

# H A P P E N I N G S



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**4-H Achievement Banquet Honors Members, Leaders**

A crowd of 200 friends and families of Northampton County 4-H attended the Annual Achievement Banquet.

4-H youth were honored for their accomplishments throughout the year and 4-H Scholarships recipients Kevin Martin of Danielsville, Heather Ford of Northampton, and Jenny Stout of Pen Argyl received their awards.

4-H adult volunteer leaders were honored for their hard work and dedication to 4-H. Liz Longenbach was honored for 35 years of service as a 4-H leader, John Miller for 15 years as a 4-H leader; Mary Ellen Ford, William Ford, Frances Widrick, and Marie Thaler for 10 years as 4-H leaders, and Geraldine Parry, Bonnie Cochran, and Jeffrey Brewer for five years as 4-H leaders.

A special plaque was awarded to Donald Wunderler, the 1997 "Friend of 4-H" recipient, for his generous help and contributions during the 4-H round up and other events. Rep. Leonard Gruppo assisted in awarding the senior member awards. Entertainment for the evening was provided by 4-H Teen Council, showing a video of the 4-H year in review.

**Susquehanna County 4-H News**

"I have been taught there is a time to be a leader, a team member and a student." With these words, Andrea Garner, Susquehanna County's Outstanding 4-H dairy member, has summed up her learning experiences as a 4-H'er. Andrea has demonstrated

these life skills throughout her 10 year 4-H tenure as she learned skills which she willingly passed on to others. As her knowledge and self-confidence developed, Andrea became committed to helping young 4-H'ers learn to fit, show, and judge dairy cattle in her club, dairy camp and Roundup. Her enthusiasm, eagerness and a ready smile have made her a welcome addition to any activity or committee in which she is involved.

Andrea has worked tirelessly for the dairy industry as a dairy maid, dairy ambassador, and alternate dairy princess. She has promoted milk and dairy products through school, store and fair promotions, radio shows, newspaper articles and countless appearances at meetings, clubs and nursing homes.

Andrea's 4-H dairy products and involvement in the dairy industry have brought her many opportunities, experiences, friendships and leadership roles...all of which have helped her set her sights on a career in the dairy industry. She's pursuing a degree in dairy science at Delaware Valley College, where she is a freshman.

**Cowboys & Cubbers Horse & Pony**

The club members elected officers at the December meeting. They are president, Melissa Kanna; vice president and news reporter, Megan Cavanaugh; secretary, Alisha Fraser; treasurer, Amy Griffith; photographer, Sofia DeLouisa and song and game leader, Cody Peranich.

A special activity of roller skating has been planned for February. After a short business meeting, the club hosted a party with a gift exchange and refreshments.

**4-H Horseman Club Sign-UP**

The Diamond H 4-H Horseman Club will be having an official sign-up meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Troutner's, Peach Bottom. Parents or guardians of youth are encouraged to attend the sign-up meeting as well as monthly meetings. Liz Yong will be giving a presentation at this meeting.

This 4-H club teaches youth about the care and treatment of horses as well as life skills in many areas. Owning a horse is not required.

The club will meet once a month and will include field trips, clinics, and social events. For more information, call Don Crump, (717)284-5256.

**4-H Club Organization**

The Mastersonville 4-H Community Club will reorganize on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Mastersonville Fire Hall. The registration meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information on joining 4-H, contact 4-H Club leaders Audrey Witner (664-5586), Karen Mentzer (665-6605), or Katina Showman, 4-H Coordinator at the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Office, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601 (phone 717-394-6851).

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The members of the team are Monique Fournier, Kelly Moretz, Megan Nelson, and Matthew Koerner. The team was accompanied by their adviser, Naomi Knight. Monique, Kelly, and Megan received individuals honors of silver medals and Matthew received a bronze medal. The students each had to complete a sales presentation of a product or service, market practicum in either telephone services, customer relations, product display, or advertising and promotion, sales test, and a team market analysis. The team placed first in the category of bronze.

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## 4-H Expands Through Partnerships

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ask someone who has been farming awhile what 4-H is, and he might reminisce about showing livestock and going to camp. And of course, his sister took clothing and cooking.

Ask Ohio children to describe 4-H today, and they probably will talk about fairs, clothing and camp; they are still integral parts of the program. But you would also hear about school enrichment programs, entrepreneurship programs, youth-at-risk activities, urban gardening and a whole lot more.

"The challenge of today's 4-H program is to strike a balance between serving the traditional audiences, while reaching out to new audiences," said David Andrews, assistant director of 4-H Youth Development, Ohio State University.

This year, Feb. 22 through Feb. 28 marks Ohio 4-H Week. During this week, 4-H specialists, members and volunteers make a special effort to communicate the diversity of projects and learning experiences available to potential 4-H members and volunteers. More than 200 curriculums provide a variety of options for learning, from the traditional areas of agriculture, sewing and cooking to the arenas of computer science, photography and leadership on the job. There are currently 230,000 4-H members and 35,000 volunteers who participate in Ohio 4-H.

Many 4-H programs are establishing partnerships with new organizations, Andrews said. Not only can 4-H reach more urban and suburban youth this way, but partnerships help make better use of available resources. For decades counties have funded 4-H. But in larger area, county commissioners must serve too many people to provide all of the funds for one program. In these areas 4-H is seeking additional funding part-

ners. A newly formed partnership with Five Rivers Metro Park in Dayton is one example. The park has dedicated a building for educational programs for Extension and the park, and Extension is hiring two people to staff the facility.

Urban Gardening, a staple in many urban areas, will also grow this year to include youth-centered activities. The idea is to go beyond learning how to grow plants and vegetables. Youth will be actively involved in programs involving the gardens that would promote their overall personal and leadership development, Andrews said.

The Teen Bridges program paired with AmeriCorps this past year. AmeriCorps is a national service program funded and operated through the Ohio Governor's Community Service Commission and the Corporation for National and Community Service. An extension of the established CarTeens program, Teen Bridges is a peer-mentoring program that teaches responsible driving to teens. Thanks to a two-year grant, volunteers in 19 counties have coordinated and expanded programs around Ohio.

Ohio 4-H is also partners with RISE, a Cincinnati-based agency that addresses volunteer training. The two received \$800,000 from the Ohio legislature, on the condition they obtain matching funds, to develop training materials for volunteers on how to best work with youth.

The materials, projected to be piloted in Ohio this fall, will cover child development, youth development and the best practices for reaching different age groups. It's aimed at anyone working with kids in a volunteer capacity, Andrews said. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the