

4-H Potato Teams

Two Lycoming County 4-H potato judging teams recently competed in the Pennsylvania Farm Show that was held in Har-

The 14 4-H'ers attending as three teams and two individuals were involved in this statewide competition. They judged potatoes for size, grade, appearance, and defects along with 73 other 4-H members from seven counties.

Coached by Ralph and Tom Styer of Muncy, they have been meeting since mid-November in preparation for the event. This year's "A" team won 3rd place and the "B" teams won 4th and 6th planes. The teams consisted of:

A Team

Steve Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fisher, Muncy; Mariah Peterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Peterman, Hughesville; Robyn Styer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Styer, Montgomery; Craig Girven, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Girven, Muncy.

B Teams

Julie Stugart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stugart, Cogan Station; Steve Vandine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vandine, Muncy; Shelly Vandine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vandine, Muncy; Toni Rinker, daughter of Gail Rinker, Williamsport; Reuben A. Stugart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben T. Stugart, Cogan Station;

Kristopher Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robbins, Muncy; Leslie Rinker, daughter of Gail Rinker, Williamsport; Grace Delany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Steve Delany, Muncy.

Also competing as individuals were: Daryl Rinker, son of Gail Rinker, Williamsport, and Jeremy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Harris, Muncy.

Robyn Styer and Mariah Peterman had the special honor of placing 5th and 8th respectively in the top 10 individuals in the state.

More Than Rabbits

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face if you ever find a guinea pig with a tail, you'd better buy it right away! They're so hard to find, so

But if you believe that, Rob is pulling more than a rabbit out of a cage for auction — he's pulling your leg!



Don Harnish, left, helper at the auction, speaks to Rob

Belleville Livestock Market. "But it is a hard business to promote."

Rob said his wife runs the business and he just helps out. "I think she does a good job with it," Rob said of his Pittsburgh suburbraised wife. He believes the auction way is the fair way for both the buyer and seller.

On auction day, Rob and D.J. wouldn't get through the flurry of activity without helpers like Beverly Peoples and MaryAnn Seitz, who clerk and record purchases and sales, and Don Harnish, who man-handles the crates.

Rob and D.J. have two daughters, Becky and Chrisy, who took grand champion honors with their goats at the Mifflin County Youth Fair last year.

Occasionally an exotic animal or two will pass through the auction. White pigeons are popular for weddings. Permits are needed to sell ringneck pheasants and bobwhites. Pairs of peacocks are popular items. Pot-bellied pigs are not the rave they used to be.

And, Rob said with a straight

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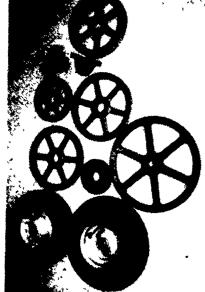


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