

H A P P E N I N G S

York County Goat Field Day
May 6, 1995; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

York County's Kiddin' Around 4-H Goat Club will be having a hands-on clinic open to the public and other 4-H clubs on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Troubled Acres, operated by Rosemary Sprenkle, 2½ miles southwest of York New Salem. Signs will be placed to direct people to the farm.

This will be the club's second goat field day. The last one was held in 1992. The club wants people to come with open minds to learn how to care for goats.

Dr. Lynn Sammons of Willow Creek Animal Hospital will speak at 10 a.m. There will be a question and answer period following his speech on cleanliness of goats and goat shelters.

At 11:30 a.m., Nelson Brennenman will talk about different types of hay and have samples to show. A question and answer period will follow.

At noon will be a lunch break. You can bring your own or the club will have food for sale, including hot dogs, soda, snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate.

At 1 p.m., Ray Boston will speak on his country of Australia.

Around 1:30 p.m., the club will have a cart-driving demonstration, put on by one of the club members. The club will show how to clip hooves, teach 4-H'ers to lead, and get goats ready for shows.

The club is five years old and growing, with all types of goats. The members raise and work with the goats as 4-H projects.

Directions: From Lancaster, take Rt. 30 west to the Gettysburg exit. Go to the light, and make a left onto Rt. 616 South. Come into the town of York New Salem, through that light to the second hard road to the right, Noss Rd., and travel about 1½ miles to the farm. From Harrisburg, take Rt. 83 south to Rt. 30. From Maryland, take Rt. 83 north to Rt. 30 west to Rt. 616 south. Please bring lawn chairs.

Pre-registration is required by contacting the York County Extension office at (717) 757-9657 or Rosemary Sprenkle at (717) 225-5179 and leave a message on machine. The event will be held rain or shine.

4-H Trail Riding Club To Form

Are you interested in horseback riding over trails? Are you interested in meeting other youth ages 8 to 18 who also enjoy trail riding?

If you answered yes to these questions, then Dauphin County 4-H has the club for you!

On Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m., a 4-H Trail Riding Club will form at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, Dauphin. Any youth ages 8 to 18 are encouraged to attend and bring a parent.

This club will concentrate on learning safe and environmentally friendly trail riding. Future topics will include horse first aid, map and compass usage, and a variety of other topics. Future meetings will include trail rides.

If this sounds like something for you, then come join us. For more

information, contact Fred Rudy (717) 921-8803 daytime or (717) 896-8486 evenings.

4-H Rifle Clubs Hold Competition

On April 2, the five 4-H Rifle clubs—Alexandria, Marklesburg, Newton-Wayne, Trough Creek, and Tussey Mountain in Huntingdon County—met at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club for a "shoulder-to-shoulder" competition to mark the end of 12 weeks of postal competition that started in January.

The 4-H rifle program follows rules and guidelines set by the NRA (National Rifle Association) for smallbore, .22cal., position shooting. The competitors shoot at a distance of 50 feet from four positions, prone, standing, sitting and kneeling, at targets 1½ inches in diameter. The maximum score per ball is 10 points and a maximum overall score of 400 Xs designate shots in the center of the bull inside the "10 ring."

The county shoot-off is divided into three categories:

- Free rifle, which is a rifle designed with many features and adjustments to fit the rifle to the shooter's size and position.

- Standard rifle, which doesn't have any or limited features and adjustments.

- Prone match for shooters who have just begun the program and have not mastered shooting from all four positions.

The rifle program helps young people develop hand/eye and body control and also leads them to set goals and work to achieve those goals while having fun. The Huntingdon County 4-H Rifle program is open to all youth ages 12 - 18. If you are interested in shooting sports or other 4-H programs, please contact the Extension Office at (814) 643-1660.

4-H Retreat

Adams County 4-H members participated in a seven county Regional Pre-Teen 4-H Retreat held at Doubling Gap Center near Newville. The program focused on helping 4-H youth become better acquainted with 4-H youth throughout the area and introduced them to our natural surroundings.

The Friday evening through Sunday program included six workshops. The workshops were: 1) "Terrariums"; 2) "Wildlife"; 3) "Native Americans"; 4) "Outdoor Cooking"; 5) "Snails"; and 6) "Fly Tying." A program on "Bats in Your Belfry" was presented by Warren Fry. Fitness, communication skills, and beliefs of all kinds were featured during the weekend.

