



HAPPENINGS

4-H Horticulture Projects Open Registration

Bucks County has open registration for two exciting 4-H horticulture projects. The Great Pumpkin Project and the Red, White and Blue Potato Project are designed for youth ages 8 to 19 to gain an appreciation of growing and harvesting pumpkins and/or potatoes.

In the Great Pumpkin project, youth will receive several pumpkin plants and seeds to grow and keep the records in a project book. In October, when harvest time comes, youth can participate in the pumpkin roundup held in conjunction with the Churchville Nature Center's pumpkin weigh-in. Special 4-H events such as largest pumpkin, best pumpkin recipe, best Jack-O-Lantern, and more will be offered for them to enter.

The Red, White and Blue Potato Project is a brand new offering.

The project is designed for youth to try growing several different kinds of potatoes. In August, youth can enter their project potatoes at the Middletown Grange Fair 4-H Roundup for judging.

Growing colored potatoes adds an extra fun dimension to gardening for young people. Youth will receive different colored potatoes and keep records of how they grow.

A superb activity for young people to become involved with is gardening. It gets them outside and involved doing the summer when school is out.

For registration or more information, call Penn State Extension, Bucks County, at (215) 345-3283.

Lancaster County
4-H Swine Club

The Lancaster County 4-H Swine Club recently held their

reorganizational meeting at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Many new members joined the club this year. There are 80 members in the swine club, and many members in the club are on the meats and livestock judging team.

Election of officers for the 1993 club year was held. The new officers are president — Tracy Bollinger; vice president — Tina Umbrell; secretary — Amy Bollinger; assistant — Regina Landis; treasurer — Mat Umbrell; assistant — Travis Donough; and News Reporters — Gerald Boyd and Scott Stoltzfus.

On March 23, new officers and leaders met to plan the agenda for the coming 4-H year. There will be two combined meetings with the other county livestock clubs, along with various educational meetings.

Members will receive a newsletter with all important dates for the coming year before the April meeting. One item of major importance that was decided was that all pigs to be put on feed for the county roundup will have to be vaccinated for pseudorabies. Feeder pigs will also have to be blood tested negative for pseudorabies within 30 days of the August show. The weight limits for the show were also changed to 210-270 pounds.

4-H Puppy Club

The Lebanon 4-H Extra Special Puppy Club is off to a good start in 1993.

At the January meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Alice Smith; vice president, Amy Smith; secretary, Jenny Caputo; treasurer, Andrea Leuenberger; and news reporter, Ellen Leuenberger.

A scrapbook committee was also formed. All officers attended an officer's training workshop in March.

Members and their pups visited the Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Lebanon Public Library in January and Life Support in

February. These events and the monthly meetings helped expose the puppies to people and were fun.

Several of the members also participated in a ceramics class led by Mary Kreiser of Fontana. Their work will be shown at the Lebanon County Fair in July.

Future activities include a bus ride and mall walk, a P.I.C.L.E. class, teen meeting, and puppy camp.

Children from the age of nine and adults are invited to join 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy clubs and raise a Golden Retriever, Labrador, or German Shepherd. Contact your county 4-H agent for more information.

May Horse Club Meeting

President Lori Hamish called the May meeting of the Boots and Saddles 4-H club to order at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Melissa Meiskey and Samara Shuster-Edelson gave the pledges. There were 37 members in attendance.

The fund raiser for the club has been decided. Candy bars will be sold for a dollar during June. Also in June, a skating party has been set up for members.

The recent gymkana was a success, and the club is looking forward to another qualifying gymkana in June.

If you would like more information on the Boots and Saddles Club, call (717) 569-3068.

Lycoming Co. 4-H

Lycoming County 4-H members, Shaunda Baier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baier, RR 3 Williamsport, and Leo DeMorat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee DeMorat, RR 1 Trout Run, met with Senator Roger Madigan at 4-H Capitol Days held recently in Harrisburg.

In addition to meeting their legislators, 4-H members visited government departments or agencies and toured the Capital Building.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Aug. 11, 1993 - Lancaster County 4-H Swine Roundup at Manheim Fairgrounds

Oct. 21, 1993 - 6:30 p.m. Lancaster County 4-H Swine Banquet at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand.

4-H'ers Compete at Livestock Contest

Recently, 18 members of the Lancaster County livestock clubs along with two coaches and various parents headed to Penn State University for the annual spring livestock judging contest hosted by the Penn State Block and Bridle Club.

The 18 members were broken into two teams of four each who participated in the junior advanced contest, while the other 10 members participated in the junior beginner contest.

All judges placed six total classes: two classes of beef, two classes of swine, and two classes of sheep. The junior advanced judges had to give three sets of oral reasons.

While the advanced judges gave their reasons to officials; county livestock agent Chet Hughes took some of the junior beginners for a tour of some of the campus and livestock farms.

Later in the afternoon the final results were given. Gerald Boyd was awarded high individual honors in the junior beginner contest, high individual in beef judging, and second in swine judging in the junior beginner division. The Lancaster County junior advanced team of Tracy Bollinger, Travis Donough, Dale Livengood, and Lisa Reiff placed fourth as a team in sheep and fifth as a team in beef.

Fred Weaver, a recent past member of the Lancaster County Red Rose Beef Club and Lancaster County Judging Team, was high individual in the collegiate division.

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