

4-H Achievement Night

There were four 4-H clubs in Susquehanna County in 1997 that attained a 100 percent completion rate, which means that every member of the club successfully completed at least one 4-H project.

Each 4-H project requires something specific to be completed, depending on the subject matter. Every project requires an exhibit at the county-wide roundup, and the completion of record book.

The Delmonicos 4-H Club, the Golden Fleece 4-H Club, the Rock Ridge Riders 4-H Club, and the Sizzlin' Steaks 4-H Club were all awarded certificates for 100 percent completion at the annual 4-H Achievement Night program held recently in Montrose.

Susquehanna County 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in promotional and community service projects in addition to their individual member projects. At the achievement night program, many clubs were recognized for their accomplishments in these areas.

Three clubs received awards for creating displays for National 4-H Week: Cowboys and Cubbers, Born to Show Dairy, and the County Council. East Bridgewater was recognized for having participated in parades. And, four clubs were honored for their efforts through newspaper articles: Paws 'n' Tails, Dimock Community, Hoofs in Clover, and North Jackson Ag.

Nearly all of the 4-H clubs in Susquehanna County realize the important benefits of community service. The following clubs were presented with certificates in recognition of community service in 1997: Acre Lake, Born to Show, Deckertown, Delmonicos, DES Dairy, Dimock Community, East Bridgewater, East Rush, Franklin Hill, Hoofs in Clover, Irish Hill Shamrocks, Maple Ridge, Mountain View Horse and Pony, Rock Ridge Riders, Schooley Pond, Siz-

zlin' Steaks, and South Montrose Busy Bees.

The Dimock Community 4-H Club was commended for an exceptional record of five different service projects: beautification, litter pickup, leaf removal, roundup lunch stand, and a project with the Montrose Rotary to assist children in West Virginia. Four of these community service projects are included in the club plan each year. The cooperative effort with the Rotary Club was a special addition to last year's agenda.

The Achievement Night Awards Program concluded with the declaration of Blue Ribbon clubs. This new award in 1997 was earned by two clubs: Deckertown Community 4-H and Dimock Community 4-H. Three clubs were given honorable mention: Born to Show Dairy 4-H Club, DES Dairy 4-H Club, and Hoofs in Clover 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

The Blue Ribbon Club Award is presented to every 4-H club which accumulates 500 or more points on the Blue Ribbon Club Guidelines Form. Clubs use this form to tally points they earn through various aspects of the 4-H program. Points are acquired for everything from meeting enrollment deadlines and member completion records, to participation in community service, county events and promotional activities. Dimock 4-H accumulated 558 points and Deckertown had 535 points.

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. **4-H Market Steer Feeding Program To Begin**

The 1998 Wayne County County 4-H Market Beef Steer Feeding Program will begin on Saturday, Nov. 15.

4-H members, enrolled in this project area, are asked to bring their 4-H market steers to the Wayne County Fairgrounds, near the Large Show Arena, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

There are a number of considerations for the 4-H beef project member to observe for selection, feeding, health, management, and exhibition of 4-H market steers. 4-H club membership is also needed. They include:

Select a beef calf that was born mid-to-late March into early April 1997. Select only 100 percent beef blood calves, i.e. Angus, Polled or Horned Hereford, Charolais, Simmental, Maine - Anjou, Limousin, etc., or any cross-bred calves with 100 percent beef blood in the sire and dam. Do not select any crossbred calves with dairy/beef blood, i.e., Jersey-Angus, Holstein-Angus, Holstein-Hereford, Holstein-Charolais, Holstein-Simmental, etc.

• Weaning weight of these 100 percent beef blood calves should range from 500 to 600 pounds by October/November 1997.

• Select a calf that shows good growth-straight and level about the topline, shows some width and depth of hindquarter, is relatively "waste free" through the front end, shows some width and depth through the rib and loin area, and walks and "tracks" straight on strong feet and legs.

• As soon as the calf is purchased, consider "halter breaking" the beef steer. A calf that is "halter broken" early and is taught to respond to a halter and a show stick will usually respond better in the show ring.

• Most weaned beef calves have had only limited grain fed to them on pasture. Start grain to these calves slowly. Feed grain at 2 percent of their body weight. Example: A 5000-pound beef calf should receive about 10 pounds of grain per day (5000 pounds x .02 = 10 pounds of grain/day). A soft feed or soft pellet is good to start these beef steers. Consider feeding a 18 percent to 20 percent protein grain initially. Corn silage, grass or hay crop halage, or balage can be fed at a rate of 20 to 25 pounds per day. Try to include some good quality grass-type long hay into the beef steer each day. This move will help in cud-chewing and overall digestion of the grain and forages.

• Beef steers need lots of clean,

fresh water at all times. Free choice salt and minerals are important, too.

