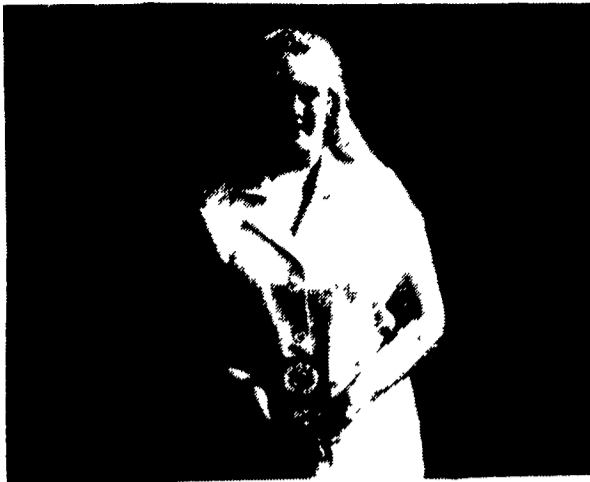


The Best In 4-H'ers

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Kelly Snyder, daughter of Eille and Lee Snyder of Northampton County, had the first place individual score in the senior horse judging competition at the statewide competition. Kelly was also the recipient of the James Gallagher Memorial Trophy. Pictured with Kelly is Dr. Ed Yoder, professor and interim head of agricultural and extension education and chair of the Youth Program Coordinating Council in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.



Armstrong County 4-H member Holly Rodnicki from Apollo received a plaque for her high scoring general presentation, entitled "Can you hear me?" The presentation was about sign language.



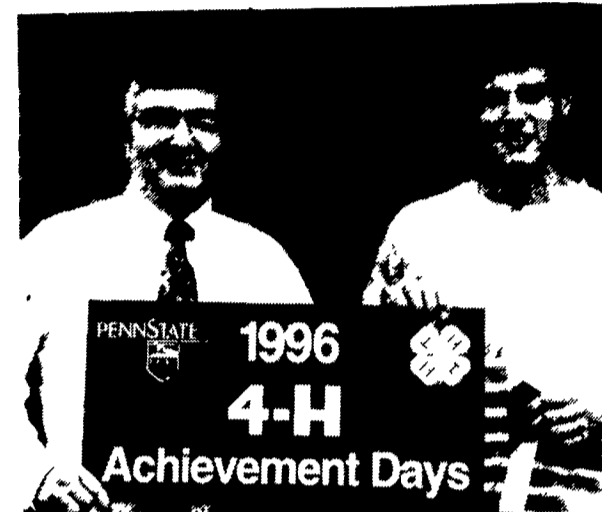
Amy Lichtenwalner of Lehigh County placed first in plant science presentations at 4-H Achievement Days. Her presentation was "The Safe Use of Pesticides."



The Fulton County 4-H Junior Meats Judging Team took first place in statewide competition. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Ed Yoder, professor and interim head of agricultural and extension education in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Sarah Merica, Michelle Mann, and Stephanle Smith. Sarah Merica also took home the honors of first place individual in junior meats judging. Also attending State 4-H Days were Ruth Shaffer, competing in the foods and nutrition contest, and 4-H Extension Agent Norma Lash.



Orienteering contest winner from Montgomery County. From left, Dr. Ed Yoder and Chris Erickson, top individual.



Chad Findlay of the Highsteppers 4-H Club came in first place in the physical fitness male contest.



Montgomery County's 4-H team took first place in statewide competition in senior orienteering. From left, Dr. Ed Yoder, Chris Erickson, and James Sherman.



Team demonstration contest/animal science winners from Montgomery County. From left, Dr. Ed Yoder, Vanessa Polk, and Megan Sly.

Fayette County 4-H

Fayette County 4-H Foods and Nutrition Team took first place in statewide competition held on Penn State's University Park Campus. The annual competition is part of Penn State 4-H Achievement Days. Team members include 4-H'ers Megan Regula and Christle Regula, Trisha Gallagher, coach and 4-H leader Christa Gallagher.

... the only jockeys at fairs would be riding race horses.
 ... all exhibitors conformed to the rules and regulations as printed in the premium book.
 ... clenbuterol and other adrenergic agonists had no effect on show animals.
 ... only humans would have to provide a urine sample for testing.
 ... state police would only have to read fingerprints, not noseprints.
 ... only nurses would have to draw blood for testing.

... not even the IOC, NBA, and NFL would have to test for steroid use.
 ... the highest price paid at the sale would be for the overall combined champion project (phenotype of the animal, showmanship ability, knowledge of the project and industry, record book, etc.).
 ... winning would be a nice thing, but that would be about all.
 ... education and service were more highly esteemed than winning a county fair.

"It's Showtime"

by
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IN A PERFECT WORLD...

Man only likes to count his troubles, but he does not count his joys.

— Fyodor Dostoyevsky

In a perfect world...

... hair would not be an economically important trait.
 ... the best steer in the barn the day before the show would be named champion of the show.
 ... the only baler twine in a showbarn would be keeping flakes of hay together.
 ... everyone at a junior steer show could look through the hair and beyond the color of a steer in order to see his true merit.
 ... all junior market steers would be sufficiently broke to lead so that they would not bolt and cause injury to themselves or humans.
 ... the best steer, regardless of color, would warrant serious consideration for champion.
 ... it wouldn't take six people to fit a junior project steer while the junior exhibitor watched.

In a perfect world...
 ... all market lambs would lose their lamb teeth on their 365-day birthday.
 ... Cheviots and Southdowns would have the same opportunity to be named champion as Hampshires, Suffolks, and crossbreds.
 ... tight hides and long necks were not significant economically important traits.
 ... treadmills would be used by people, not lambs, for exercise.
 ... drenching guns were used only for deworming lambs.
 ... black spray paint was left at home in order to repaint the mailbox.
 ... the only ice in the showbarn would be keeping the drinks cold.
 ... all market lambs would be shown slick-shorn or with butt-patterns.
 ... market lambs *always* would be exhibited and braced with their four feet firmly planted on the ground.
 In a perfect world...
 ... fairs would have a sufficient number of classes in order to

limit class sizes to a maximum of 12 pigs.

... there is no such thing as a showing that is too big.
 ... every hog showing had pens for placing the hogs.
 ... people selling feeder pigs had the purchase price pre-established and would not raise the price if a youngster wanted to buy the pig as a project animal.
 ... feeder pigs to be purchased for a junior project weighed 40-70 pounds, not 120-140 pounds.
 ... barrows would have a compositional advantage over gilts.
 ... seven-month old hogs needed a cane to get around the showing, rather than being driven by one.
 ... pigs would not fight in the showing.
 ... pigs shown in hot weather would not be dripping wet with oil, but would be cooled with water.
 ... inexperienced youngsters showing pigs would use canes rather than whips and slappers.
 ... pork quality (PSE, DFD) could be visually evaluated in the live animal.
 ... crossbred hogs that look like Hampshires would be shown as crossbreds, not as Hampshires.
 In a perfect world...
 ... all livestock judges could evaluate livestock based on the merits of the animal without preference for or prejudice against color, breed, or the person showing the animal.
 ... the youngster exhibiting the animal did all of the fitting with adult supervision, but without significant assistance.

