

FFA HAPPENINGS

FFA Livestock Judging
TIMONIUM, Md. — Recently, youth competed in a variety of livestock judging contests here at the 4-H and FFA State Fair.

The Catocin FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the livestock judging contest.

The Livestock contest is sponsored by R.D. Bowman & Sons, Inc. as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation. The high scoring individual for Livestock was Missy Willard, FFA member of the Catocin Chapter. The Flintstone Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to the Contest Superintendent Martin Hamilton, 4-H agent for the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maryland, there were 10 teams with 34 members participating. Contestants were asked to place six classes of livestock of four animals each and to prepare and present one set of oral reasons. Lee Heavner of the Flintstone FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised scoring.

The winning teams in the livestock judging contest from first through fifth were Catocin, Flintstone, South Carroll, South Garrett, and Queen Anns.

Participants receiving Gold Medal awards were: 1. Missy Willard. 2. Tammy Green. 3. Dave Stickley.

FFA Dairy Cattle Contest

The Francis Scott Key FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the dairy cattle contest held during the Maryland FFA and 4-H State Fair judging contests.

The FFA contest is sponsored by the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. as a special of the Maryland FFA Foundation.

Trophies were presented to the high scoring individual and the top reasons scoring team. The trophies, which were made available by Darryl Walker of Mendolson Terrace Farms, are given each year in honor of John Morris and Dr. Gordon Cairnes, retired staff members of the University of Maryland. The Catocin FFA Chapter took the second place contest banner.

According to Contest Superintendent and Official Judge Dr. Lee Majestic, dairy extension specialist in the Animal Science Department at the University of Maryland at College Park, there were 10 teams registered with 28 members participating.

Contestants were required to place six classes of four dairy animals, place a pedigree class, and prepare and present oral reasons on one of those classes. Terrie Shank of the Clear Spring FFA and Sue Lowery of the Boonsboro FFA Chapter coordinated and supervised the contest scoring.

Participants receiving a Gold Medal award: 1. Mark Valentine. 2. Neal Peckins. 3. J. C. Schnebly.

FFA Poultry Judging Contest
The Clear Spring High FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the poultry judging contest held during the Maryland FFA and 4-H State Fair judging contests.

The poultry contest is sponsored by the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation.

The high scoring individual for the contest was Matt Michael of the Clear Spring FFA Chapter. The Clear Spring FFA Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Charles Waybeck of the Poultry Science Department at

the University of Maryland, the contest included evaluation and placing of live birds, ready to cook poultry classes, and processed chicken products. Contestants were also required to identify broiler parts and grade eggs for interior and exterior quality. In addition, oral reasons or written factors were required on some classes and a written multiple choice test was completed by contestants.

Charles Cramer of the Walkersville FFA Chapter was the teacher chairperson and supervised scoring.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were: 1. Matt Michael. 2. Richard Sprouse. 3. Mark Michael.

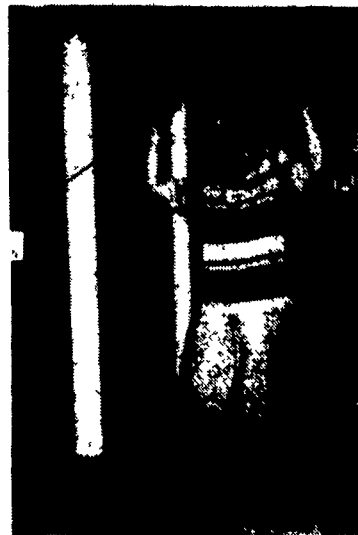
FFA Safe Tractor Operator Contest

The event was sponsored by Eastern Equipment Dealers Association as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation. The second place individual for the Safe Tractor Operators Contest was Jason Barkdoll of the Boonsboro FFA Chapter.

According to Contest Superintendent Dr. Lee Grant of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Maryland at College Park, the contest consisted of three components — a written examination, safe tractor operation, and a problem solving activity.

Each student drove a tractor through two courses, one with a two-wheel implement and one with four-wheel implement towed behind. The students were evaluated during the driving section on safety, time, and their accuracy while driving the course. In the problem solving, each student was given a tractor that would not start and had to find the problem and correct it.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were: 1. Jason Mayne. 2. Jason Barkdoll. 3. Gary Smith.



MHS student and FFA member Shaun Le scores a "hole in one" on a miniature golf course which students created as an FFA business project.

FFA Suits MHS Students To A "Tee"

The advantages of FFA membership are "par for the course" for several Milton Hershey School (MHS) FFA members who recently opened a miniature golf course for MHS students and staff members in a barn at student home Vian.

Conducted as an FFA business project, the enterprise began last spring when students designed the mini-golf course, built it to scale, then used their design to completely renovate a donated miniature golf course. MHS Senior Hall Teacher Don Hoffer directed the students' repair and refurbishing work as a construction class project.

Following the completion of the course, students worked with adult staff members over the summer to install the course in a gutted school barn. Tasks included removing, reglazing, and reinstalling windows and pouring concrete.

Designing the course around the roadway theme, the students also created score cards through the school's communications technology course with names such as "Falling Rocks," "Cattle Crossing," and "Dead End"

assigned to the 18 holes. Currently, students are managing the course, collecting fees, and maintaining books. According to MHS student Rey Del Rio, golf course manager, at least 40 MHS students and staff members play the greens on an average weekend.

Describing what he learned from the project, MHS student Bob Stroup, golf course treasurer, said, "The responsibilities that this golf course has given us will help us in the future. It's helping us to learn how to take care of property, run a business, and work with other people."

Another student said, "When I look at the course, it gives me a feeling of accomplishment."

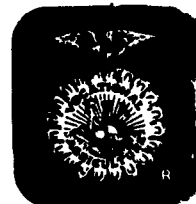
Brothersvalley FFA Attends Conference

Eight Brothersvalley FFA members attended a two-day Made For Excellence Conference at Hidden Valley Resort.

The program was presented by the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the United States Department of Education.

During the conference, FFA members found what makes them unique and special, how they could develop and maintain a positive outlook on life, and how they could take control of their lives. The program also provided knowledge and skills on how FFA members can set and achieve their goals, discovering effective teamwork strategies, exploring group communication, and motivating yourself as well as others.

FFA members attending the personal development conference were Patty Bird, Jesse Rogers, Doug Deaner, Jonathan Dickey, Bruce Hartman, Justin Miller, Bill Swift and Matt Coleman. Doyle Paul, FFA adviser, accompanied the group and participated in a progress report on developing a statewide strategic plan for agricultural education.



Fall Deal Days!



"High-Wheels" on Sale

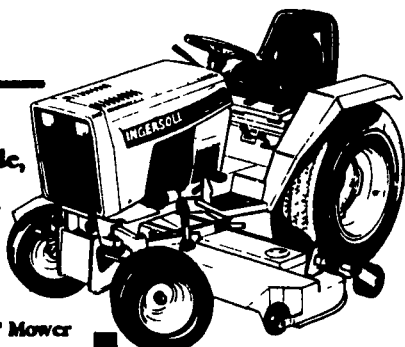
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