

# H A P P E N I N G S

## West End Youth Receives 4-H Award

Derek Arnold, Brodheadsville, a 4-H member of the Collection Connection 4-H Club, has been selected as the recipient of the Robert A. Jensen Citizenship Award, a 4-H award given annually in recognition of Robert A. Jensen, a Vietnam Veteran of Monroe County who died in 1968 while serving his country.

Derek has been an active 4-H member of Monroe County for seven years. Derek's project work in entomology has helped him become involved in programs in the county and even on the state level. Derek has won awards for his entomology collection at the West End Fair, Pennsylvania State

Farm Show and was invited to show his collections at the Penn State University's "Great Insect Fair" for both 1996 and 1997. Derek also identifies moths collected in grower's fields for the Sweet Corn Integrated Pest Management Program to help reduce the use of pesticides. Derek attends Pius X school and is on their varsity football team.

### Member Awards Presented

Another 4-H year has come to a close with the annual Achievement Night program held recently at the Montrose United Methodist Church. The gathering of 4-H families and friends was greeted by County Council President Kevin Harvatine, who proclaimed that everything he needs to know

he has learned through 4-H.

The 4-H Ambassadors were then introduced: Tami Cobb, Benjamin Hibbard, Jenni Marcho, Cody Peranich, and Tammy Valashinas. The ambassadors brought the crowd to their feet with songs and a tic-tac-toe mixer, and proceeded to acknowledge the many sponsors of the county 4-H program. Northeastern Farm Credit was awarded the 1997 Outstanding Community Support Certificate. Charlotte Zebly and Donna Brown accepted the award.

4-H members from across the county were recognized for outstanding achievement in many program areas. The first member awards were presented to Teen Leaders, Julie Stalter, Tammy Valashinas, Curtis Keihl, Charles Keihl, Joelynn Himka and Kerri Pratt. Teen leaders are a vital part of the 4-H program. There are many teens who accept leadership roles within their clubs or the county program. The members named above accepted leadership roles in addition to completing a leadership project.

Club News Reporters are members who were elected by their peers to share events and happenings of their clubs with the community through newspaper articles. Three News Reporters were awarded certificates for their outstanding work in 1997. Abigail Onyon reported for the North Jackson Ag Club, Lindsay Place reported for the Hoofs in Clover Horse and Pony Club and the DES Dairy Club, and Kevin Nesta reported for the Paws 'n' Tails Dog Club and the Dimock Community Club.

Four members were acknowledged for their 4-H Project Diversity. There are literally hundreds of 4-H projects available to 4-H members in Susquehanna County. To complete the 4-H year, each member must meet the requirements of at least one project. Elizabeth Seman and Sarah Holmes of the Sunrise and Sunset 4-H Club each completed eight projects, and Danica Newman of the South Montrose Busy Bees also completed eight projects. Benjamin Hibbard, a member in the Dimock Community 4-H and the

Born to Show Dairy Clubs completed nine different projects.

Five 4-H members received scholarships at the Achievement Night Program: Kevin Harvatine received two scholarships, one from the Livestock Scholarship Fund, and the other from the Development Fund. Andrea Garner also received two scholarships, one from Northeastern Farm Credit and the other from the Development Fund. David Harvatine was awarded a development fund scholarship, and Melissa Kanna and Cory Peranich each received scholarships from the Horse and Pony Scholarship Fund.

Member awards were completed with the announcement of the 1997 Susquehanna County Outstanding 4-H'ers: Andrea Garner and Kevin Harvatine. Andrea and Kevin have been 4-H members for the past 10 years and have capitalized on the opportunities that 4-H has offered them. Each was awarded an engraved silver tray.

A new 4-H year is under way. Some clubs continue to meet throughout the year, while others will reorganize early next spring. New members and leaders are always welcome. For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension office in the County Office Building, Public Ave., Montrose, or call (717) 278-1158.

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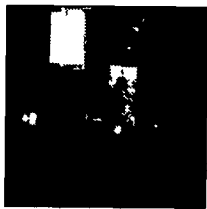
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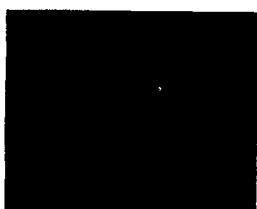


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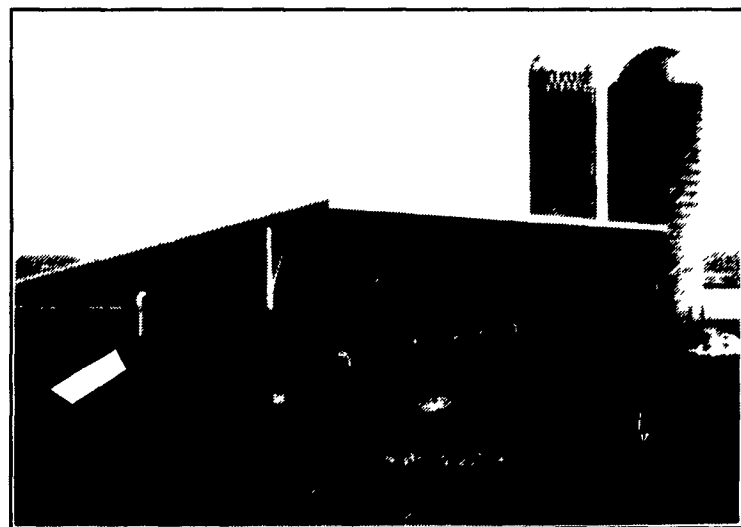
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