

# FFA HAPPENINGS

## Maryland FFA Horse Judging Contest

The Francis Scott Key FFA Chapter won the first place banner at the Annual Maryland FFA Horse Judging Contest held on Saturday, April 23, at Linganore High School in Frederick County, Md.

The second place team was from the Walkersville FFA Chapter. The contest is sponsored as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation.

According to Contest Superintendent Mollie Maslin of Perryman, Md., there were nine FFA teams registered with 36 FFA members participating. The contest consisted of a hundred question test designed to evaluate the contestant's knowledge and understanding of color and markings, lameness, blacksmith tools, tack, grooming tools, and parts of the horse.

The students then judged three conformation classes and two performance classes at the Pleasant Fields farm, courtesy of Doris Hubble of Libertytown. One set of oral reasons was given by each contestant on the first conformation class.

The top three winning teams in the horse judging contest were: Francis Scott Key FFA, first; Walkersville FFA, second; and Linganore FFA, third.

The first place team will represent Maryland in the National Horse Judging Contest in Kansas City, Mo., in November and the second place team will travel to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. in September.

The top-scoring individual receiving a gold medal in the contest was Kristy Anderson of the Francis Scott Key FFA Chapter. Other participants receiving gold medals for individual performance were Kristy Anderson, first, Francis Scott Key FFA; Sabrina Negron, second, Francis Scott Key FFA; and Liz Harman, third, Walkersville FFA.

Participants receiving silver medals were Jessica Herbert, North Carroll FFA; Christine Daley, Walkersville FFA; and Kathy Curry, Linganore FFA.

Participants receiving bronze medals were Jenny Smith, Frederick FFA; Kim Feaster, Frederick FFA; Sara Haas, Francis Scott Key FFA; Stacy Rose, North Harford FFA; and Alison Roell, Frederick FFA.

For more information on this contest or other activities of the Maryland FFA Association, Inc. contact James K. Ferrant, Maryland FFA executive secretary, (410) 333-2568.

## Maryland FFA Crops Contest

The Oakland FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the crops contest held April 28 during the Annual Maryland FFA Spring Judging Contests hosted by the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture on the College Park campus.

The contest is sponsored by Southern States Cooperative, Inc. as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation.

The high-scoring individual for the Crops Contest was Dennis Hite, FFA member of the South Hagerstown Chapter. The Catocin FFA Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Lester Vough of the Agronomy Department at the University of Maryland at College

Park, there were eight teams registered with 33 members participating. Contestants were asked to place classes of alfalfa and grass hay, grade classes of tobacco, and take a 50-question written exam over general crop principles.

Terri Shank of the South Hagerstown FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised the scoring of the contest.

The winning teams in the Crops Contest were Oakland FFA, first; Catocin FFA, second; and South Hagerstown FFA, third.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were Dennis Hite, first, South Hagerstown FFA; Jamie DeBerry, second, Oakland FFA; and Kristy Geisbert, third, Frederick FFA.

Participants receiving silver medals were Jeremy Boyer, Frederick FFA; Kevin Donnelly, Catocin FFA; and Dennis Willard, Catocin FFA.

Participants receiving bronze medals were Marshall Neel, Oakland FFA; Gary Bassler, Catocin FFA; and Kyle Carnahan, South Hagerstown FFA.

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## Maryland FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest

The Frederick FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the agricultural mechanics contest held April 28 during the Annual Maryland FFA Spring Judging Contests hosted by the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture on the College Park campus.

The contest is sponsored by Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation. The high scoring individual for the agricultural mechanics contest was Matt Toms, FFA member of the Walkersville FFA Chapter.

The Walkersville FFA Chapter took the second-place banner in the contest.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Lee Grant of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Maryland at College Park, there were eight teams registered with 32 members participating.

The contest consisted of three components — a written examination, specific hands-on performance operations, and problem-solving activities.

The three acres of agricultural mechanics included in the contest were agricultural power and machinery, agricultural structures and electrification, and agricultural construction and soil and water conservation. Lee Heavner of the Flintstone FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised the contest scoring.

The winning teams in the agricultural mechanics contest were Frederick FFA, First; Walkersville FFA, second; and Linganore FFA, third.

The top-scoring individuals receiving gold medals were Matt Toms, first, Walkersville FFA; Denny Ogg, second, Frederick FFA; Dennis Roell, third, Frederick FFA.

