

## H A P P E N I N G S

1995 Somerset County  
4-H Public  
Speaking Contest

The 31st annual Somerset County 4-H Public Speaking Contest was conducted Wednesday evening, April 26, at St. Peter's School in Somerset. Forty-nine members participated in the event—32 in the junior division and 17 in the senior division.

Junior division finalists were Vincent Barbera, Alison Beeghly, Margaret Blough, April Coberly, Nicole Stemple, and Nicole Svonavec.

Senior division finalists were Laura Miller, daughter of Butch & Bonnie Miller, Somerset and Natalie Welch, daughter of Dave and Connie Welch, Berlin. They will compete at the State 4-H Days contest at The Pennsylvania State University held July 25-27. Other senior division finalists were Andrea Blough, Karen Rhoads, Corey Sechler, and Herman Weimer.

Judges for the evening's competition included Roberta Antram, Barbara Gravatt, Jeff Johnson, Mike Kuhn, Michelle May, and Delores Thompson.

Junior leaders who served as room chairmen were Ethan Miller, Michele Shaffer, Lee Sines, Laura Waltermire, and Valerie Zborovancik.

The event was sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Development Fund, Inc. and the Somerset County Farm Bureau, who contributed premium and expense money, and the Somerset County Cooperative Extension Office.

## Goat Club Meets

The Cumberland County 4-H Goat Club met May 3 at the home of Ruschelle Henry. Nine members were present.

Members were reminded of several upcoming events. Members were asked to help at the Benefit Auction held May 19 at 6 p.m. at The Embers. The Ag Expo will be held August 9-12 at the Newville Fair Ground.

Ron Zeigler gave a demonstration on conformation of a goat and the score card.

The next meeting will be held June 7 at 7 p.m. at the home of Derrick Carpenter.

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

## 4-H Sheep Club

The third meeting of the Conoquinet 4-H Sheep Club was held on Wednesday, April 19.

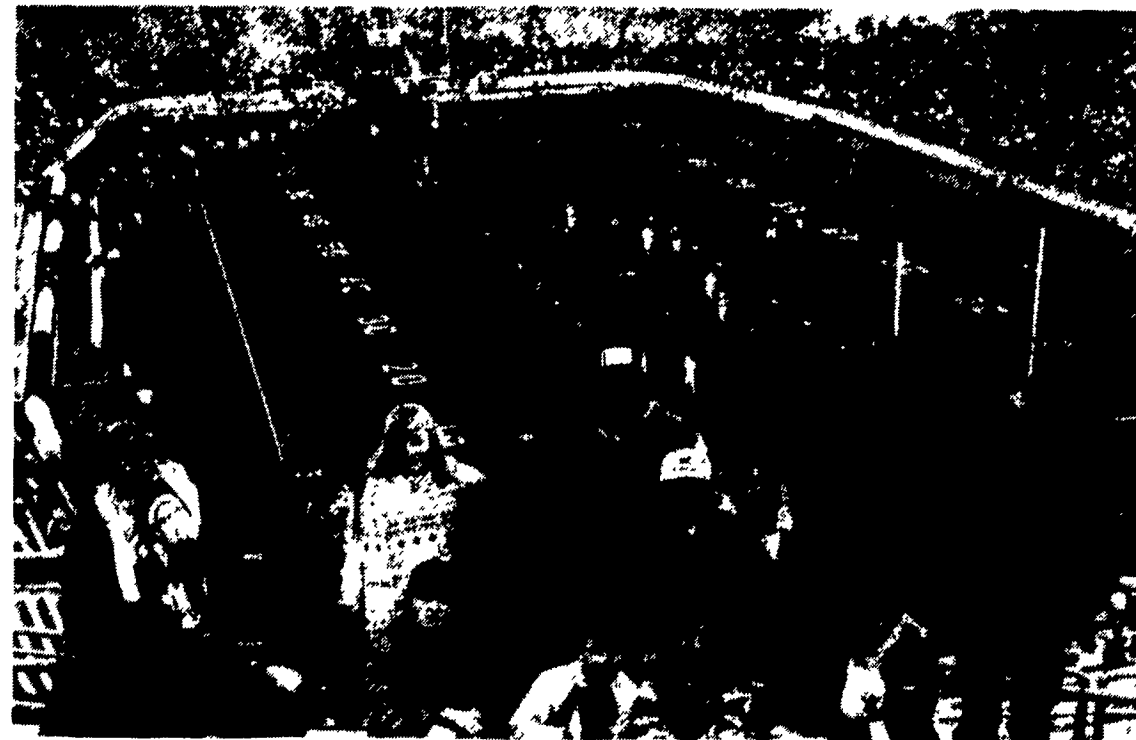
Charles Rossow, USDA, gave a presentation on scrapie. Weigh-in for the fall roundup was discussed and will be held May 10 and May 13. (Call a leader for additional information.)

## York 4-H Beef Club

The 4-H Beef Club met April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Bair Station.

The Preview Show will be May 13 at York Fairgrounds. All steers will be nose-printed at this time.

The club voted to purchase a large brick inscribed for the York County Beef Club to be donated to



Tioga County 4-H'ers at the top of the 96,000-seat Beaver Stadium at Penn State.

the exhibition building.

April Daughtery was elected historian for York County Beef Club.

A video was shown on ethics. 4-H'ers learn by doing. Taught what counts is honesty, sportsmanship, responsibility, family unity, and agriculture.

The next meeting will be the Preview Show on May 13 at the York Fairgrounds.

New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Beck or Lois Rankin at the Penn State York County Cooperative Extension for more information (717) 757-9657.

**Tioga County 4-H'ers Go To PSU**  
UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—Sixteen 4-H'ers from Tioga County traveled to Penn State recently as part of the Education-

al/Dairy 4-H Trip sponsored by the Tioga County Milk Auction.

The trip started at Wellsboro and Morris and by 10 a.m. the group was touring the Pennsylvania DHIA Milk Testing Lab. The group discovered how the DHIA lab machines test each milk sample for fat, protein, and somatic cell count, all in a few seconds. The group followed the milk sample from the computer to the final forms that are sent back to the dairy farmer.

Then it was on to the new dairy barns. Lisa Holden, professor of dairy science, met the group at the milking parlor to start the tour. The group toured the new double 10 parlor, freestall and tiestall barns. The 4-H'ers were quizzed on "what did the curtain sidewalls do in the freestyle barn?" The answer: They let more air in for ventilation.

Holden also showed the two different floor patterns on the alleyways to study cow traction, foot wear, and floor wear.

The 4-H'ers also visited two graduate studies in the heifer barns. One of the studies examined feed bunk space requirements for dairy heifers.

The study group was split into three age groups of six, 12, and 18 months, and three different bunk space requirements per heifer (9 inch, 18 inch and 24 inch). The study will show what is the ideal bunk space per heifer required. The 4-H members could really see how the study worked, since each pen had nine heifers and each bank area varied in length.

The group went on to the Dairy Expo, a dairy show for the Penn State Dairy Club college students. Lunch was provided by the Penn State and Block and Bridle Club.

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