## **Lancaster Holds 4-H Presentation Day**

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) - Thirty 4-H'ers polished their speaking skills to participate in Lancaster 4-H Presentation Day recently.

It was the largest group ever according to 4-H extension agent Zoann Parker who credits the Toastmaster's work with 4-H members for the increase in entries.

Three senior division members who earned certificates with gold seals, the highest award, include Heather Oberholtzer from Saddle Cinches 4-H Club and Northwestern Dairy 4-H Club; Marilyn Holloway, Solanco Community Club; and Tanya Dawson, Solanco Community Club.

Heather's speech was about animal rights.

"It's a controversial topic, but

everyone should be educated about it," she said.

The 15-year-old is the daughter of Clair and Lavern Oberholtzer of Elizabethtown. She is in 10th grade at Elizabethtown High School, where she participates in the FFA program. This is her fourth year in 4-H and the second year she participated in the county Presentation Day.

Another top winner Marilyn Holloway, who is also the outstanding 4-H'er, gave a humorous speech on "Marilyn's Survival Tips for High School.

"I like to talk and I like to write," said the 18-year-old, who graduated from high school and is off to Hood College this fall to major in communications.

Marilyn has participated in 4-H clubs for ten years. She recently returned from a Kansas 4-H Exchange trip, which she called



Blue ribbon winners at Lancaster 4-H Presentation Day are, front row, from left: Samara Shuster, Melissa Morrow, Amanda Ebersole, Pamela Lehman, M.H. Strickler, and Karle Moyer. Back row, from left: Tami Jones, Joy Young, Jessica Althouse, and Kirsten Kauffman.

"the trip of my life."

Tanya Dawson also plans to major in communications. She spoke on "Failure, the Key to Success." She believes that failure often brings greater success and drew from her experiences in supporting this thesis.

The 16-year-old daughter of Wayne and Mae Dawson is a junior at Solanco High School. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina. Because she has a previous commitment to attend a leadership conference, Tanya will not be able to attend regional competition.

Blue ribbon winners in the senior division are Andrea Kreider, Kim McLaughlin, and Kandi Mullen.

Both gold and blue ribbon winners have the opportunity to compete in regional Presentation Day.

In addition to Marilyn and Heather, those attending 4-H state days at Penn State University are Sara Strickler, Joy Young, Andrea Kreider, Samara Shuster, Melissa Morrow, Kandi Mullen, Kim McLaughlin, Jessica Althouse, Tami Jones, Amanda Ebersole and Kirsten Kauffman.



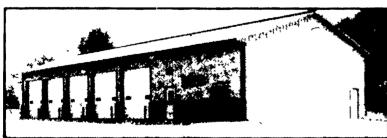
Four-H extension agent Zoann Parker, right, hands certificates to the top public speakers in the senior division, from left: Heather Oberholtzer, Marilyn Holloway, and Tanya Dawson.

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