

H A P P E N I N G S

Paws & Tails

At the last meeting before the fair, on Aug. 11, the club members walked their dogs in circles, practicing commands and routines they've been working on: heel, sit, stay, left-about turns, about turns, recalls, finishes, sit/down, and immediate down — which is a life-saving command.

Irish Hill Shamrocks

A club meeting was held Aug. 8 at Forest Lake Township Hall. The pledge was led by Seth Everett, roll and dues were taken, and Megan Fetterman read the minutes and a card from the Red Cross.

Leader Fran Small asked the members to tell their age and what projects they were taking to the fair. Demonstrations were presented by Chantal and Shaloam Birchard, Jake and Justin Smith, Chris Stanis, and Jaime and Liz Holbert.

4-H'ers Win

At Two Horse Shows

Twenty-three Dauphin County 4-H'ers won ribbons at the District Six 4-H Horse and Pony Show held at the Lebanon County Fairgrounds on Aug. 16 and four 4-H'ers placed at the District Horse Production Show on Aug. 21 at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds.

Participants in the Horse and Pony Show were evaluated on how well the rider and horse perform together. Depending on the division, the top two or three place finishers at the Horse and Pony

Show will go on to compete in the Pennsylvania State Horse Show on Oct. 24-26 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

At the Horse Production Show in Shippensburg, youth competed in their raising and breeding projects. Judging was based on the horse's confirmation. At the production show, only blue ribbon winners are eligible to compete in the State Horse Show in October.

At the Horse and Pony show the combination of Christie Laudenslager, Lykens, Jason Kramer, Dauphin, and Megan Deveney, Enola captured first place honors in the county team competition. Laudenslager was a double winner, taking her second blue ribbon in pleasure horse driving.

Allison Reigle, Halifax, led a Dauphin County sweep of individual competition in saddle seat equitation senior division with Reigle; Amy Klinger, Dauphin; and Kristin Brown, Harrisburg taking one - two - three, respectively, Reigle was also a double winner, taking an additional blue ribbon in saddle seat pleasure.

Ashley Shiffler of Hummelstown was also a double winner, taking blue ribbons in hunter seat equitation and senior English grooming and showmanship. A fourth double winner for Dauphin County was Christie Berchok of Dauphin who took blue ribbons in hunter seat equitation over jumps and hunter under saddle horses. Melissa Peters of Harrisburg won the working hunter horse division.

In the Pleasure Pairs category, Tasha Wagner, Hummelstown and Jason Kramer, Dauphin teamed up to place second, while Kate Proctor, Harrisburg and Jessica O'Neal, Hummelstown paired up to take third.

At the District Horse Production Show held at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds Dauphin County 4-H'ers also were top place finishers. Kristin Showers, Halifax, took the blue ribbon in hunter type yearling gelding, and Kaitlin Showers took first in Morgan yearling colt. Amy Cave of Grantville won hunter type filly of the year. Jennifer Rudy, Halifax, placed 2nd in stock type yearling gelding.

Kristin and Kaitlin Showers and Amy Cave qualified to compete in the production divisions at the State Horse Show in October. Berchok, Reigle, Shiffler, Laudenslager, Kramer, Devaney, Peters, Amy Klinger, Beth Klinger, Wagner and Todd all qualified to compete in the horse and pony divisions at the state show at the Farm Show Complex.

Compact Tractor, Engineering 4-H Winners

Garrett County representatives from Western Maryland were new challengers for championship honors in the 4-H "Learn to Earn" compact tractor contest held Aug. 23 on opening day of the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

Meanwhile, contestants from neighboring Carroll and Balti-

more counties shared top honors in the 4-H small engine contest. A Montgomery County resident won top honors in the state 4-H electric/energy contest for the fifth consecutive time.

Shawn Bender, 14, of Accident (Garrett County) was the senior champion among six contestants in the compact tractor event. Justin Watt, 15, of Middleburg (Carroll County) placed second. Justin won the junior championship last year.

Christopher Dixon, 13, of Shawsville (Harford County) won championship honors among eight contestants in the junior age category. Jeremiah Guard, 14, of Friendsville (Garrett County) was runner-up for the second consecutive year.

Jason Sellman, 16, of Wards Chapel (Baltimore County) won the senior 4-H small engine championship after placing a close second in this category last year. Brian Owings, 15, of New Windsor (Carroll County) placed second.

Adam Brower, 13, of Taneytown (Carroll County) won the intermediate-age championship in 4-H small engine competition. Jason Fringer, 9, of Smallwood (Carroll County) received junior second-place honors.

Sam Evans, 11, of Griffith Park (Montgomery County) won the junior 4-H electric/energy contest. His brother, Ben Evans, was the 1996 winner in this event.

Twelve-year-old Lloyd Hardman III of Cumberland (Allegany County) placed second for the second year in a row. There were no senior contestants.

Senior division winners in last week's state fair compact tractor and engineering contests are eligible to represent Maryland in the National 4-H Engineering, Science and Leadership Event, scheduled Sept. 21-23. For the third consecutive year, this event will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and the Tippecanoe County fairground across the Wabash River in Lafayette, Ind.

Paws And Tails

The club held its meeting on July 21. The members started with heeling and a few stays, then had some fun with the tire jump, bar jump, and the broad jump. They did more heeling and then went into figure eights.

The day was finished by doing an exercise with the agility equipment. They had to go through the tire jump, bar jump, broad jump, weave around boxes, and do a sit-stay on a card table.

At the July 28 meeting, members and dogs started out with heeling, then did sit, down-stays, and stand-stays. They also did heeling tests. Heeling tests are when the dog is put on a sit-stay, takes two or three steps in any direction, and then is told to heel.

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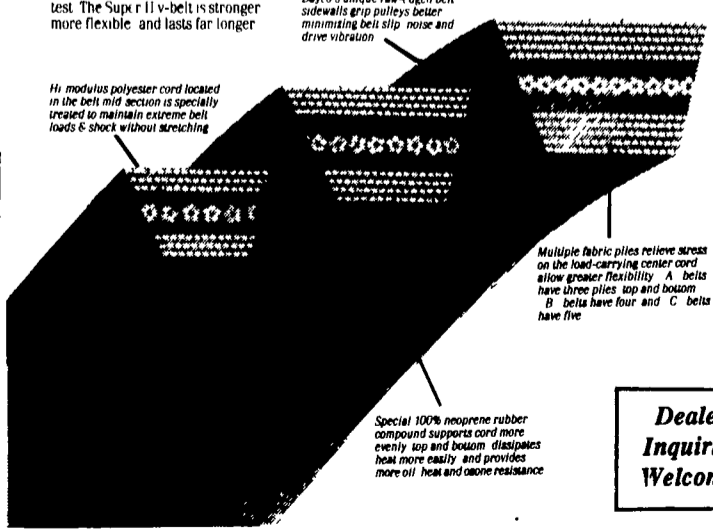
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