# Welch, Rhoades Named Outstanding Somerset 4-H'ers

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BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — Above 300 persons attended the Somerset County 4-H Recognition dinner at the community center to honor county winners in the 4-H National Awards program, sponsors, and volunteer adult and junior leaders in 4-H.

The Farm Credit Outstanding 4-H Boy and Girl this year were Matt Welch and Jodell Rhoads. Welch's main project area was in safety, dairy and beef, while Rhoads targeted textile science and fashion revue.

Welch is set to attend the 1992 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and participated in the 4-H exchange trip to Minnesota. Two scholarships also were given to Welch, a freshman at the Pennsylvania State University. They were from the Somerset Trust Co. and The Brotherton Belles and Beaus 4-H.

He also received the Outstanding Dairy Club Member Award, a new memorial to the late Betsy Will Custer who died last year at age 25. It was established by the Somerset Co. Dairy Clubs. Dr. David and Connie Welch, Berlin, are his parents.

Rhoads attended the 1991 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and participated in the exchange trip to Minnesota. Her entry in the Make It Yourself With Wool contest took her to National competition where Rhoads was named second runner-up, after winning first at

the district and state contests in her division.

Now a student at the ICM School of Business in Pittsburgh, the 18-yr-old daughter of Harry and Virginia Rhoads Berlin, spent her 4-H years in the Brotherton Belles and Beaus 4-H Club. Scholarships for Rhoads were from the Somerset Co. Lady Shepherds and First Philson Bank.

Other scholarships went to Katina Showman, from the law firm of Barbera and Barbera and The Keystone Lime Co. Inc.; Michael Yoder, from the Somerset Co. Homebuilders and Suppliers Association and Black's Specialty Service; Michael Lynch, from the Pittsburgh National Bank and Somerset Co. Beef Producers; Meredith McElligott, from B.J. Mauer Ford and the Pittsburgh National Bank; Jill Barclay, Highland Tank Co. and Brotherton Belles and Beaus 4-H Club; Steve Schmuck, from Snyders of Berlin; Clint Walker, from Tammy Glessner; Christy Wysocki, the Pennwest Farm Credit travel award to the National 4-H Club Congress. (Travis Anderson will also attend the Congress).

According to officials from the Somerset County Cooperative Extension Service the evening's contributions exceeded \$5,500 for scholarships, awards, and the endowment fund whose contributors this year were Hemminger Homes and the Brotherton Belles and Beaus 4-H Club.

Veteran 4-H leader, Sandy Baer received the award of the diamond clover for 20 years of leading the Steaks and Chops 4-H club. Pearl Clover award went to Mary Margaret Hersch, from the Valley 4-H Club for 15 years of leadership.

David and Connie Welch, leaders of the Milksquirts for 10 years received the award of gold clover.

Silver clover awards went to five year leaders, Tom Anderson, Amy Beeghly, Elaine Blank, Carol Brown, Karen Hillegass, Ed Landis, Linda Maust, Carroll Pucci, Rose Svonavec, Joann Swearman, Diane Wagner, Juanita Yoder

and Winona Zehner. First year leaders were also recognized.

Other county winners representing 22 fields of interest were Andy Lynch, Kevin Landis, Michael Lynch, Jennifer Black, Travis Anderson, Alisa Shaffer, Matt Welch, Christy Wysocki, Jill Clites, Natalie Welch, Brian Shaffer, Valerie Castro, Todd Suder, Kristen Hay and Meggan Hayes.

Entertainment following dinner was Broadway musical numbers by Arnie and Roslyn McFarland. By profession he is a radio announcer, and she, a floral designer.

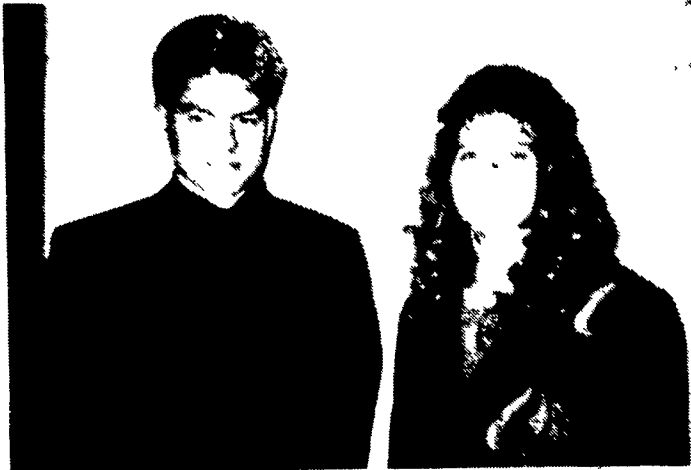
The annual dinner is a dual effort of the Somerset Co. 4-H council and the Somerset Co. 4-H development fund.

