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absence.

Recognized with pins for participation in Fashion Revue were Megan Boring, Rachel Boring, Stacy Danneker Grace Delany, Sarah Isaacson, Rebecca Koch, Sherry Rice, Toni Rinker, Julie Rowles, Holly Snauffer, Lynnette Snyder, Elysha Thomas, Jessica Getgen, Melanie Harris, Angela Lovell, Machala McCoy, Erica Paulhamus, Erin Paulhamus, Leslie Rinker, Jenni Rowles, Stephanie Ulmer and Sarah Way.

Penn State Achievement Days contestants were called forward. The contests and competitors were Archery - Keith Daly, Krik DiMarco, Jason Hopkins, Jeremy Stackhouse and Scott Daly, Dairy Judging - Marsha Bosch, Melissa Daly, Randi Fogleman, Roberta Fogleman, Katie Jarret and Melanie Jarrett, Foods and Nutrition - Tara Baier, Melanie Harris, Amanda Isaacson, Heather Polk, Leslie Rinker and Jenni Rowles, Livestock Judging - Janice Bower, Angela Lovell, Scott Moore and David Smith, Orienteering - Trent DiMarco, Craig Girven, Stuart Rogers and Jeffrey Wenner, Physical Fitness - Shaunda Baier, Public Speaking - Dawn Snyder, Rabbit/Cavy - Melissa Berger and Jennifer Bowman, and Riflery - Dan Messersmith, Daryl Rinker, Julie Stugart and Reuben Stugart.

County members who went to the Farm Show competing in Potato Judging were Grace Delany, Craig Girven, Jeremy Harris, Mariah Peterman, Daryl Rinker, Toni Rinker, Leslie Rinker, Kris Robbins, Julie Stugart, Reuben Stugart, Robyn Styer, Shelly Vandine and Steve Vandine.

The 32 4-H'ers completing the seven-week Toastmasters Public Speaking course were awarded medals: Amy Bower, Brynn Bow-

er, Jeanette Bower, Eily Bryant, Stacy Danneker, Stephanie Danneker, Trent DiMarco, Ben Dommers, Amanda Fraley, Craig Girven, Katie Jarrett, Melanie Jarrett, Nathan Jarrett, Rebecca Koch, Emily McCoy, Machala McCoy, Melissa McCoy, Erica Paulhamus, Mariah Peterman, Yvonne Peterman, Sherry Rice, Leslie Rinker, Toni Rinker, Bethany Schweitzer, Dawn Snyder, Lynnette Snyder, John Snyder, Nichole Stiner, Gini Stopper, Mary Beth Stopper, Elysha Thomas and Stephanie Ulmer.

For filling out Keystone Recognition Applications, pins or charms were given to Marsha Bosch, Amanda Fraley, Craig Girven, Katie Jarrett, Mariah Peterman, Yvonne Peterman, Leslie Rinker, Rebecca Schneider, Danielle Swisher, Megan Boring, Rachel Boring, Grace Delany, Jason Delany, Kristopher Robbins, Dawn Snyder, Stephanie Ulmer, Sheloly Vandine, Sara Waldman and Jessica Wenner. Savings bonds were awarded to Stephanie Ulmer for Best Junior Form and Mariah Peterman for Best Senior Form.

Pins for completing the first year of a Teen Leadership Project went to Sarah Isaacson and Sarah Sander.

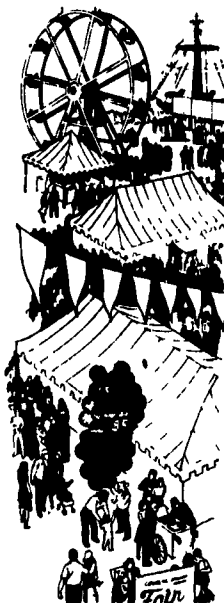
4-H Advisory Board President Alice Girven presented pins and installed the new County Council Officers: President - Reuben Stugart, Vice President - Sarah Way, Secretary - Heather Polk and Treasurer - Leslie Rinker.

The Russell Berger Memorial Dairy Award went to Marsha Bosch and the plaque for the James Nicholson Citizenship Award went to Katie Jarrett. Named Outstanding 4-H Girl was Yvonne Peterman and Outstanding 4-H Boy was Craig Girven.

