

# Livestock Team Wraps Up Memorable Year

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**YORK (York Co.)** — Members of the York County Livestock Judging team had to do a lot of explaining this year.

And all that explaining, perhaps better known as "giving oral reasons," earned them a third-place overall spot at the national contest in Louisville Kentucky.

Team members are Shanna Daugherty, York; Heather Jasienski, Felton; Adam Sellers, Thomasville; and Matt Trostle, Red Lion. Coach is John Eaton, assisted by Melissa Trostle and Chad Cash.

York County's livestock judging teams have compiled a lengthy history of outstanding performance at the junior competitions, from the local ones held with other counties to high-powered national finals. This year's team upheld that traditions of accomplishment, with outstanding performances at regional contests in four states to the third-place finish out of 35 teams and 136 individuals competing at the North American International Livestock Exhibition, held at Louisville in late November.

"But this was their last contest," acknowledges John Eaton, former York 4-H livestock exhibitor and judge. "Once a team wins at the state level, that's the last they can compete."

According to Eaton, the judging is based on how the structure of the animals in the classes relate to the needs of the meats and breeding industries. Ten classes of live-

stock were included, with four head per class. Four classes were of beef and three each of hogs and sheep. All breeding classes included information on performance data.

Four classes of oral reasons were given, testing both memory of the classes and ability to verbally justify the class placings. Also included in the contest were two classes of questions on information on which competitors could initially take notes and then be tested on the date in written form.

In addition to placing third nationally as a team members scored well as individuals. Shanna Daugherty was ranked 11th in the national judging, Matt Trostle finished 15th, and Adam Sellers took 18th placing. Trostle was also ranked 12th overall in reasons.

The team finished in fifth place in the beef portion of the judging, with Shanna Daugherty in the 10th individual spot. It was a third place finish in the sheep judging portion, with Adam Sellers the 7th high individual and Matt Trostle 15th. Sellers took the first place individually in hog judging, with the team finishing eighth.

To help fund the team's travel to participate at the national contest, Hoss's Steak and Sea House restaurant chain purchased the champion steer at the York junior livestock sale and donated it back for resale. Those proceeds to attend the national runoffs were shared equally by York County's state-winning livestock judging and meats judging teams.



York County's third-place national livestock judging team includes, from left, Coach John Eaton, Adam Sellers, Shanna Daugherty, Heather Jasienski, Matt Trostle, and Coach Melissa Trostle.

## Warren County 4-H Holds Achievement Night

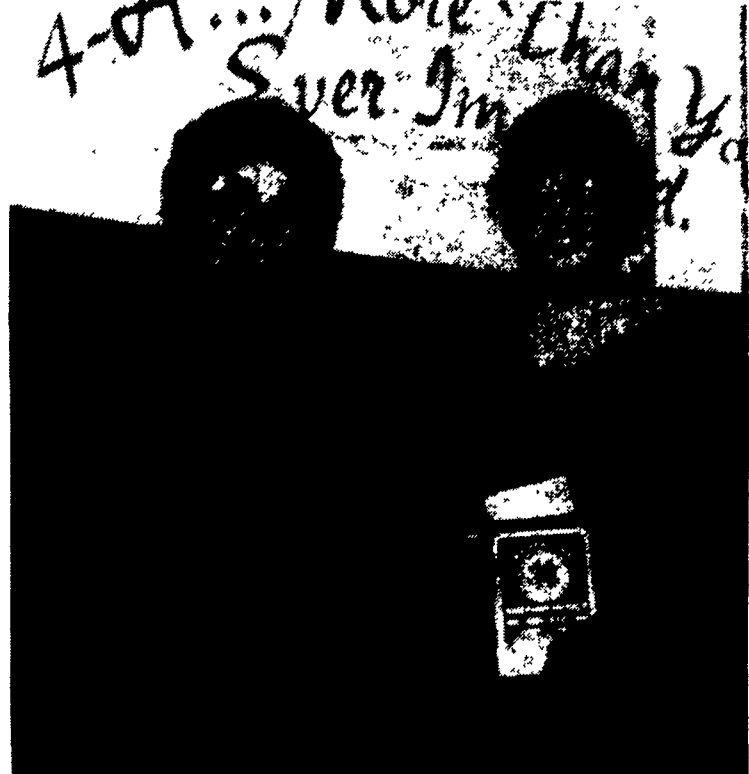
**YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.)** — "4-H . . . More Than You Ever Imagined" was the theme of the Achievement Night recently sponsored by Warren Rotary Club and Warren County 4-H Development Council. The evening began with Maris Ojamuru, a 4-H Program leader from Estonia who has been visiting Warren County 4-H family, Craig Wilcox of Russell. She spoke on what freedom means in her country, the 4-H program, and her beautiful country.

