

H A P P E N I N G S

4-H Prepares For Roundup

The Northampton County 4-H clubs are preparing for the 4-H roundup to be held Thursday, Aug. 10 - 13 at the Northampton County 4-H Center on Bushkill Road in Nazareth.

This event marks the culmination of a year of work on any given 4-H project and will be attended by the entire 4-H community.

Roundup is open to the public. There is no admission fee. Good food, lively entertainment, and friendship will be available all during the roundup.

Thursday will kick off roundup with country line dancing from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Music and instructor are being provided by "Jane R." Food, games, and craft stands will be open to the general public during the dance.

Friday night will feature a karate demonstration by Valley Martial Arts of Easton. The main attraction is 7th Degree Black Belt Master Ed Hartzell.

The rabbit roundup and goat herd evaluations will also be held at this time. Project dropoff will be held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday. Food will be available all day.

Saturday will begin with the livestock roundup, then on to judging of the exhibits in the Blue Building and finishing off with a celebrity goat milk off and whipped cream pie toss. Group games will also be held Saturday evening for all youngsters (even those who are young at heart). Awards will be given for each winner or winning team.

This is open to all participants and there is no charge or fee. The evening finishes with an old-fashioned cake walk. This year it will start at 9 p.m.

Sunday will start at 8 a.m. with the horse roundup. Six separate 4-H horse clubs will have members participating for a chance to advance to regional and state awards. Classes include showmanship, English and Western flat classes, jumping, driving, and gymkhana.

Sunday will also host the famous Northampton County 4-H Center Chicken Barbecue from noon to 4 p.m.

Call the Northampton County 4-H offices at (610) 746-1970 on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

4-H Livestock Club

The Harford County, Maryland 4-H Livestock Club is proud to announce the 1995 recipients of the livestock club scholarships and to recognize these outstanding members for their years of excellent work in the 4-H program.

This year, the livestock club has awarded three scholarships, and the recipients are:

- Courtney Miller. A graduate of Havre de Grace High School and attending Harford Community College, Courtney has been an outstanding member of 4-H for 10 years. She is continuing her career in agronomy at Virginia Tech.

- Mary Lisa Myers. A graduate of C. Milton Wright High School and a sophomore at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Mary has been a leading member of the Livestock Club for 11 years. She is pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

- Lee Wilkinson. A graduate of

Fallston High School and attending Harford Community College, Lee has been an outstanding member of 4-H for many years and is a 4-H All Star member. He is enrolled in general studies.

Beef Club

The May Beef Club meeting was held at Troy Gelsinger's house on May 14, during the annual field day.

A picnic lunch was followed by a short business meeting.

Susan Smith did a fitting demonstration. She explained the proper way to get your beef animal ready for the fair.

She explained that you must work with your animal before the fair, training the hair on the animal by rinsing and brushing it.

Goat Club Meets

The Cumberland County 4-H Goat Club met June 7 at the home of Derrick Carpenter. Eight members were present.

Members were reminded of several upcoming events: The Shippensburg Fair starts July 23. The Ag Expo will be held August 9-12 at the Newville Fair Ground. Members were asked to help with the petting zoo on August 9-12.

Derrick Carpenter gave a demonstration on Shippensburg Fair registration papers.

The next meeting will be held July 8 at 4 p.m. at the home of Red Allen. Demonstrations must be completed by this meeting. Buyer letters will be reviewed. Bring a hot and cold dish and your own place settings.

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.

Statewide 4-H Camps -It's More Than You Ever Imagined!

Join youth from around New Jersey this summer at the Beemerville 4-H Camp in Sussex County, New Jersey.

If you are in grades 3-11, you can make friends from all over the state at your "summer home away from home": Beemerville 4-H Camp. You will find programs just perfect for fun, making friends and learning new things. It's more than you can imagine!

If you are in grades 3-7, you can participate in one or more of the following programs:

- Life on the Farm, from July 2-7 and July 9-14. Come meet the cows, horses, lambs, goats, chickens and pigs as you learn about agriculture and its connection to your everyday life.

- Youth on the Move, from July 23-28 and July 30-August 4. Your action-packed options, emphasizing both fun and safety, including all-terrain vehicles, hiking, boating and canoeing, fitness, and horseback riding.

- The Scientist Within You, from August 6-11 and August 13-18. Explore ecology, wildlife, plant science and other natural sciences while you discover the scientist within you.

Each week will emphasize knowledge and skills from the particular theme and include traditional camp activities of recrea-

tion, singing, campfires, and group living.

This is a Counselor In Training/Leadership Development program available during each of the weeks mentioned above for youths in grades 8 and 9. These youths will enroll in special leadership classes and have an opportunity to assist trained staff and counselors with activities.

If you are in grades 8-11 and love the adventures of life, you will be able to enroll in Teen Challenge Camp from July 16-21. Your adventure track choices include horsemanship, hiking, canoeing, theater, all terrain vehicles, and shooting sports.

For more information and applications, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office, 4-H Department, 4 Gauntt Place, (908) 788-1340/788-1341 or the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, N.J. 4-H Camp Office, 50 Neilson Road Sussex, N.J. 07461 (201) 875-4715.

All camp sessions cost \$205 per person with additional fees for horseback riding and other special program options. Bus transportation is available for an additional fee.

Bradford County 4-H Camp

Any youth between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of January 1, 1995) who is interested in the outdoors and such topics as wildlife, trees, pond life and the environment will want to attend this year's Bradford County 4-H Environmental Camp on Wednesday, July 12, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Pavilion at Mt. Pisgah State Park.

