



HAPPENINGS

4-H Farm Credit Awards Presented

Keystone Farm Credit continued its tradition of honoring several junior and senior 4-H members in Montgomery County for outstanding achievement in their livestock project work during the past year.

Glen Wismer and Dean Shollenberger of Farm Credit in Silversdale presented trophies to the 4-H members at the Montgomery County extension board annual meeting held recently at Rhone Poulanc-Rohrer in Collegeville.

In the Rabbit/Cavy category, Richard West (junior) of Royersford and Tabitha Landis (senior) of Salford took top honors, while Kevin Horvath of Phoenixville won in the (senior) steer division. Dairy goat honors went to Megan Sly (junior) of Gilbertsville and Paul Plummer (senior— of Chalfont). The dairy cow divisions were won by Sean Hallowell (junior) of Bechtelsville and Amy Plummer of Chalfont (senior). Isaac Garges (senior) and Jacob Garges (junior) of Telford had the distinction of

winning in both the swine and sheep categories.

In addition to receiving their own trophy, the members will have their names engraved on a permanent plaque on display case at the 4-H Center. County agent Nancy Kadwill expressed appreciation to Keystone Farm Credit for their support over the years and thanked them for recognizing the positive efforts of today's young people.

The Montgomery County 4-H programs are open to all boys and girls ages 8-19. There are many projects and clubs for non-animal related areas such as model rockets, ceramics, crafts, sewing, gardening, shooting sports, public speaking and a host of other interest areas.

In the animal category, there are projects in horses, horse science (for those youngsters who don't own a horse but want to learn about them), dog care and obedience, sheep, swine, rabbits, cavy, dairy cows and goats, Seeing Eye Puppies, pet care and beef. Ownership of an animal is not al-

ways mandatory.

For more information on 4-H, call (610) 489-4315.

4-H Model Horse Club Starts

The Montgomery County 4-H program announces the start of a new 4-H Model Horse Club. The club is open to all youth ages 8-18 (as of January 1, 1994) who enjoy model horses and sharing their interest with others.

All interested youth and their parent/guardian(s) are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center, located on Route 113, one mile south of Route 73 near Skippack.

According to 4-H Coordinator Nancy Kadwill, working with models can be an enjoyable way for youth to learn about horses without having to own a live horse. Tentative plans for the club include having model shows, a trip to the Breyer factory and the Devon Horse Show, making equipment and tack for the models, completing their project books, and exhibiting at the annual 4-H Fair.

Along with learning about horse management, members will learn about caring for their models and the investment value of a model collection.

Ownership of a horse or model horse is not required.

For more information on the club or about 4-H, call (610) 489-4315.

Tour Horse Farms

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it to the show or depend on the Sweigarts to take it to the show.

Students take lessons one to three times a week, depending on how much they want to do.

Some kids take lessons and go home. Others stay and help with the work.

The kids like to play games on horse back.

On March 26, you can visit Sweigart Stables and five other show stables in the Lancaster County area.

In the arena, visitors can watch students riding horse during lessons, watch horses being trained, see the different breeds and styles of riding. At Sweigart Stables, a blacksmith will shoe horses while people watch.

Last year more than 500 people visited the stables during the annual tour. This year, more is expected. It's a good time for visitors to determine if they would like to take horse riding lessons or buy

a horse.

The tour is self-guided. Visitors may travel from barn to barn between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about the Horse Farms Open House, phone (717) 898-6082 or (717) 336-2327 or (215) 298-2045.

Other stables open for show include the following:

- Lower Hopewell Farm located at 390 Speedwell Forge Road in Lititz.

- Jimmy Orphanos Stable, 187 Windy Mansion Rd., Reinholds,

- Red Rose Paint Farm, 1132 Pieffer Hill Rd., Stevens.

- George Nash Stable, 155 Quarry Rd., Leola,

- Bridge Acres Stable, 1470 Hunsecker Rd., Lancaster,

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Sixteen-year-old John M. Noland Jr. is the winner of a registered quarter horse yearling filly in a contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Development Committee.

He was given the horse during a ceremony at the annual Winning Ways Clinic held recently at Penn State's Ag Arena.

John was one of 140 4-H members, age 13 to 16 years, who entered the contest. Contest rules require the winning 4-H member to enroll the filly in the 4-H Horse Production Project in 1994 and 1995.

The project is designed to teach 4-H members about breeding, production, and management practices with young horses. Although the majority of the horse's training would be his responsibility, John says he will call on his parents, sisters, and 4-H leaders for assistance.

Donated by Jim and Lynn Anderson of Acorn Creek Farm in Evans City, the prize filly is a registered American Quarter Horse named Stee Bars Starlight, by Steebars Sugar out of Miss Play Baby. John says the filly will have her own box stall and run freely in one of the many pastures on the 100-acre Crazy Acres Farm owned by his parents, John and Cynthia Noland of West Sunbury.

A member of the West Sunbury Wranglers Horse and Pony 4-H Club, John has been an active 4-H member for six years. He represents Butler County as 4-H ambassador. "Promoting the 4-H program has given me much self confidence," he said.

This year's Winning Ways Clinic drew a large crowd of horse owners, riders, and enthusiasts. Spectators enjoyed a variety of demonstrations and participated in question/answer sessions with one of the nation's leading equestrians, Ted Sokol.

Sokol's session, which emphasized cutting and team penning, was titled "Teaching You and Your Horse to Work Cattle." He and wife Kathy operate Tomoka Creek Performance Horses in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., where he has trained cutting horses for 20 years.

Sokol has had several horses in the Top Ten National Cutting Horse Association standings and has the leading novice horse in his region. He is president of the Florida Cutting Horse Association.

Kathy Brown, trainer and manager of Ka-My Stables in Bellefonte, demonstrated showmanship and the development of the all-around horse and rider. Brown has trained many young riders who went on to win contests statewide.

Penn State's Horse Herd Manager Ward Studebaker offered a popular program that emphasized training and handling the young horse.

Horse And Pony Club To Reorganize

The Saddle Cinches Horse and Pony Club will be starting its 26th year at the reorganization meeting on Monday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Ruhl's United Methodist Church on the Elizabethtown Road, 1/2 mile west of Route 72.

Many activities are planned for the year, including fund raisers, community service projects, horse shows, public speaking, and teaching life and leadership skills. Horseless members are welcome. Parents are welcome and always encouraged at club activities. Dues are \$5 a year.

For more information, call Jodi Gantz (717) 665-9178; Lori Holton (717) 653-9121; or Mike and Barb Kerker (717) 367-3259.

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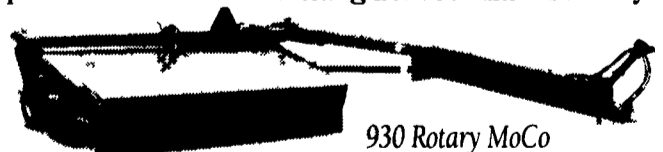
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