Participants receiving silver medals were Chuck Crone, Frederick FFA; Frank Thompson, Walkersville FFA; Matt Sherman, Linganore FFA; and Eric Henderson, Walkersville FFA.

Participants receiving bronze medals were Kris Manahan, Frederick FFA; J.R. Barnes, Flintstone FFA; Scott Brooks, Linganore FFA; and James Fry, Flintstone FFA.

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## Maryland FFA Vegetable Judging Contest

The Clear Spring FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the Vegetable Judging Contest held April 28 during the Annual Maryland FFA Spring Judging Contests hosted by the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture on the College Park campus.

The contest is sponsored by Middletown FFA Alumni Association as a special project of the

Maryland FFA Foundation.

The high scoring individual for the vegetable judging contest was Mark Michael, FFA member of the Clear Spring Chapter. The Boonsboro FFA Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Charles McClurg of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Maryland at College Park, there were 14 teams registered with 67 members participating.

Contestants were scored on each of six divisions: vegetable identification, vegetable disease identification, insect identification, vegetable seed identification, vegetable quality, and fruit and nuts identification.

Bob Beaven from the Catocin FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised the scoring of the contest.

The winning teams in the vegetable contest were Clear Spring FFA, first; Boonsboro FFA, second; and Frederick FFA, third.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were Mark Michael, first, Clear Spring FFA; Chuck Mundy, second, Clear Spring FFA; and Heather Cronice, third, Boonsboro FFA.

Participants receiving silver medals were Charlie Frasier, Boonsboro FFA; Sherrie Kaetzel, Boonsboro FFA; Chandra Curry, Catocin FFA; Susan Humbertson, Flintstone FFA; and Alicia Higgins, Catocin FFA.

Participants receiving bronze medals were Ben Clopper, Smithburg FFA; Taylor Horn, Clear Spring FFA; Carol Hodel, Flintstone FFA; Sandy Newbold, Frederick FFA; Lauren Young, North Harford FFA; Julie Tribper, Linganore FFA; Amy Tribull, North Harford FFA; Amy Tolliver, North Harford FFA; Becky Williams, Smithburg FFA; and Tammy Holt, Frederick FFA.

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## Maryland FFA Floriculture Contest

The Frederick FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the

floriculture contest held April 28 during the Annual Maryland FFA Spring Judging Contests hosted by the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture on the College Park campus.

The contest is sponsored as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation.

The high scoring individual for the Floriculture Contest was Joann Hagelin, FFA member of the Frederick Chapter. The Brunswick FFA Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Hank Mityga of the Horticulture Department at the University of Maryland, College Park, there were 14 teams registered with 60 members participating.

The contest consisted of four phases. A general knowledge test was administered to evaluate contestants knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of producing and marketing flowers, plants and foliage. Participants were required to identify 50 displayed specimens by technical and common names and then to solve 10 problems related to various aspects of the floriculture industry. Finally, contestants were asked to complete five out of a possible 13 practicums, which included such activities as making a flower arrangement, taking a telephone order, potting of plant cuttings, making and packaging of a corsage, etc.

Terry Suddath from the North Harford FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised the contest scoring.

The winning teams in the floriculture contest were Frederick FFA, first; Brunswick FFA, second; and Hereford FFA, third.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were Joann Hagelin, first, Frederick FFA; Melissa Rushing, second, Hereford FFA; Jessica Porter, third, Brunswick FFA.

Participants receiving silver medals were Marsha Flook, Brunswick FFA; Nancy Giffin, Frederick FFA; Nicky Haines,

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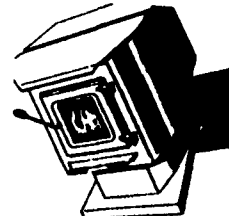
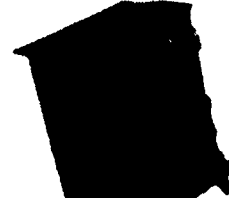
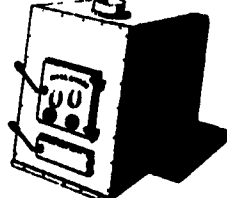
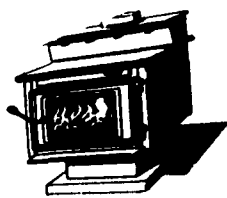
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