There is no charge for this camp sponsored by Penn State-Bradford County Cooperative Extension. However, participants will need to bring bag lunches. Beverages will be provided. Registrations are due on July 3 at the Cooperative Extension Office, (717) 265-2896.

There will be fun, hands-on activities on wildlife, forestry, and pond life during the day as well as nature games and a scavenger hunt. Rich Gulyas from the Bradford County Conservation District will lead the wildlife activities. Dr. Robert Hansen and Tom Maloney, both from Bradford County Cooperative Extension, will lead forestry and pond life activities respectively.

Youths do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. Come and have fun and enjoy and learn more about Bradford County's great outdoors. For more information, call Tom Maloney at (717) 265-2896.

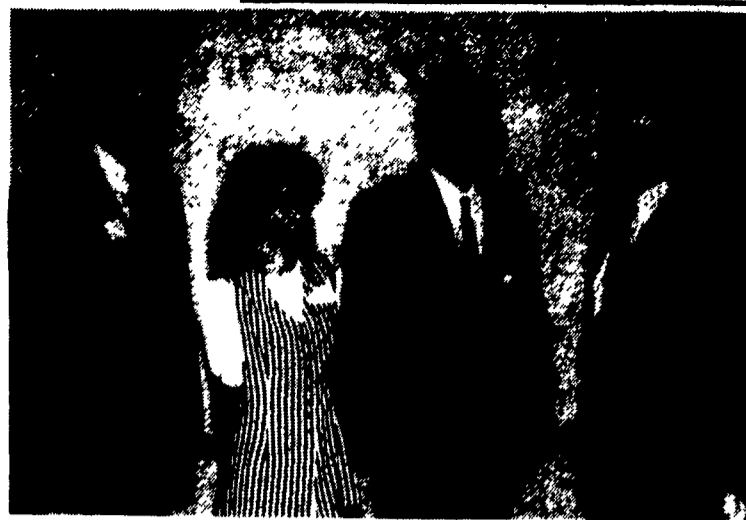
4-H'er Top Junior At Rabbit Convention

Rijelle Kraft, Manchester, a member of the York County 4-H Rabbit And Small Animal Club, won top honors in the educational category in competition at the Pennsylvania State Rabbit and Cavy Convention held recently at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.

For her efforts in educational displays, Rijelle was named the outstanding junior member at the state convention.

She had three entries, all of which received a first place blue ribbon. Her entries included her completed 1994 project book, an apron on which she had painted her own design to promote rabbits, and a colorful poster depicting the digestive system of a rabbit. Rijelle also competed in the state rabbit royalty contest and showed her prize-winning Netherland Dwarf and Mini-rex rabbits at the rabbit show.

Also winning honors at the state show were Missy Stough, Glen Rock, who showed the best of breed mini lop rabbit and Lucas Kraft, Manchester, who showed the best of breed Dutch rabbit.



Lycoming County 4-H members (from left): Gini Stopper and Craig Girven met with Representative Tom Dempsey and Senator Roger Madigan at 4-H Capital Days held recently in Harrisburg. In addition to meeting their legislators, 4-H members visited government departments or agencies and toured the capitol building.

Kids' And Parents' Views Sought On Educational Television

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Surveys have shown that children under the age of 18 spend thousands of hours each year glued to their television sets. Children as young as 2 watch TV more than 23 hours a week, a figure that remains amazingly consistent until they turn 17.

Some experts now say many infants are propped in front of the TV to be dazzled by the sight and sound.

Federal Communications Commission, the government agency that regulates the television industry, is studying ways to ensure that an adequate supply of educational and informational television programming is available to children.

The FCC also is asking that this programming be clearly identified for children, their parents and care givers. Up until June 16 the FCC received comments and suggestions and will consider adopting new rules to improve children's TV programming.

There will be many comments from the broadcasters, from the people who produce the programs, from lawyers and from professional children's advocates. But the Commission would also like to get comments from kids, their parents and care givers.

Because it found that broadcasters were not providing enough educational programming for children, Congress in 1990 enacted the Children's Television Act to ensure such programming was available. The FCC was charged with overseeing this effort.

Based on the results of FCC's 1993 inquiry and a 1994 hearing on the effectiveness of its children's television programming regulation, the FCC proposed to make changes to assure that broadcast station license holders comply with the Children's Tele-

vision Act and to implement the Act more effectively.

In developing the proposed changes, the Commission has followed three principles: (1) judgments about the quality of programming, educational or otherwise, are best made by audiences, not the federal government; (2) the Commission's rules must be clear, simple and fair; and (3) broadcasters should be guided by market forces . . . in determining whether they meet their programming obligations.

Specific proposals suggest that stations identify programs as educational and informational at the time they are aired and provide such identifying information to publishers of programming guides.

Stations would publicize the availability of their children's programming, perhaps by announcing their existence and time shown over the air.

So — kids and parents — sit down at your kitchen table, at your desk, on the floor, wherever you are comfortable, and let the FCC know what's right about the way educational programs come into your home, if there's enough available, what's wrong with it, and how it should be identified so you'll know when to tune in.

Please send your comments to: Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554.

Also, so the FCC will know what you're sending comments about, please write "MM Docket 93-48" on the first page.

Readers seeking more information can obtain the 50-page Notice of Proposed Rulemaking via internet by anonymous ftp from/pub/orders/massmedia; omm 5068 (either .txt or .wp).

