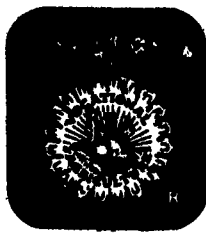


Adams 4-H members will have the opportunity to compete in Regional Presentation Night on July 20 at Cumberland Valley High School. Congratulations to Senior Presenters (l to r): Julie Zepp, Debbie Wilkinson, Heather Hawkins, John Wels, Dan Ludwig.



HAPPENINGS



Adams County recently held its 4-H Presentation Night. These 4-H members will have the opportunity to compete in Regional Presentation Night on July 20 at Cumberland Valley High School. Congratulations to Junior Impromptu Speakers (l to r): Heidi Miller, Kristi Cunningham, Sarah Pierson, Ryan Zepp, Rebecca Hunt.

TV FFA Members Earn Awards

Members of the Twin Valley FFA swept top honors in the recent Southeastern Pennsylvania Forestry contest as well as placing very well in several other contests.

Leading the Twin Valley winners was Ned Gardner, a Twin Valley senior, who won the forestry contest. Missy Tyson placed third in forestry, Megan MacBride fourth, Tara Plewa fifth, Chad Steffy ninth, and Jason Brooks twelfth.

Forestry contestants had to take a written test on knowledge of forestry, identify forestry tools, identify 20 different trees, measure tree diameter and the number of logs in trees, identify parts of a chain saw, and decide which trees to harvest and which to leave in an actual forest stand.

In the dairy foods contest, senior Ryan Marshall placed third, Michelle Powell fourth, Ramona Graziul fifteenth, and Harry

Moore seventeenth. Dairy foods contestants also took written tests on dairy production and marketing, identified and graded defects in milk, identified cheeses, identified real or artificial dairy products, and performed California mastitis tests.

In the nursery landscape contest, Robert Sauder placed second. Jason Hess third, Gred Lund fifth, and Kira Davis seventh. These students also began with a written test, then had to identify landscaping trees and shrubs, and had to prune a shrub.

In the interview contest, Renee Baum placed third. Renee and other contestants wrote a letter applying for an agricultural job of their choice, completed a job application, and then was actually interviewed for the job she chose.

In livestock judging, Mike Reed placed sixteenth among all contestants, but first of the Berks County students. In aquatic resources, Tom Lakeman placed sixteenth overall and fifth among

the Berks County students. In small gas engines competition, Richard Wood placed fifth individually and Cheyney Arters placing seventeenth. The engines team placed seventh out of 16 teams.

Other Twin Valley contestants were Matt Kurtz, Natalie Beckwith, Jeff Doran, Rob Deeds, Henry Redmond, Mike Wilson, Beth Pecht, Michelle Steve, Brandy Ream and Nate Messner.

More than 300 students from Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster, and Schuylkill counties participated in the contests.



Twin Valley FFA

Thirty members of the Twin Valley FFA chapter entered their record books in the state FFA record book contest.

Twenty-five members received thirty-five medals for their records. Record books are judged on their completeness, accuracy, neatness, planning, summary, etc. A committee of agriculture teachers from across Pennsylvania does the actual judging of the records.

Topping the list of Twin Valley winners was Ryan Marshall, who received gold medals for his swine finishing, beekeeping, and non farm work records. Ryan also received the Farm Credit Award for the best records in Berks County. Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Readinger of Reinholds.

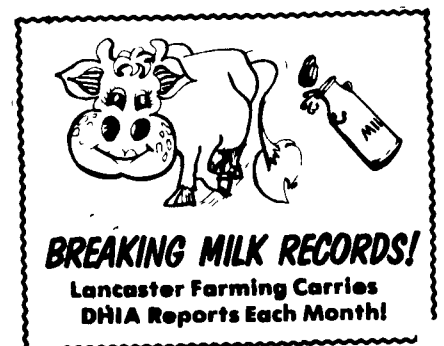
Silver medals were awarded to Tiffany King for her dog breeding records, Steve Harrop for his on-farm work records, Robert Sauder for his wildlife records, Heather Dougherty for her small animal records, Carla Kurtz for her work experience records, Ben Dodd for his aquaculture records, and Becky Kurtz for her small animal records.


Bronze medals were awarded to Amanda Scott for her small animal records; Andrew Mast for his dairy herd records; Andrew Parsons for his swine finishing and shop experience records; Ann Haag for her pet records; Brian McGowan for his field corn, swine finishing, on-farm work experience and shop experience records; Carla Kurtz for home improvement records; Chas Steffy for wildlife records; Ned Gardner for wildlife records; Heather Dougherty for swine finishing records; Jason Hess for wildlife records; Jason Mantz for on-farm work records; Marcie Baker for swine finishing and rabbit records; Matt Kurtz for on-farm work records; Missy Tyson for non farm work records; Michelle Jacobs for pet records; Michelle Powell for poultry records; Tara Plewa for wildlife records; and Tracey Putt for pleasure horse and non-farm work records.

All agriculture students at Twin Valley and at most other agriculture programs are required to maintain records on an animal, job, wildlife conservation project, research project, etc. In this way students learn the realities of record keeping. Record books are included as part of the grade for students. At the end of the year students summarize their records, do inventories, do net worth statements, and analyze their records to see where they could be improved.

In Berks County, FFA members then compete in a county record book contest, with monetary awards going to the top records in each category. Top records from the county contest are then entered in the state contest.

Record books are another way in which agricultural education students learn by doing. Classroom theory is put into practice with these student records.





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