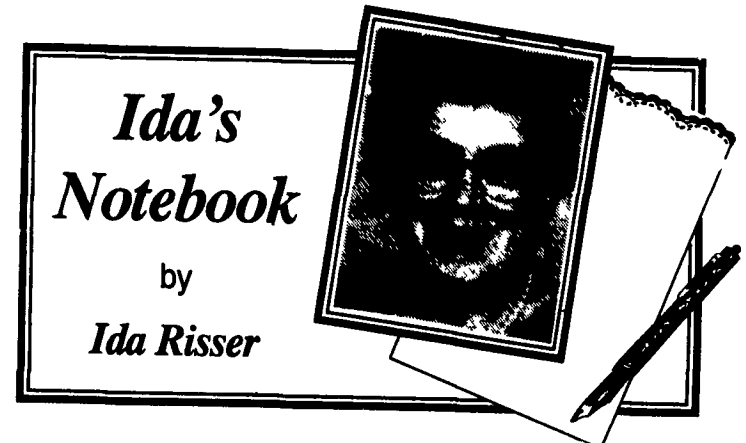
• All beef steers should be checked to be sure that they are castrated. Treat for internal and external parasites with a "pour-on" for injectable parasite compound. For purposes of the Nov. 15 ear tagging, freeze branding, and vet check at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, it is strongly suggested that all 4-H market steers presented that day have at least one injection of a respiratory complex product. This should be done at least 10 days to 14 days before the Nov. 15 weigh-in, etc. Check with your veterinarian for product availability.

• The 4-H Market Steer Feeding Program begins on Nov. 15 and concludes at the 1998 Wayne County Junior Livestock Sale on Aug. 15. The minimum qualifying weights, for the 1998 Wayne County Fair 4-H Market Steer Show, will be 1,050 pounds for British-breed-sired 4-H market

steers (Red and Black Angus, Polled and Horned Hereford, Shorthorn, etc.) and 1,200 pounds for Continental-breed-sired 4-H market steers (Simmental, Charolais, etc.)

• One of the keys to successfully growing and finishing a 4-H beef market steer is commitment. It takes a lot of high-quality feed and forages to grow and finish a steer. 4-H members and 4-H parents need to be aware of this feeding commitment before starting this 4-H project. It is not a cheap project to maintain. A beef steer needs attention every day of the feeding program. Neglect in feeding or managing any part of this project will eventually come back to negatively impact this 4-H project.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Cooperative Extension (717) 253-5970 extension 239, or by visiting the 4-H office which is located in the basement of the Wayne County Courthouse in Honesdale.



Today I feel like honoring our youngest daughter who just had her 34th birthday. She was born at the Ephrata Community Hospital and was a very good baby. Maybe being our sixth child, I'd finally learned how to keep a baby happy. Since her brother had learned to read when he was four years old, she too could read sentences at 27 months — I could not believe it, but she could.

She was daring and had her share of accidents. An acetylene tank fell on her as she climbed on it and she broke her collarbone. One day she rode her bicycle over a retaining wall and into a glass storm door. Luckily, she only needed a few stitches.

All through public school she enjoyed being a leader. She was an announcer on the school radio

and a member of the marching band. Many hot days and cold nights were spent practicing music and steps. The competition in the Cavalcade of Bands at Hershey was electrifying.

When she started at Penn State, she had two brothers already attending there. That's right, we had three in college at one time. She studied industrial engineering with courses such as "Quality Control and Reliability," "Applied Decision Analysis" and "Human Factors Engineering." She was president of the Penn State Collegiate 4-H Club and a writer for the Industrial Engineering Newsletter among many other things. You see, she was active in 4-H Clubs in Lancaster County for eight years and even conducted a cooking

club in my kitchen for several years. They made a complete meal every week and cleaned up afterward.

Now she is the manager of the decaffeinating section of the Folgers Coffee Plant in Texas. So if you ever drink their decaffeinated coffee, she had a hand in it. This young lady not only has a very responsible job, but also is expecting her second child this year.

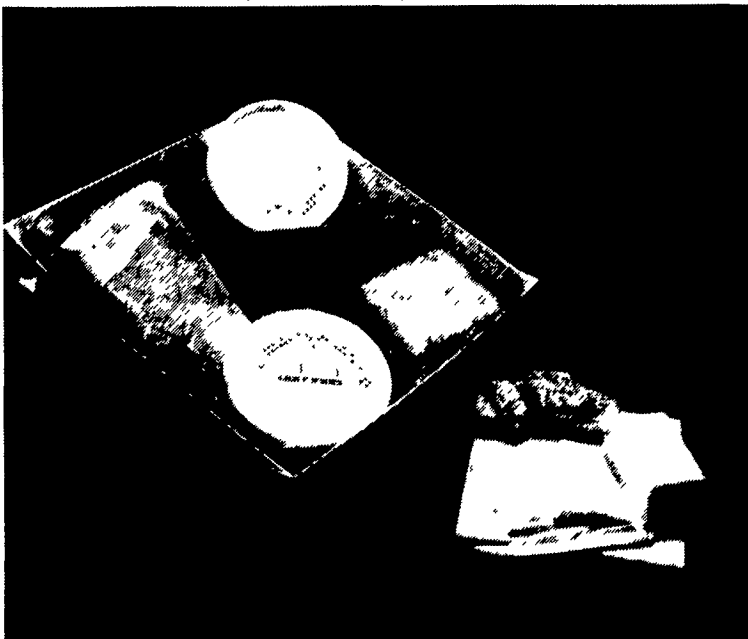
Maybe someday I'll write about our other five children who are just as wonderful according to their mother.

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