

4H HAPPENINGS

Mercer County 4-H Roundup
Mercer County 4-H Roundup the culmination of a year of hard work, learning and fun for all county 4-H'ers, is scheduled for August 10-13 at the 4-H Park, Route 19, a mile and a half north of Mercer.

Events are free and open to the public. The theme this year is "4-H Families for a Better World."

Roundup includes several animal and non-animal project exhibits, entertaining shows, the annual 4-H Livestock Sale, games, competitions, and educational activities. It's all good, wholesome entertainment for the entire family.

The highlights of the schedule include:

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 pm: Beef Show, Show Arena.

Thursday, August 11

8:30 am: Market Hog Show, Show Arena.

9:30 am: Rabbit & Poultry Shows, Animal Shelter.

1:00 pm: Exhibit Building/Projects open to the public, Exhibit Building.

1:00 pm: 4-H Olympics, Basketball Court.

2:30 pm: Guided Barn Tour (Meet at North Bleachers), Barns.

3:15 pm: Market Goat Show, Show Arena.

3:30 pm: Sheep Show, Show Arena.

7:30 pm: Opening Program, Show Arena; Cavalcade of Clubs, Style Show, Animal dressing contest.

8:30 pm: Box Social/Square Dance (public invited to participate), Show Arena/Basketball Ct.

Friday, August 12

9:00 am: Dairy Show, Show Arena.

9:00 am: Exhibit Building/Projects open to the public, Exhibit Building.

10:00 am: Bicycle Rodeo & Rocketry Mission, Extension Center parking lot.

11:30 am: Guided Barn Tour (Meet at North Bleachers), Barns.

1:00 pm: 4-H Olympics, Basketball Court.

2:30 pm: Guided Barn Tour (Meet at North Bleachers), Barns.

5:30 pm: Miniature Tractor Pull (public invited to participate), Basketball Court.

6:00 pm: Dog Show-Grooming and Showmanship, Exhibit Building—South Yard.

6:30 pm: 4-H Livestock Sale, Show Arena.

7:00 pm: Pet Parade (public invited to participate), Exhibit Building—North Yard.

8:00 pm: Family Fun Activities, Park Grounds.

9:00 pm: DJ — Music-Dancing, Basketball Court.

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am: Horse Show, Horse Ring.

9:00 am: Exhibit Building open to public, Exhibit Building.

10:00 am: Breeding Goat Show, Show Arena.

12:30 pm: 4-H Park Cleanup Contest, Picnic Pavilion.

1:30 pm: 4-H Olympic Award Ceremony, Basketball Court.

2:00 pm: Animal and Exhibits Building projects released.

For more information, contact Beth Lair at the Mercer County Cooperative Extension office, (412) 662-3141 or (412) 962-5711, ext. 343.

Wayne County 4-H Demonstration

Ten Wayne County 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H demonstration event which was held recently in the Wayne County Extension Office.

Each 4-Her demonstrated something that they had learned from their project and were judged by Karen Jagers and Steven Burlein.

Those participating were Brien Clark from Beech Grove Community 4-H Club; Lacey Longo, Bethany 4-H Club; Kurt, Janelle and Mallory Curtis from Bethany 4-H Club; Jessica and Jimmie Ann Chyle from Cold Springs-Rileyville 4-H Club; Heather and Jennifer Krisovitch from 4-H Munchkins; and Curtis Tyler from Laurella Community 4-H Club.

These 4-H'ers will go on to compete along with other 4-H'ers from Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming counties at the multi-county 4-H demonstration.

York County 4-H Rabbit Bowl

On Monday, June 20, nine members from the York County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal Club participated in the regional Rabbit and Cavy Knowledge Bowl in Dauphin County.

One senior team and two junior teams joined in the competition with teams from Dauphin, Bucks, Berks, Lancaster, and Montgomery counties.

York County Junior Team #1, consisting of Karen Keyser, Wrightsville, Missy Stough, Glen Rock, and Rijelle Kraft, Manchester, won the junior competition. York's Jr. Team #2 placed fifth. That team included Doralisa Cruz, York, Angie Gomez, York, and Tony Page, York.

The senior team, with members Lillian Eddinger, New Freedom, Kristy Brown, York, and Lucas Kraft, Manchester, finished second after a hard fought match with Dauphin County. Junior Team #1 was undefeated throughout the entire competition and no team came within 50 points of their scores.

The senior team will be competing at 4-H State Days Achievement Days.

