Thomasville Named Outstanding York 4-H Club

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BAIR (York Co.) — Member involvement with a local program for children in abusive family situations won outstanding recognition for the Thomasville Community Club during the York County 4-H Achievement Awards program. The annual recognition ceremony was held October 6 at the 4-H Center.

As part of the 4-H Club's community service and outreach, the two dozen members of the Thomasville group provide programs and sharing activities at the Lehman Center of York. The Lehman Center offers counseling for abusive and potentially abusive family situations. For the past five years, club members have spent at least two evenings annually with children ranging in age from infants through early teens, whose parents are participating in Lehman Center counseling.

"Our kids wanted to do something to help other kids," said Helen Horn, an adult leader of the Thomasville 4-H organization. "And it's also parents helping other parents, through their children."

"We do things like Easter egg hunts, and bring Santa Claus with small gifts, have games and crafts, petting zoos, and we always provide snacks," explains club president Denise Lauer, Spring Grove. "The kids know that when we come, we always bring something for them to eat and they look forward to that."

Six York County 4-H members were named outstanding winners for their leadership and program participation. Each received a \$50 savings bond and trophy of recognition.

Senior outstanding 4-H members were Cindy Dehoff and Denise Lauer. Outstanding junior girl and boy were Beth Baer and Lucas Kraft. Named outstanding

rookies were Kelly Jo Bankert and Matthew Luckenbaugh.

Special recognition also went to outstanding officers of county 4-H clubs. Beth Baer, Glen Rock Community Club, was honored as outstanding historian and Joy Butter, Wellsville Boots and Saddles Club, the outstanding secretary. Outstanding news reporter award went to Heather Bankert, Winterstown Community Club, and Kristina Gable, Thomasville Community Club, was named the outstanding treasurer.

Eleven senior 4-H members were named project award winners. In the Beef project, Jason Baer was the winner, and Amy Trowbridge, runnerup. Clothing and Textiles award went to Tammy Dise, with Amy Dise the runnerup. Kelly Beard and Chris Bosley were the winner and runnerup in leisure education. Also, Denise Lauer, food preservation; Sabrina Asper, horse; Elizabeth Kann, photography; Lillian Eddinger, rabbit; and Cindy Dehoff, recreation.

In the junior division, 4-H project awards were for achievement, Ben Leese; aquatic science, Melissa Stough; capon, Jessica Klock, and Kelly Jo Bankert, runnerup; child development, Abbie Lease and Heather Bankert, runnerup; clothing and textiles, Emily Bankert, and runnersup Megan Bankert and Breanna Brown; foods and nutrition, Mandy Brown and runnerup Brandy Bankert; goat, Andrea Craun; horse, Danielle Howell and runnerup Greg Daugherty; leisure education, Gabrielle Dissinger and Jeremy Myers, runnerup; market lambs, Paul Kitzmiller and runnerup, Lindsay Jones; and pet care, Beth Baer and runnerup Matt Luckenbaugh.

Adult leader Gordon Shive, Seven Valleys, was honored for 30 years of leadership service to the York County 4-H program. Shive's leadership activities include the county Beef Club and serving on the 4-H Center board of directors.

Recognized for 15 years of service were Maryanne Brenneman, Stoverstown club; Pearl Kneller, Jefferson; Richard Rishel, Glen Rock; Anna Shermeyer, Davidsburg and the 4-H Center board; Kathleen Church, shooting spots, and Dale Myers, beef.

Ten-year 4-H leadership recognition went to: Michael Bankert, meats judging coach; John Fisher, shooting spots; Beverly Hoover, Thomasville; Arietta Knox, echo-

ing hoofbeats; Rebecca Naylor, Easter Seals and 4-H HRH; Shirley Trimmer, Central Dairy; Pamela Weisman, Saddle Up HRH and Silver Spurs; Marcelene Douglas, Geraldine Hedrick and Ina Kilgore, Airville; Melvin Marks, Airville Milk and Money;

Elizabeth Tawser, Mockingbird HRH.

Featured speaker for the awards program was Rev. Christy Waltersdorff, a York County 4-H alumnus and minister for the Church of the Brethren.



Honored during the York 4-H Achievement were, from left, Heather Bankert, outstanding treasurer, Cindy Dehoff, outstanding senior 4-H member, Kristina Gable, outstanding news reporter, and Denise Lauer, outstanding senior 4-H member.



Outstanding award winners at the York 4-H Achievement program included, from left, Matt Luckenbaugh, rookie boy, Beth Baer, outstanding junior girl and outstanding historian, Lucas Kraft, outstanding junior boy and Kelly Jo Bankert, rookie girl.



Berks Society 1

Martha Levan, Oley, was hostess for the September meeting of Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 1, at which time the nominating committee announced the names of the nominees for the group's officers for the coming term. Also named were the various committees for the same term. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Farm Women's Day was celebrated by the group as "Ladies' Night Out" on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and business meeting at the Country Manor, Temple.



Thomasville Community 4-H Club was named the 1994 York County outstanding club. On hand to collectively accept the award were, from left, seated with plaque, Nicole Rauhauser and Valerie Gohn; kneeling, Denise Lauer, club president, Alicia Gohn and Kristina Gable, and back: adult leaders Mike Lauer, Elaine Lauer, Angie Rauhauser and Helen Horn.

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