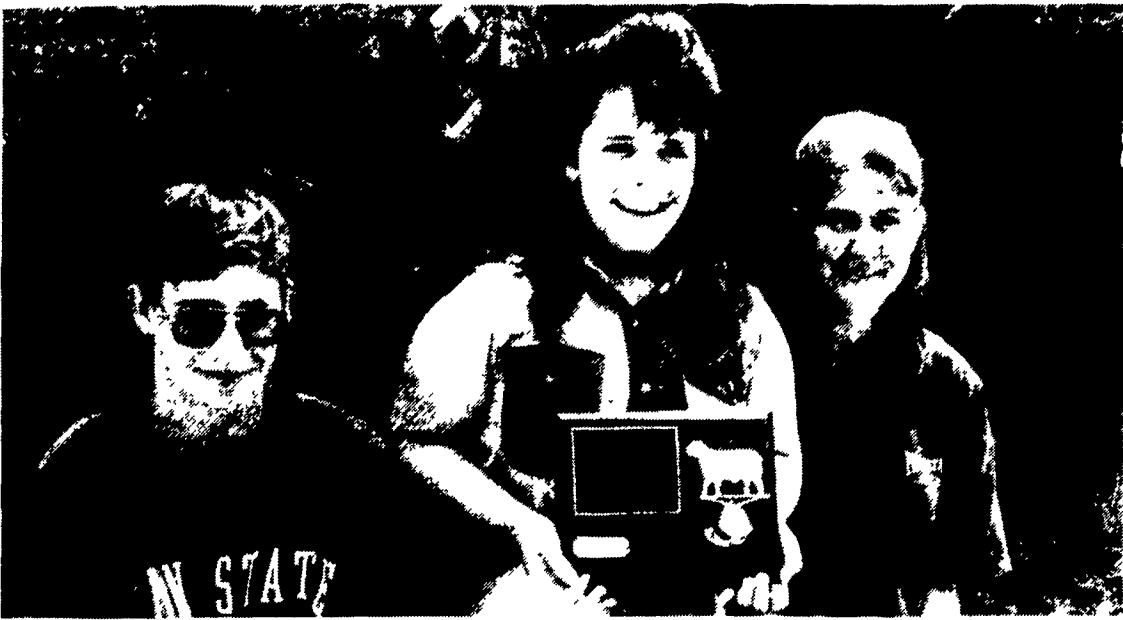




Members of the Lebanon County senior-age division livestock judging team are the top district team. From the left are Ryan Spatz, Ann Leed and Blair Brown.



The top junior-age division team of the Southeast Regional Livestock Judging Contest are Lebanon County's Brandon Winebark, Kyle Fleener, and Nathan Ryan.



This Berks County livestock judging team is the first from that county to capture the senior-age division regional championship in sheep. From the left are Justin Levan, Stephanie Bowman, and Nicole Knepp.

Lebanon County Wins Livestock Judging Contest

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — The Southeast District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held August 2 in conjunction with the Lebanon Area Fair and Lebanon County posted a decisive win, with both junior-age and senior-age teams and topping teams from Lancaster, Berks, Dauphin and York counties.

In the junior-age division, Kyle Fleener, of Robesonia, was the overall outstanding individual, while Ann Leed, of Lebanon was the highest ranking individual in the senior-age division.

For Fleener, the honors capped a strong week with his showing the grand champion steer of the Lebanon Area Fair, as well as the reserve grand champion market lamb.

The livestock judging competition involves individual and team efforts in judging market lambs, beef and hogs. Complete final results were not available from competition organizers.

However, from partial results made available, and from announcements made during the award presentations on August 2, Fleener was the top junior-aged individual in beef and swine. Hope Long, of Lancaster was the high junior-age individual for swine.

The Lebanon junior-age judging team, consisting of members Fleener, Nathan Spatz and Brandon Winebark were first in beef and swine and top overall.

The Lancaster County team with members Danny Bollinger, Nicole Hess and Hope Long were first in sheep.

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In the senior-age division, the top overall individual was Ann Leed, of Lebanon County. She was first in reasons-giving for sheep judging, but she didn't place first in any specie competition.

First place individuals according to species were Blaine Brown, of Lebanon, top individual in beef; Nicole Knepp of Berks County, first in sheep; and Conrad Smoker of Chester County, first in swine.

The top senior-aged team overall was Lebanon County, with members Ryan Spatz, Ann Leed and Blaine Brown. That team finished first in beef and swine categories.

The Berks County team posted a personal best in becoming the first team from that county to win top honors in sheep judging. It's members were Justin Levan, Nicole Knepp and Stephanie Bowman.

The overall senior-age team for reasons-giving was Chester County.

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