Adams County 4-H members participating were Jason and Janel Keller, Katherine Bodenberg, Gettysburg; Nicolas Rudolph, Hanover; John Myers, Aspers; Tai Hawkins, York Springs; Wade and Emily Black, Bendersville; Johnathan Murren, New Oxford; and Elizabeth Trcka, East Berlin. Abe Bucher, New Oxford, and Emily Miller, New Oxford presented the "Snails" workshop and conducted recreational leadership activities during the weekend. Chaperones were Bob and Abe Bucher, 4-H Leaders in the New Oxford 4-H Club.

Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Club

The April meeting of the Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Club was held at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center on Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President Jason Stoltzfus, after which he explained to members and parents the differences in various breeds of sheep.

There were six different breeds represented by live lambs brought by members of the club. The Southdown lamb was brought by Jennifer, Jay, and Jimmy Zimmerman; the Montedale lamb was brought by John Schmidt; the Horned Dorset lamb was brought by Jessica Schmidt; the Polled Dorset lamb was brought by Radell Peters; the Suffolk lamb was brought by Jessica and Jason Stoltzfus; and the Hampshire lamb was brought by Regina Landis. Stoltzfus also explained how to handle and pick out a market lamb with the lambs that were there.

The rest of the meeting was conducted with the Lancaster County Sheep and Wool Growers Association. There was a panel of four speakers who spoke on the different feeding programs for market and breeding sheep. The panel consisted of Rod Nissley, Bob Herr, Clyde Brubaker, and Abe Landis.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Goat Club Meets

The Cumberland County 4-H Goat Club met April 5 at the home of Beth and Greg Garvin. Twelve members were present and there was one new member.

Members were reminded of several upcoming events: meat animals will be ear tagged, weighed, and nose printed on May 10 at Farrell Veterinary Clinic from 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The Ag Expo will be held August 9-12 at the Newville Fair Ground. Members also received contacts to be made for the Benefit Auction.

Ron Zeigler gave a demonstration on feed nutrition and Ruschelle Henry gave a demonstration on "the digestive system of a goat."

The next meeting will be held May 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ruschelle Henry.

Those wishing to join the club or need additional information should contact one of the leaders: Red Allen at (717) 776-5097 or Ron and Lois Zeigler at (717) 776-7583.

Cumberland 4-H

On April 10, the Cumberland County 4-H Livestock Club held its monthly meeting at the West Pennsboro Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The club played a game on animal parts. At 8:25 the club started its business meeting.

The 4-H pledge was led by Jennifer Creek and the pledge of allegiance was led by Jason Corman. Discussed were community service projects, and reports on county events were given.

Also discussed were new Farm Show rules regarding cheating and illegal drug testing of all champions.

The next meeting will be held May 8 at the West Pennsboro Fire Hall. Information on weigh-ins will be given at this time.

Bucks 4-H

The Bucks County 4-H Shooting Sports program gained an additional certified adult volunteer recently when Dwayne Murphy, a

student at Delaware Valley College, completed the National Archery Association Basic Instructor course at Laurel Lake.

The weekend certification program, sponsored by Pennsylvania 4-H, Penn State Cooperative Extension, provided certification training for archery, air rifle, and air pistol 4-H programs in the state.

Murphy will be assisting the Bucks County 4-H Archery project which begins May 17. Adult volunteers in the 4-H Shooting Sports program are Jack and Doris Shelly, Fountainville; Janice English, Pipersville; Charles Thorson, Pitman, N.J.; and Bob Reichner, Philadelphia. All adult leaders are certified by the National Archery Association or the National Rifle Association for leadership in the 4-H Shooting Sports projects. Range safety as well as target shooting skills teach youth safety, proper care, use and storage of equipment.

Information on the 4-H Shooting Sports program is available from the Cooperative Extension office (610) 345-3283.

4-H Staff Attend Tri-State Camping Conference

Adult staff for the summer Bucks County 4-H resident camp attended the Tri-State Camping Conference recently in Teaneck, N.J. The annual conference sponsored by the American Camping Association attracted more than 3,000 adults from 800 different day and resident camps in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and nearby states.

