

# FFA

## HAPPENINGS

### Chestnut Ridge FFA

June 15, 16, and 17 meant a lot of time and hard work to nine members and the adviser of the Chestnut Ridge FFA Chapter.

During those three days, they traveled to Penn State University to compete with numerous FFA chapters from all across the state in many agricultural contests. Not only did they compete, but they had a great time making new

friends, learning more about their future in agriculture, and how to be positive leaders, playing an active roll in the Pennsylvania State FFA Chapter, and establishing a respective reputation for Chestnut Ridge.

Contest winners were awarded not only individual placings, but team and chapter placings along with gold, silver, and bronze certificates. Michael Draeger of Alum

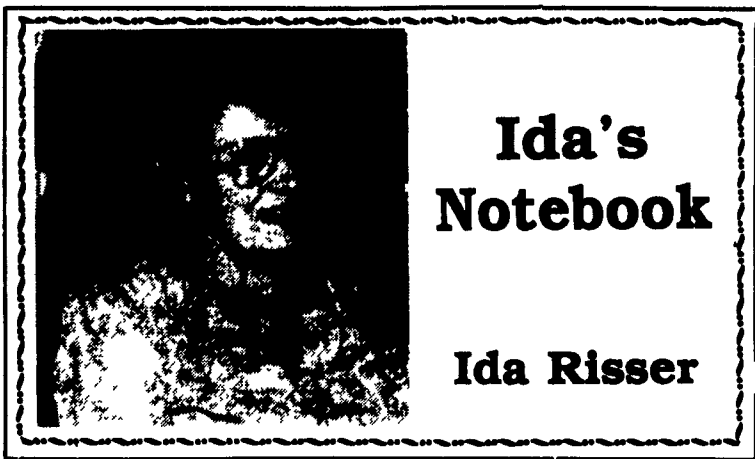
Bank won seventh place out of 71 participants, receiving a gold certificate for land judging.

Joann Bence of Schellsburg also participated in land judging. Domenick Puleo of New Paris won sixth place and a gold certificate, Tracy Henderson of Schellsburg won eighth place and a gold certificate, Aaron Corle of Osterburg won 17th place and a silver certificate, Laurie Bero of Alum Bank won 28th place, Jason Mickle of Alum Bank won 55th place, Bill Miller of Schellsburg won 62nd place — all out of 81 participants in the Livestock Judging competition.

A team comprised of Domenick Puleo, Tracy Henderson, and Laurie Bero finished in third place as livestock judges. Tressa Felix of Fishertown won twenty-fourth place out of 50 participants in pleasure horse judging. Laurie Bero and Tracy Henderson both received gold certificates for participation in the Pennsylvania State FFA Chorus.

Domenick Puleo represented the Chestnut Ridge FFA as 1992 chapter reporter by receiving a first place, gold certificate, and champion scrapbook plaque for a chapter scrapbook contest with 17 Pennsylvania Chapters participating. Chestnut Ridge FFA also received a Keystone certificate for donating money, raised by their candy bar sale in the fall, to the FFA Foundation.

Many countless hours were spent preparing for the state FFA competition. FFA members worked together to create a champion scrapbook and to achieve personal goals in their own contest.



## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

Now that we finally had a little rain, the corn is growing tall between our house and a busy highway. Soon the sound of cars and trucks will be deadened and we will feel isolated again.

I plant seven kinds of beans and then even if we have dry weather, I'll still have an ample supply. In fact, there are quite a few quarts in the freezer from last year. And, my husband planted sweet corn at five different times and so I'll be freezing corn all summer long.

Despite the work at home, he persuaded me to go on a two-day fishing trip. We took our boat to Beltzville Lake in Carbon County and found that many people had arrived before us. The fish weren't biting and so we had our lunch while we waited.

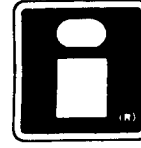
When I finally caught a fish, it was almost stolen from me. It was in a net bag that hung over the side of the boat. We had drifted close to the shore as I enjoy seeing the plants and flowers that are different from Lancaster County plants. Anyway, I heard a slight

noise and saw a long, tan snake pulling the fish to the land. But, we got it back.

A storm came up in the afternoon and all of the boats tried to get out of the water at one time which was impossible. Most people were dressed for the occasion and got their bathing suits and themselves soaked. Allen had a raincoat to wear as he removed all of our paraphernalia from the boat to our truck. So many things — life preservers, fishing rods, tackle boxes, food container, thermos jug and even oars in case the electric motor gives out. Even so we'll probably go again.



Chestnut Ridge FFA recently participated at FFA Activities Week. Front from left, Joann Bence, Tressa Felix, Laurie Bero, and Tracy Henderson. Second row, Jason Mickle, Bill Miller, Michael Draeger, Domenick Puleo, and Aaron Corle.



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