

H A P P E N I N G S

4-H Sponsor Campaign To Kick Off

Another 4-H year has come to a close, and already plans are being made and clubs are organized for the new year full of projects, activities, and various hands-on learning experience.

The 4-H mission is to provide an environment in which youth and adults can develop life skills. Life skills are defined as any skill used throughout life, such as decision making, com-

munication, interpersonal relationships, resource management, and many more.

When a child learns to plan time into his/her schedule to complete a 4-H project, he/she is learning many of these life skills—regardless of what subject the project addresses.

The 4-H program in Susquehanna County is as strong as it is because it has a tremendous amount of support from the community. Nearly

200 adult volunteers help to make it happen. Countless others lend their support through cooperative efforts and financial contributions. The entire community has a lot to gain by providing opportunities for our youth to develop the skills and cooperative attitudes that will be required of them in their adult lives.

Local businesses, friends, neighbors, and families of 4-H members will be asked once again to show their support for the 4-H program and to help if they can by donating to the Susquehanna County 4-H Development Fund. This fund is used to finance the wide array of activities and events that provide 4-H members with opportunities to develop skills they will

use throughout their lives. It also makes possible the necessary training for 4-H club leaders—adults and teens. Anyone who has ever paid their way on a bus trip knows that transportation costs alone can put wonderful events out of reach for many youth in Susquehanna County. Although various money-saving options are constantly being pursued, the fact is: it costs money to provide a quality 4-H program.

In recent years, 4-H members solicited sponsors for specific project area needs. Many individuals and merchants were asked several times to give to 4-H'ers for various programs or events. In an effort to lessen the annoyance to local businesses a new method of obtaining a 4-H sponsor donations is being implemented. One general campaign will begin on Feb. 1. Sponsors will still have the option to give their donations to specific programs or they may choose to give to the general 4-H program. 4-H members will still make contact with the sponsors, and the organization hopes more people will become aware of the width and depth of the overall 4-H program.

Center will be held Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Northampton County 4-H Center is located on Bushkill Center Rd., Nazareth. The tack swap is open to anyone who wishes to come to sell or to buy various horse related items, apparel, and tack. All sellers must have a table area. No consignment items will be sold at the tack swap.

Sale areas will be offered to the public at a cost of \$15 per table for the indoor area, \$12 for the pole barn area, and \$10 per "area" in the outdoor arena, weather permitting. Anyone wishing to sell during the tack swap must preregister for spaces in the indoor and pole barn area. Arena areas will be allocated on the day of the event.

Any item from small to large may be sold. No live animals will be allowed to be sold at this event. Persons with large equipment to sell are welcome to display it on the open grounds for the registration fee.

Food will be available during the tack swap courtesy of Backtrackers 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

Anyone wishing further information, directions, or registration for this event is encouraged to call (610)837-7294.

Public Invited To Tack Swap

The annual tack swap at the Northampton County 4-H

County 4-H Awards

Amory Bennett, Churchville and Chara Hinstead, Sellersville, received the I Dare You Leadership Award recently at the Bucks County 4-H Achievement Night.

This countywide award recognizes leadership qualities, academic achievement, school and community involvement, physical or athletic activities, and good character.

Bennett, daughter of Larry and Barbara Bennett, is an eighth grade student who is raising her third 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy. The puppy raising program offers family love and socialization to the dog before its fitness evaluation by the Seeing Eye Foundation.

Hinstead, daughter of Timothy and Kathy Hinstead, is an active member of Hilltown 4-H Club. Chara enjoys sewing and contributes time and talent to sewing items for community service, such as the Goschenhoppen Historic Festival. She visits a local group home to cheer the residents and gives regular service to her church. Twice she has presented the secretary workshop for 4-H club officers at the Bucks County 4-H Officer Training.

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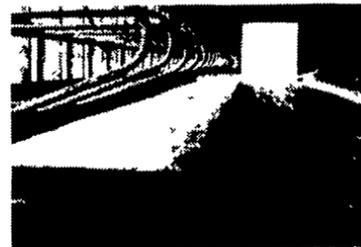
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