Berks County Dog Show Winner

Congratulations to Mindy Donnan, York, a member of the York County 4-H Rabbit and Small Animal Club, who recently participated in The Berks County 4-H Dog Show with her dog, Jassie. Mindy and Jessie won a blue ribbon in the Most Patriotic Pup Contest.

National Citizenship Program
Three Adams County 4-H teens recently attended the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md.

The 4-H teens were Matt Brown, McKnightstown; Samantha Lane, Biglerville; and April Weigand, East Berlin.

The theme for this year's CWF Conference was "A People's Power". The teens gathered in Gettysburg to develop interpersonal skills and visited the Battlefield area.

Adams County 4-H teens and 33 other teens from Pennsylvania joined members from five other states in our nation's capitol. Meetings with representatives and senators, along with visits to fed-

eral agencies, historical buildings, and cultural centers, allowed the 4-H teens to participate as they learned.

Between visits to Washington, the 4-H teens attended discussion and lecture workshops on what they experienced. They also explored ways to make use of the concepts for themselves and for their communities at home. After a week of CWF, these 4-H teens have a better understanding of government "by the people and for the people."

4-H Capons Profitable

The Capon Exhibit at The Pennsylvania State Farm Show, January 1994, has grown as large as the dressed Turkey Exhibit.

A self-employed 10-year-old stays at home all summer tending a 4-H capon project. Come fall, after all the ready to cook chickens are sold, the 4-H member banks \$500 to \$700 net income to labor and management from 100 capons. If everything goes well and the 4-H member does what he is supposed to do, the net income is 5 to 7 dollars per bird for 1.5 to 3 hours labor per bird.

Each year more than 100 youngsters in Pennsylvania 4-H capon projects enjoy eating range-grown tender, flavorful meat during the fall holidays and sell dressed oven-ready capons for \$1.80 to \$2.50 a pound.

Adult buyers ages 18 to 84 years old buy many birds at the dressed capon roundup banquet at auction. Champion oven-ready capon at auction typically sells for \$3-\$50 a pound.

Many youngsters in 4-H capon projects learn production, processing and marketing skills to employ themselves later as adult farmers.

Several thousand dollars is banked by many 4-H capon club members age 8 through 18 years of age selling capons by call-in order for the holidays. The risk is present, so that only able managers make high net income.

This 4-H capon project usually requires much skill to grow, slaughter, package, and market 100 or more capons each year.

For more information on 4-H capon projects, call your county agricultural or cooperative extension office listed in the county office phone directory.

4-H Roundup Will Include Barn Tours, Animal Shows, Livestock Sale

The annual Mercer County 4-H Roundup, scheduled for August 10-13, will include several animal shows and the Junior Livestock Sale. It will take place at the 4-H Park, Route 19, a mile and a half north of Mercer. Events are totally free, and open to the public.

Animal shows begin Wednesday, August 10 with a Beef Show at 6:30 p.m. They continue on Thursday, August 11 with a Market Hog Show at 8:30 a.m. and a sheep show at 3:30 p.m. The dairy show will take place starting at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 12. All of these animal shows will take place in the Show Arena at the back of the 4-H Park. The 4-H livestock sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday evening in the Show Arena.

A horse show is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, August 13, in the Horse Ring, and a breeding goat show is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. in the Show Arena. Between all shows, citizens can bring their family members to the 4-H Park to view the animals up close, as Guided Barn Tours will be conducted Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Interested people should meet at the north bleachers.

No farm animal shows that are included at roundup are a rabbit show and a poultry show at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, a dog show focusing on grooming and showmanship at 6 p.m. Friday, open pet judging at 6 p.m. Friday, and a pet parade and show at 7 p.m. Friday.

The rabbit show will take place in the picnic pavilion behind the exhibit building. The dog show will take place on the south side of the Exhibit Building at the front of the park, and the pet parade will take place on the north side of the Exhibit Building. The Pet Parade and Show is open to public participation, and citizens are invited to bring their pets (no farm animals, please).

4-H Roundup is sponsored by the Mercer County Cooperative Extension office of the Pennsylvania State University. For more information, contact Barry Nelson, (412) 662-3141 or (412) 962-5711, ext. 343.

4-H And Roundup In Mercer County

Summer can be a boring time for some kids, but not for the 1,700+ Mercer County youth and 132 leaders involved in the 4-H program. These youngsters have had a summer filled with excitement and challenge, as they have made new friends, learned and practiced project skills, traveled, and developed personal abilities.