Officers of the council are Heather Welch, president; Kim Barnett, vice-president; Michele Countryman, secretary; Valerie Castro, treasurer; Natalie Welch, news reporter; Jason Baughman and Jill Clites, recreational leaders.

The development fund officers are Vincent Barbera, president; Lowell Friedline, vicepresident; Peggy Black, secretary and Douglas Huston, treasurer.

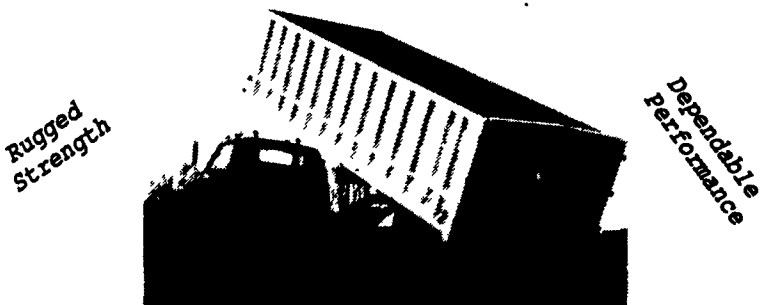


Special honors and scholarships went to these persons during the Somerset Co. annual 4-H Recognition dinner held at the Berlin fire hall. Front left, Sandy Baer, Wayne Yoder for his son, Michael; Clint Walker, Matt Welch, Steve Schmuck. In back, Katina Showman, Christy Wysocki, Jodell Rhoads, Meredith McElligott, and Jill Barclay.



The Farm Credit Outstanding Boy and Girl in Somerset County, Matthew Welch and Jodell Rhoads were honored at the Somerset Co. annual 4-H Recognition dinner at Berlin.

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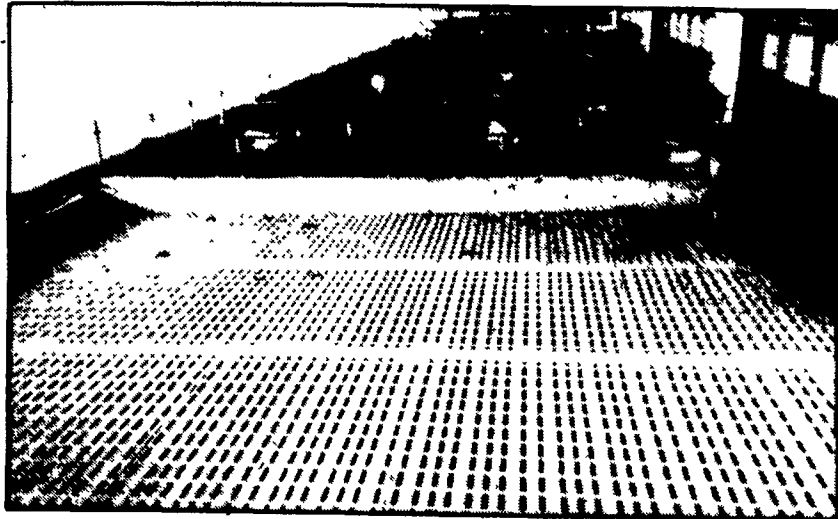
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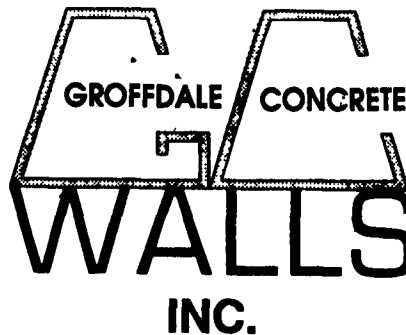
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