

# H A P P E N I N G S

## Carbon County 4-H

The Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club held its Achievement Night in December at the Big Creek Grange, Lehighton.

Members and families enjoyed a pizza party prior to recognizing outstanding members.

Organizational Leader Diane Miller-Graver and Vice President Justin Cunfer presented achievement trophies and a 4-H key-chain to each member. They then presented special recognition trophies to the following: Justin Cunfer, outstanding member, cattle; Ashley Barry, outstanding member, goat; Kerry Shoenberger, outstanding member, poultry; Ashley Barry, outstanding member, sheep; and Miles Hearn, outstanding member, swine. Also presented awards were Miles Hearn, Housekeeping Award, cattle; Sarah M. Miller, Housekeeping Award, goat; Josh Kemmerer, Housekeeping Award, poultry; Laura Mazur, Housekeeping Award, sheep; and Sara Miller, Housekeeping Award, swine.

## Bucks County 4-H Clubs

Local youth 4-H members and adult volunteers are participating in a nationwide media campaign designed to promote youth community service and volunteerism and to raise awareness of the diverse educational opportunities offered by 4-H.

4-H Youth Voices and Action joins Smokey the Bear, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Crash-Test Dummies and other successful campaigns developed by the Advertising Council, the nation's largest producer of public service advertising.

The ads use the slogan "Are You Into It?" to encourage youth and adults interested in community service to call a toll-free telephone number (888-77-YOUTH) or visit the campaign's World Wide Web site ([www.areyouintoit.com](http://www.areyouintoit.com)). Callers then will be contacted by a youth 4-H member or adult 4-H leader in Bucks County, who will provide information on volunteer opportunities, as well as on local 4-H clubs and activities.

Bucks County 4-H'ers who are part of the Voices and Action Rapid Response Media Teams are Kelly Pike, Quakertown; James and Emma Kaminski, Bensalem; Rebekah Winder, Perkasi; Jason Smedberg, Chalfont; and Bonnie Stephenson, Huntington Valley.

Those interested in community service or 4-H can call the Bucks County office of Penn State Cooperative Extension at (215)345-3283.

The messages began running on radio and television stations and in newspapers and other publications this fall. Local television stations that were contacted include WCAU (Channel 10), WTGI (Channel 61) and Suburban Cable (Channel 9). Local radio stations include KYW-AM (1060), WFLN-FM

Certificates and appreciation items were presented to Kerry Shoenberger as Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club over all outstanding member and to Justin Cunfer as top seller fundraiser.

The officers of the club then presented the leaders with gift certificates and pins as tokens of their appreciation for time and energy given to the 4-H members. Leaders of the club are Diane Miller-Graver, Organizational Leader, Dennis and Deanna Cunfer, Robert L. Miller, Kris Simmons, Kelly Wentz, and Marie Zimmerman.

Special tokens of appreciation from Diane Miller-Graver were presented to Robert L. Miller in recognition of his years of service in chaperoning members to the Farm Show and out of area shows and to Deanna Cunfer in appreciation for the work undertaken to bring the club rules up to date and helping the club run smoothly.

Officer pins were awarded to Mike Fedor, president; Justin Cunfer, vice president; Sara Miller, secretary/treasurer; and Miles Hearn, news reporter.

(95.7), WTTM-AM (990), WBCB and WBUX.

"Young people who get interested in community service tend to carry that value forward into adulthood," said Pat Freiler, Bucks County 4-H coordinator. "These ads demonstrate that volunteering is a fun and worthwhile activity, especially when you do it with a group of your friends. Most 4-H clubs and programs have a community service component."

Those who respond to the ad campaign can choose to participate in a variety of volunteer activities such as caring for animals at the SPCA, community cleanup days, planting trees and flowers, visiting nursing homes, and collecting food and supplies for the needy.

"Besides helping the community, the campaign also will enable us to get the word out about what 4-H has to offer," Freiler said. In Bucks County, 5,054 4-H members between the ages of eight and 19 take part in programs such as animal science, natural resources, clothing and textiles, public speaking, seeing eye puppy and leadership development.