The evening continued with presenting two traveling Rotary trophies which are awarded annually. The 1996 Family Living trophy was presented to Kyle Young of Pittsfield for his work in bettering people's lives and community service. Kelsi Wilcox of Russell received the 1996 Agriculture Award for her accomplishments in dairy work and community service. Companion trophies were given to last year winners Bailey Klinestiver of Tidouste and Melissa Landers of Russell.

Watts Memorial award recipients were nominated by 4-H leaders to honor 4-H members for their cooperation, attitude, good spirit and character. Paul Ekey of Shamrock Sheep Club and Lauren Timco of Nature Watchers were recognized for their overall 4-H career.

The Warren County Commissioners sponsored the 1996 Achievement Awards with \$50 savings bonds. Commissioner Howard Brush presented the Citizenship Achievement award to Melissa Landers for her Keystone 4-H Club hosting, Leadership, and Child Care project work. Carrie Swanson of Russell received the Community Service award for leadership in club community projects and her individual 4-H member work. Kelsi Wilcox of Russell received the Communications Achievement Award for her demonstration and presentation skills at civic club and school programs, and radio presentations.

PennWest honors 4-H members who have good production records books. The following received



The Brett Marsh Memorial Dairy Award went to Kristen Hitchcock (right) of Russell. June Jones, Brett's mother, (left) made the presentation.

\$25 awards — Kyle Anderson of Russell for sheep production and Dustin Wilcox of Russell for dairy production. Carrie Lindell was presented with the overall Warren County animal production record for her horse production records. She received a \$200 savings bond.

The 4-H Development Council presented three \$200 scholarships. Connie Swanson of Russell attends Jamestown Community

College, Mandy Schuyler of Warren attends Pittsburgh Culinary Arts School, and Carrie Swanson of Russell attends Jamestown Business College.

The Debbie Knowlton Award for outstanding livestock 4-H member went to Rachael Swanson of Russell. The Brett Marsh Memorial Dairy Award recipient was earned by Kristen Hitchcock of Russell.

## Cambria County Selects Prize-Winning Capons

**SOUTH FORK (Cambria Co.)**

— The prize-winning capon at the annual Cambria County 4-H Capon Roundup weighed in at 10½ pounds and brought owner Justin Mullen \$36 per pound. Frank Castelli of Central Transportation Inc., purchased the prize winning bird.

Mullen's two blue ribbon capons sold for a total \$460. The second bird was purchased by KFC for \$8 per pound.

Justin, 13, is the son of Francis and Tresa Mullen of Ebensburg.

The reserve champion capons were shown by Reed Myers, 9, son of Mark and Diane Myers of South Fork. His two birds weighed in at 23 pounds and brought \$362. Ed Long of Long's Hardwood Inc. of Ebensburg purchased one of Reed's birds for \$25 per pound. Ebensburg Rotary Club brought the second bird for \$7 per pound. Sixteen birds were auctioned off by Wayne Templeton.

Overall average price of the sale without including champion prices was \$7.50 per pound. Each 4-H member who participates in Round-Up must begin the project with the same age and breed of capon. Records are maintained on feeding management and total cost of bringing the entry to maturity. Entries are judged on appearance, chilling, softness of flesh, weight, proper packaging, and have two birds that give the same appearance in looks, weight, and shape.

Other participants and the price received per pound for both birds included Carrie Durica, \$10 and \$6.50; Robert Hegeman, \$9; andy Myers, \$9 and \$6.75; Megan Skebeck, \$8 and \$6.75; Rosemary Hegemann, \$7.50 and \$6.25; Matthew Skebeck, \$7 and \$8.

Three capons were donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society food bank by the Rotary Club and Agway Inc.



At the Cambria County Capon Roundup, from left, are Justin Mullen, grand champion; buyers Frank Castelli and Ed Long, and Reed Myers, reserve champion.



**CHURCHVILLE (Maryland)** — "The best auction we've had in history," is how Roy Hutchins describes the 4-H livestock sale at the 1996 Harford County Fair, which benefited cancer leg-amputee Ben Keyes. Hutchins' business, J&R Sheds, is administering the Ben Keyes Fund, which was established to help with fundraising for the Keyes

family's extensive medical bills. Some \$35,000 was raised through the sale and an ensuing pig roast from additional animals purchased there and donated back. Fund-raising efforts continue. Contributions may be sent to The Ben Keyes Fund, c/o J&R Sheds, 3025 Churchville Road, Churchville, MD 21028.