Local participants were adult volunteers Deb Decker, Warminster 4-H Club; Joyce Scali, Doylestown 4-H Club; Vickie Smith, Buckingham 4-H Club. Pat Freiler, Bucks County 4-H Coordinator attended the conference with the group. Freiler said that the sessions on conflict resolution and OSHA

FFA HAPPENINGS

Cedar Crest FFA Participates In Area Contests

On April 6, a number of Cedar Crest FFA members traveled to the Mill Creek Lutheran Church where they participated in the area FFA public speaking and the parliamentary procedure contests.

The Cedar Crest Parliamentary Procedure Team consisted of Chuck Aurentz, Jon Harnish, Keith Warluft, Jeff Zimmerman, Stacy Krall, Jamie Risser, Mike Hostetter, Andy Martin, and alternate Sean Weaver. The team placed first in the Berks, Lebanon, and Schuylkill area contest and will now compete in the eastern regional contest in May.

Alisha Myers placed second in the FFA prepared public speaking contest with her speech, "Why Biochemical Research is Important." James Tulos placed first and Dan Kreider placed fourth in the FFA creed contest. They will also compete at the eastern regional contest in May.

MANOR FFA

The Penn Manor FFA recently held its annual awards banquet.

Degrees were presented to several FFA members, in addition to recognition for project achievement.

Following is a list of award winners.

Manor FFA Banquet Awards

Most Improved FFA Member—Tom Karr; Star Greenhand Production—Vince Metzler; Star Greenhand Specialty Areas—Todd Huber; Star Chapter FFA Degree Production—Joel Frey; Star Chapter FFA Degree—Specialty Areas—Seth Perry; Out-

standing Contributor Award—Stephanie Graham; Outstanding Horticulture Award—Stephanie Graham; Star Red Rose Business—Tom Karr; Placement in Horticulture Award—Greg Hess; Placement in Agribusiness—Matt Charles; Placement in Agriculture—Kyle Harnish; Outstanding Project Manager—Barry Graver; Outstanding Livestock Production—Melissa McCardell, DeKalb Award—Barry Graver; Fruit Sales Ninth Grade—Vince Metzler; Fruit Sales—Upperclassman—Dwane Graver; Outstanding Farming Program—Barry Graver; Charles Award—David Parker; Outstanding Crop Production—Barry Graver; Outstanding Ag Mechanic—Stan Knight; Placement in Specialty Crops—Neil Fellenbaum; Lockhart Award—Barry Graver; Computers in Agriculture—Erik Ober; Market Lamb Award—Kevin Boyer, Nathan Walter; Chain Capon Award—Steve Charles, Daryl Rineer; State Swine Proficiency Award—Jay Hess.

regulations as well as making music, environmental education and rainy day activities were all valuable to the 4-H summer camp staff.

The Bucks County 4-H resident camp is scheduled for the week of July 16 at Camp Laughing Waters, Montgomery County. Details are available at the Cooperative Extension office at (610) 345-3283.

New 4-H Club To Start in Pottstown Area

Do you like to sew or do crafts? Do you like to share your ideas with other people? If so, we have a great opportunity for you!

How about becoming a 4-H volunteer for a new 4-H Club starting at So-Fro in Coventry Square, Pottstown? So-Fro has gladly offered free use of its facilities and sewing machines for the club. Plus, 4-H volunteers and members will get a discount on all fabric and craft supplies purchased.

The club is open to all boys and girls ages eight and above. For more information and a chance to become a 4-H volunteer or member, please call Helaine Brown, 4-H Agent, at (610) 489-4315 or stop in to see Joanne Books, So-Fro manager.

Woolies Club

The Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Club had its reorganizational meeting March 13.

After the members signed up and the project material was distributed, elections were held for the 1995 project year.

While votes were being counted, members watched a video, prepared by Ed and LaRue Donough and family. The video showed and explained the selection and care of market lambs. Membership grew to 68 with the addition of 20 new members enrolling this year.

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Graver Named Outstanding Ag Student

Barry Graver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Graver of Holtwood, was recently named winner of the 1995 Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

The award, sponsored nationwide by Dekalb Genetics Corporation, is presented to the outstanding senior agriculture student demonstrating superior scholarship, leadership, and accomplishments in the supervised agricultural program. Presenting the award was Valerie Breneisen, principal.

Barry attends Penn Manor High School, where he has been a four-year ag student. His agricultural program consists of processing tomatoes, corn, and soybeans. Following graduation, Barry plans to continue farming.

As this year's winner, Barry receives a pin and certificate, and his name will be inscribed on a special plaque displayed in the ag classroom.