



HAPPENINGS

Hunterdon County N.J. 4-H Sheep Club

On Saturday, December 4, the Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club held its monthly meeting.

The topic of lambing was discussed. The club held its annual Christmas party and exchanged gifts. The group discussed the achievement dinner, and recognized the members who got awards.

The dinner was held at the extension center in November. The members decorated wreaths for the annual Christmas Wreath Sale and handed them out.

On March 5 the club will set up a booth at the Flemington Mall for 4-H Kids Day at the Mall.

P.A.W.S. 4-H Dog Obedience Club

The Hunterdon County, N.J. P.A.W.S. 4-H Dog Obedience Club held a business meeting and Christmas party.

At the business meeting the group discussed new and old business. The club made a donation to the Raptor Trust for the tour they gave the group.

At the Christmas party, the members played games, ate food, and listened to music. The Hayshakers 4-H square dancers put on a demonstration during the party.

The next meeting will be held on January 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the

extension center. The topic for that meeting will be the Beagle Brigade demonstration.

Young Riders of Hunterdon N.J. 4-H Club

The Young Riders 4-H Club started preparing for the State 4-H Horse Bowl.

The Horse Bowl is a game where participants answer questions about the horse's anatomy. Participants slowly work their way up to the state competition.

The club sold hot chocolate, chili, cookies, and coffee at a local tree farm two weekends this month. The club will be caroling for the Valley View Nursing Home and collecting toys for those less fortunate.

John Jeness of Kingwood Township gave a demonstration about safe grooming.

The next meeting will be January 4 at 7 p.m. at Barbie Elezaby's house in Kingwood.

Somerset County 4-H'ers Attend National Congress

Three Somerset County 4-H'ers were recently recognized as Pennsylvania state winners in the National Awards Program. They were members of a group of 38 delegates to attend the five-day National 4-H Youth Congress held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers in December.

Delegates, including those from Somerset, were selected from the more than 119,000 4-H members in Pennsylvania based upon their record of community involvement, excellence in their selected program area, and leadership

skills.

Jennifer Black, daughter of Doug and Peggy Black of Boswell and member of the Brotherton Belles & Beaus and Steaks & Chops 4-H Clubs, was selected in the breads category and sponsored by Fleischmann's Yeast.

Valerie Castro, daughter of Donald and Vernice Castro of Berlin and member of the Valley 4-H Club, was selected in the photography category and sponsored by Eastman Kodak.

Natalie Welch, daughter of David and Connie Welch of Berlin and member of the Milksquirts 4-H Club, was selected in the con-

sumer education category and sponsored by Somerset County 4-H Development Fund.

They joined more than 1,500 delegates from across the nation in attending the 72nd Annual National 4-H Congress, jointly sponsored by the National 4-H Council, U.S.D.A. and private donors. Highlights of the five-day congress included daily programs by major corporate sponsors, visits to such landmarks as the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, The Chicago Board of Trade, the Cook County Courthouse, and several of the outstanding museums in the Chicago area.



Natalie Welch



Jennifer Black



Valerie Castro

4-H Tractor Safety Club Gears Up For 1994

The Lebanon County 4-H Tractor Club is once again gearing up for this year's program.

Del Voight, Lebanon County Agent, alerts interested individuals to the start date of **Tuesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Valley Agricultural Center.**

At the meeting a videotape entitled "Farm Safety for Kids" will be shown. All are invited to attend. The 4-H Tractor Program gives youth an opportunity to "learn by doing."

The course will meet on consecutive Tuesday nights from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. starting **January 18.** At the meeting you will learn that better, and safe, tractor care results in longer tractor life, more power, and lower operating costs. When you learn how to do many small but important tractor maintenance jobs, you will gain better production from farm units and you will cut down on costly breakdowns. Older members will learn machinery maintenance and repair.

While you are learning how to care for your tractor, you should also learn how to be a safe operator. Another important goal of this program is to help you form good safety habits so you can think and act safely at all times.

Maybe you or someone you know is interested in working on a farm this summer. If so, it's important that you become certified tractor operator. One segment of the 4-H program, the Occupational Hazard Course, offers 13-15 year olds the training required to be certified to operate farm machinery. This is the only time the course and examination will be offered, so tell your friends and neighbors.

If you have questions, call Del Voight at (717) 270-4391.

4-H Horse Council

The Atlantic County N.J. 4-H Horse Council will be sponsoring a day-long horse seminar on Saturday, February 26, at Stockton State College.

Seminar topics include safety and liability for horse owners, emergency first aid, leather and saddlery, and what judge's are looking for in classes.

Each seminar will be presented by experts in that field. Registration fee is \$25; after February 15, \$30; and under 18, \$15. Cost includes lunch.

For more information, call Louise Sowers, (908) 965-2180 or Pat Callaco (908) 652-1233.

Friends & Riders

Friends & Riders 4-H Club held their final meeting for 1993 on December 14.

They elected new officers for 1994, disgusted proposed changes to the 4-H Horse & Pony Roundup, made changes to their bylaws, reviewed club and member's activities in 1993, and had their Christmas party.

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