More than 119,000 urban and rural youth in Pennsylvania, and 5.4 million nationwide, are involved in 4-H, which is administered by Penn State and other land-grant universities.

"4-H has an image much narrower than its actual program and reach today, and this ad campaign is going to help us broaden that image," said Dick Sauer, president of the National 4-H Council. "Ultimately, the real success of this effort will come when young people are fully engaged in helping to solve the critical issues their communities face, making those communities better places to live and work."



Members of Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club. Front row, from left, Kerry Shoenberger, Stephen Hearn, Sarah M. Miller, and Nicholas Simmons. Middle row, Tony Quinn, Chad Shafer, Kerry Shoenberger, John Kintz, Rebecca Cunfer, Andrew Miller, and Ashley Barry. Back row, Miles Hearn, Randy Miller, Sara Miller, Scott Cunfer, Justin Cunfer, Shanna Simmons, and Josh Kemmerer. Missing from picture are Stephen Green, Jamie Kintz, Carl, Laura, and Leslie Mazur, and Mike Fedor.



Carbon County 4-H Livestock Award winners. Front row, from left, Kerry Shoenberger, outstanding member, poultry, also overall outstanding club member; Ashley Barry, outstanding member, goat, and outstanding member, sheep; and Sarah M. Miller, housekeeping award, goat. Back row, Miles Hearn, outstanding member, swine, also housekeeping award, cattle; Sara Miller, housekeeping award, swine; Justin Cunfer, outstanding member, cattle, also top seller-fundraiser; and Josh Kemmerer, housekeeping award, poultry. Not shown: Laura Mazur, housekeeping award, sheep.

## National 4-H Congress

Tara DeAngelo of Carlisle and John Creek of Shippensburg were among more than 1,000 4-H young people who stepped closer to leadership, national style, while attending the National 4-H Congress in Memphis, Tenn.

Tara and John, along with Sylvania Negley, 4-H program assistant, attended Congress Nov. 28 through Dec. 3. The theme for this 76th congress was "Learning to Lead...Leading to Learn in a Diverse World."

The congress provided an opportunity for 4-H'ers to meet national figures such as Dave Thomas, CEO of Wendy's Inc., and Kate Shindle, Miss America. In addition, Tara, John, and Sylvania heard super seminars and leadership and motivational speakers, who encouraged all of the 4-H'ers to take steps to make a difference in their communities.

Thomas, in addressing the 4-H'ers, expressed no doubt that future megabusiness moguls were sitting in the audience. "You have a great opportunity. I'm big on 4-H. I want to congratulate you on what you are going to do."

The group also participated in a live, national broadcast of the 4-H Congress's town hall meeting called "4-H Leadership in Action." The broadcast allows the 1,000-plus youth to express

their opinions on how the United States can address critical issues facing youth. The issues, voted on by the youth, are drugs, other substance abuse, teen sexual activity, and crime and violence.

## On The Move

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until a customer base is established," Rita said.

The idea of using a mobile unit was birthed when an on-staff nurse said, "What we need is a motor home."

Rhoads was delighted with the idea, and when the concept was presented to the board, a board member offered his motor home for that purpose.

A bed in the back bedroom serves as an exam table. The front room is used to take blood pressure, check heart rate, blood and urine levels and other checks.

Set-up equipment includes scales, equipment for checking blood and urine levels, cleaning chemicals to meet OSHA guidelines, and other necessary items.

A lending library and medical reference books are also crammed

into the area.

If the mobile sites gain a large enough customer base, Rhoads plans to establish an office in the area.

In addition to Rhoads, Valerie Peery is also on the staff as a midwife. Peery has been involved in birthing for years in the Chadds Ford area and has six children. Rhoads and her husband have five children.

Rita is especially grateful for the financial support of the James S. Herr Foundation of Nottingham, for helping fund crisis pregnancies and health care for children and women.

If you are interested you knowing more about either the birthing center or mobile services, call the Quarryville office at (717) 786-4010.