The evening's festivities

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—What should a parent check for when selecting a child care program? First, find out if the program is licensed or registered. Pennsylvania requires that child care centers be licensed. Family child care homes and group homes should be registered with the Department of Public Welfare. After deciding on home care or

wrapped up with announcements of the Pumpkin Mania winners. Receiving gift certificates from Agway for their pumpkin growing and decorating efforts were Nathan Jarrett for Most Perfect Shape and Best of Show, Sarah Isaacson for Tallest, Amy Schweitzer for Smallest, Stephen Schweitzer for Best Painted, Saah Schweitzer for Most Original, Bethany Schweitzer for Most Creative Use of a Pumpkin, Ly-l-ette Snyder for Bill Messersmith Look-A-Like and Best Design on Borrowed/Bought Pumpkin, Wes Zeisloft for Best Carved Pumpkin, and Benjamin Schweitzer for Children Under 8.



center care, parents should visit several sites before a decision is made.

Tour the center or home and look carefully to see if it is clean and safe. Look for things like broken glass in the yard and clean floors in the eating and play areas. Are there dirty dishes or food laying around? Toys and play equipment should not be broken or have rough edges. Cleaning materials and medicines must be kept in locked cabinet.

Plants, which may be poisonous, should be out of the reach of children. Check for the location of emergency numbers and the first aid kit. Ask where the children take naps. The nap area needs to be clean and in a quiet location.

Walk around the outside play areas. Check the condition of play equipment. A play area near traffic must be fenced in.

Look over the daily schedule to see the activities planned. Look for times of active play and quiet play throughout the day. Is there a

planned time to read to the children? There should be a variety of art materials and toys for the children to use and lots of books that are located where children can easily reach them.

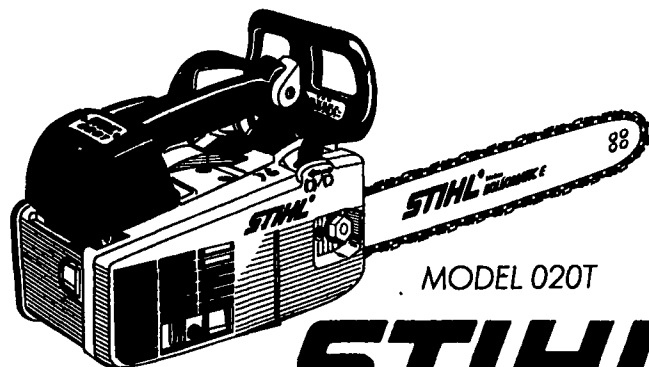
Ask staff about their training and experience working with children. Find out how they handle discipline. Do they encourage children to be independent? Observe staff interacting with the other children.

Include your child in a visit to the center or home to see how he or she adapts to the other children and the staff. Get references from other parents who have children in the program. Find out about payments policies and those for vacation or sick days.

Finally, ask the question, "Is this a place where I want my child to spend a large portion of his or her day?" If you have any doubts, continue to look for a child care program where you feel comfortable with your choice.

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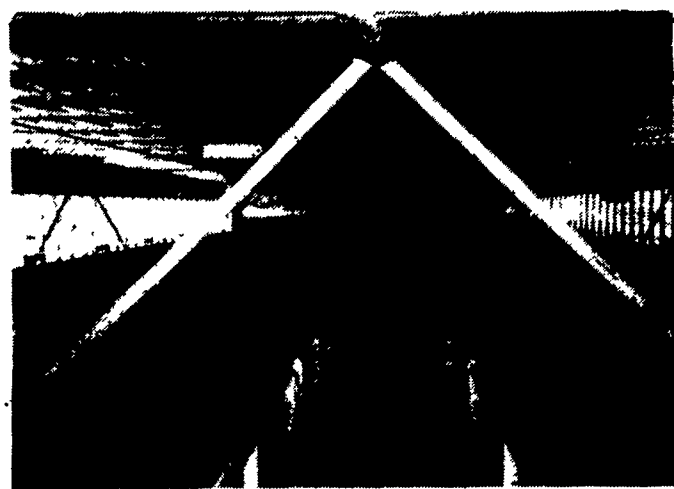
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