The 4-H program has its busiest season in the summer months. The 55 clubs across the county have been meeting throughout the summer, focusing on project work, which is the basic tool for youth development in 4-H.

Developing skills and making decisions are important parts of 4-H projects. The more than 135 available projects help to develop life skills such as decision-making and cooperating with others. Four-H projects help members learn by doing, and encompass a wide range of areas such as photography, carpentry, pet care, computers, rocketry, archery, decorating, electricity, bicycle safety, orienteering, and cooking.

Club, county, regional, state and even national events and activities provide even more opportunities for improving leadership skills, speaking abilities, and many other skills that will be used throughout the 4-H members' lives.

The efforts of 4-H members, leaders and families will be pulled together for the largest event of the summer 4-H Roundup. The event will be held August 10, 11, 12 and 13 at the Mercer County 4-H Park, Route 19, a mile and a half north of Mercer.

The entire event is open to the public, free of charge. For more information, or to obtain a free schedule of events, contact the Mercer County Cooperative Extension office, (412) 662-3141 or (412) 962-5711, ext. 343.

Clarke County 4-H and FFA Jackpot Lamb Show Held

The fourth annual Clarke County Jackpot Lamb Show was held July 7 at the Clarke County fairgrounds at Berryville, Va.

This show, sponsored by the Clarke County 4-H Livestock Club and the Clarke County FFA, provides an early show for feeder and market lambs exhibitors where the champion lamb of each division receives \$75 and the reserve champion receives \$50.

The show is open to junior exhibitors throughout Virginia, and this year's show found 116 lambs shown by 53 exhibitors from nine counties.

The showmanship classes were divided into the divisions of senior, junior and novice.

Senior Division Winners: 1. Robin McCall, Loudoun County; 2. Herschel Omps, Clarke County.

Junior Division Winners: 1. Jennifer Keyser, Page County; 2. Virginia Young, Clarke County.

Novice Division Winners: 1. Michael Kibler, Shenandoah County; 2. Charlie Duncan, Shenandoah County.

The feeder lamb classes were for lambs of 109 pounds and below.

Class Results

Class 1: 1,2. Herschel Omps, Clarke County.

Class 2: 1. Katie Updike, Rappahannock County; 2. Rebecca Funkhouser, Shenandoah County.

Class 3: 1. Sara Brown, Clarke County; 2. Erin Pugh, Frederick County.

Class 4: 1,2. Trey Keyser, Page County.

Class 5: 1. Jennifer Payne, Loudoun County; 2. Jennifer Keyser, Page County.

Class 6: 1. Jennifer Keyser, Page County; 2. Trey Keyser, Page County.

Class 7: 1. Michael Kibler, Shenandoah County; 2. Jeremy Brown, Clarke County.

Class 8: 1. Michael Kibler, Shenandoah County; 2. Jennifer Keyser, Page County.

Class 9: 1. Justin Updike, Rappahannock County; 2. Shechel Omps, Clarke County.

Champion Feeder Lamb: Jennifer Payne.

Reserve Champion Feeder Lamb: Michael Kibler.

County Group of 5 Feeder Lambs: 1. Frederick County; 2. Shenandoah County; 3. Clarke County.

Market Lamb Classes-Lambs weighing 110 and above

Class 10: 1. Virginia Young, Clarke County; 2. Samantha Fauble, Frederick County.

Class 11: 1. Erin Pugh, Frederick County; 2. Ross Hewitt, Frederick County.

Class 12: 1. Scott Updike, Rappahannock County; 2. Jennifer Payne, Loudoun County.

Champion Market Lamb: Erin Pugh
Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Scott Updike

County Group of 5 Market Lambs: 1. Clarke County

Countywide Dairy Club

The July 11 meeting of the Cumberland Countywide 4-H Dairy Club was kicked off by an informative and interesting demonstration by John Leib on picking the right bull to breed to.

Craig and Betsy Walton then talked on proper hoof care, an essential part to a successful dairy herd.

The Hersheypark idea that had been brought up at the last meeting was passed and it was decided that we would meet at the MJ Mall in Carlisle at 9:30 a.m. on August 21. The recent Dairy Bowl contest held in Carlisle was discussed and we found out that the Cumberland County Junior team was first and third in the junior division.

Matthew Day gave a report on the recent southcentral judging school held in Franklin County. It was reported that Becky and Aaron Cornman attended as did Mark and Julie Fulton and Matthew Day.

