

Intense Competition Wraps Up State 4-H Achievement Days

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
—After three days of intense competition at Penn State University, a busload of 4-H'ers returned to Lancaster County clutching coveted awards.

The state 4-H Achievement Days, where top 4-H winners in each county compete against each other, ended with Lancaster County teams placing first in senior livestock judging and in archery competition.

In the public speaking category,

Jimmy Mullen of Peach Bottom talked his way to the top with his prepared speech on his painful past year in baseball. The pain — being knocked out, spiked, and hit with balls and bats — might have been worth it, Jimmy conceded since the experience enabled him to accumulate the most points of any individual in the 4-H presentation category.

Another top individual winner was 15-year-old Kenneth Cramer of Lancaster who competed in the air rifle category.

The senior livestock team



The Lancaster 4-H livestock team will continue to national competition. From left, Lisa Reiff, Regina Landis, Dale Livingood, 4-H livestock agent Chet Hughes, and Gerald Boyd.



This archery team is first in the state after competing with teams across the state. From left, Kandy Mullen, Derek Stoner, Chris Reeder, and Mike Hartman.

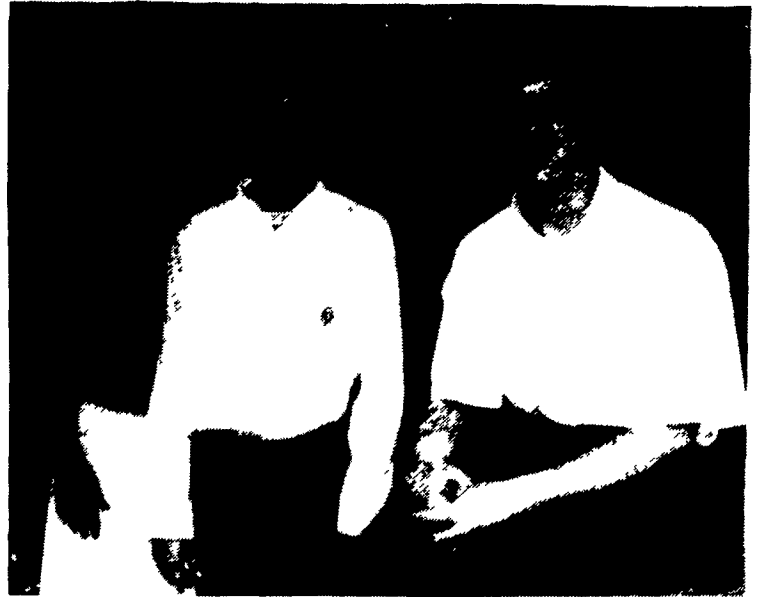
included Lisa Reiff of Strasburg, Regina Landis of Manheim, Dale Livingood of Lampeter, and Gerald Boyd of Ephrata. Boyd also had the distinction of placing third in individual livestock competition.

The archery team included Kandy Mullen of Peach Bottom, Dere Stoner of Lancaster, Chris Reeder of Little Britain, and Mike Hartman of Paradise.

Zoann Parker, 4-H extension agent, said that most of the 43 countians who participated in the 3-day competition placed in the top 10.

"It shows that our volunteer leaders are trained well and are passing that knowledge on to our 4-H'ers as well," Parker said.

This was the fifth time that a Lancaster County team placed first



Zoann Parker, 4-H extension agent, stands with top individual winners from Lancaster County. Jimmy Mullen, center, is top individual in public speaking, and Kenneth Cramer is top individual in air rifle competition.

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in livestock competition since Achievement Days began, but the first time since 1991. Last year a Lancaster County team also placed first in archery competition.

Each 4-H'er is allowed to participate in only one category. Jimmy Mullen said that he had a choice between competing in archery or public speaking.

"I'm glad I chose public speaking," he said.

The 43 participants returned to Lancaster Thursday afternoon. They were hot, tired, and sweating from the intense heat and the long drive in a school bus.

"The trip and hard work was well worth it. It's what we have been training for all year," Livingood said.

Placings for 4-H'ers in other counties will be published when *Lancaster Farming* receives the information.

