

Betty Niblett Winner Named At Fair It was a proud moment for Annie Crowe at the 1995 Delaware State Fair when the 4-H'er won the 1995 Betty Niblett Award.

The equestrian award is given to the 4-H'er who scores the most points in two categories: horsemanship, which is a test of riding ability, and showmanship, which involves the grooming and presentation of the horse.

Crowe, a 12-year-old who started riding at the age of 2, won with the help of her horse, an Appaloosa named Quincey Sugar Bar. A member of the AA 4-H Country Club in Dover, Crowe is an equestrian accomplished in both English and western saddle. "I was really surprised and happy to win the Niblett Award," she said. "I knew Mrs. Niblett. I'd see her at the Fair every year. She knew a lot about horses and that's what we talked about."

Last year's winner, Kacie Rash, was on hand to congratulate the new winner. Rash, a member of the Westville 4-H Club, also has a long list of achievements to her name:

Rash, a student at Caesar Rodney High School, has been involved in equestrian activities for more than six years. She rides every weekend, plus two or more evenings a week. The Camden teen also plays field hockey and has been active in community service projects, such as visiting nursing homes.

Rash and Crowe are the kind of bright, young achievers whom the late Betty Niblett nurtured and guided during her many years of service to 4-H. The horse award is named after Niblett, who was an active 4-H'er — first as a member, then as an adult leader — for most of her life. She served as chairperson of the delaware 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and also ran a successful horse farm in the Bear area of New Castle County.

"After my mother passed away, many of the 4-H'ers with whom she had worked suggested that the horse award be re-named in her honor," said Niblett's daughter, Kay Betts. "She made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of young people."

4-H Speak Out

Eleven Adams County 4-H members competed in the Capitol Region Speak-Out Night recently.

The contest was held at Silver Spring Elementary School in Mechanicsburg. Adams County was one of eight counties to have participants competing in this contest. Members gave presentations/ demonstrations, presented prepared speeches, or gave impromptu speeches, which were talks written and prepared that night.

Adams County had eight junior presentations/demonstrations at regional night: Chrissy Dibert, Laura Burdette, Sarah Smith, Jennifer Rhoades, Addie Spicer, Summer Staub, Billy Spicer and Abby Lott.

In the Public Speaking division, Adams County was represented by Ashi Day. The senior representing Adams County in the public speaking division was Amber Day.

Wayne Flickinger represented Adams County in the senior impromptu speaking category.

Adams County adults who volunteered as judges, room chairs, and tabulators at regional speakout night were Jeanne Smith, Jacki Sterner, John Day, Abe Bucher, Lucy Lott, and Barb Spicer. Dan Ludwig, summer 4-H program assistant, served as director of impromptu speeches.

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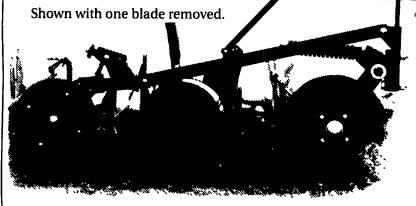
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