



Pictured are the Somerset County 4-H scholarship winners. Front, from left, Jill Brant, Julie Sechler, Delaine Swearman, Sara Hillegas, and Cindy Miller for Melissa her daughter. Row 2, Kelby Hay, Brian Hartman, Bob Landis, Dan Ackerman and Rose Svonavec for daughter, Jenna.

## Somerset County 4-H Scholarships Exceed \$6,400

MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — The scholarships awarded at the Somerset County 4-H Recognition Dinner exceeded \$6,400.

Three of the recipients — Sara Hillegas, Bob Landis and Kelby Hay — each were selected to receive \$900.

Hillegas, the daughter of Roland and Connie Hillegas of Fairhope, received scholarships from Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo and Melvin; Frank J. Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Fund; Karen Marteeny Memorial Scholarship Fund and Hemminger Homes.

She is studying Chemical Engineering at the Pennsylvania State University. Bob Landis, son of Robert and Teresa Landis of Berlin, received scholarships from Black's Specialty Service; PennWest Farm Credit, and the Betsy Will Custer Memorial Dairy Scholarship.

Hillegas and Landis were named the Outstanding 4-Hers

by PennWest Farm Credit.

Kelby Hay, son of Larry and Gale Hay, also received scholarships totaling \$900 from Somerset Trust Bank and Black's Specialty Service.

Combined scholarships of \$500 were awarded each to Dan Ackerman, son of Diane Ackerman, Somerset; Melissa Miller, daughter of David and Cindy Miller, Berlin; Julie Sechler, daughter of Rich and Audrey Sechler, Meyersdale; Phoebe Sharp, daughter of Willis and Susan Sharp, Stoystown.

Also receiving \$500 scholarships were Jenna Svonavec, daughter of Joseph and Rose Svonavec, Rockwood, and Delaine Swearman, daughter of Clifford and Joann Swearman, Markleton.

Receiving scholarships of \$350 were Jill Brant, daughter of David and Carol Brant, Rockwood, and Brian Hartman, son of Dale and Dorothy Hartman of Glencoe.

The remaining scholarships were provided by the Leroy Glessner Memorial Fund, Somerset County Beef Producers, Somerset County Lady Shepherds, Somerset OBGYN, Fred Strang, Somerset County Home Builders Assn., Fike, Cascio & Boose, First Philson Bank, Highland Tank & Mfg. Company, Lincoln Supply & Equipment, B.J. Maurer Ford and PNC Bank.

Above 350 persons attended the activity that is jointly held by the Somerset County 4-H Council and Somerset County Development Fund, Inc., to recognize those whose support of the Somerset County 4-H program make it the tremendous success that it is.

Mary Ann Sorber received the Emerald Clover for 25 years of leadership in the Horse and Rider 4-H Club.

Robert Hay, a leader in the Steaks and Chops, received the Diamond Clover for 20 years of leadership.

Judy Rugg from Brotherton Belles and Beaus, for 15 years of leadership was awarded the Pearl Clover.

Ten leaders received the Gold Clover for 10 years: Diane Ackerman, Linda Baraniak, Carol Barbera, Gale Hay, Larry Hay, Nancy Merrill, Mark Miller, Judy Rhoads, Ted Shipley, and Betty Lou Svonavec.

For five years, the Silver Clover was presented to David Brant, Bonnie Foxwell, Linda Holsopple, Jon Landis, Robert Landis, Paul Martin, Eileen Barbera Melvin, Cindy Miller, David Miller, Debbie Miller, Rachel Mostoller, Amy

## Ida's Notebook

by

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Halloween! My grandchildren usually ask me to go along on their visit to neighbor's homes during this annual holiday. But as I managed to take a big fall last year, I am not sure that I want to walk around in the dark and stumble over a curb again. My knees and hands were badly scraped.

Now when I was younger I thought nothing of running from house to house. Some places we were graciously received and other places we knew we were not welcome, but we went anyway. Those days are long gone.

Each fall one of my sisters invites her other sisters on a mystery trip. This year we drove to Middletown to take a train ride. The M & H train was operated as part of the Reading system from 1890 to 1976. Since then it has been an independent railroad. We traveled 11 miles

along the Swatara Creek as it followed the towpath of the historic Union Canal.

At the end of the line we disembarked and visited the Indian Echo Caverns. In this huge cavern the temperature is a constant 52 degrees. I have been in many caverns in my lifetime including Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. But, I was impressed with the size of the rooms in this cavern. A William Wilson actually lived in one room for 19 years long ago. There were 71 steps down to the entrance and that was easy going but the climb up was a bit different.

Five of the seven Shreiner sisters are still living and we enjoyed a day together with our husbands. We included a cousin who was not blessed with siblings. It was a pleasant fall day.

Petenbrink, Wayne Petenbrink, Michelle Schrock, Stephanie Slifco, Betsy Smith, Stacy Sorber, and Kim Sutton.

About 21 leaders were also recognized for having served one year.

Entertainment was provided by the Singing Lions from the Pennsylvania State University

who held a captive audience with songs from the "Big Band" era.

Scott Rhoads, president of the county 4-H Council, and Peggy Black, president of the county 4-H development fund, were in charge of the program that followed a meal served by the Berlin Firemen's Auxiliary.

## Learn About Holiday Customs

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Ever wonder how holidays are celebrated in other countries? If so, then plan on attending Penn State Cooperative Extension's "Holiday Customs" program on November 12 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Allied Services community room in the Allied Services Corporate Services Center formerly the Wes Freedman building, Honesdale.

The program features three international students from Keystone College who will discuss the holidays, customs, music, and art of Japan, Korea, and Kuwait; Betsy Barrera, Penn

State Cooperative Extension expanded Food and Nutrition Education Advisor, who will share holiday customs and cuisine of the Latino culture; and Debi Eglesia, from Jo-Ann Fabrics who will lead participants in making a personalized snowman door hanging.

The cost of the program is \$10 which includes speaker fees, refreshments, and craft materials. Call Penn State Cooperative Extension (Lackawanna County) at 717-963-6842 by November 4 to make reservations or for more information.

## Grave Concern

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contact family members living there," Buch said.

In all his travels to graveyards, Buch has read a lot of epitaphs. His favorite? "Here lies the body of Solomon Peas, under the daisies and under the trees. Peas is not here, only the pod. Peas shelled out and went home to God."

According to Buch, Berks County is more organized in burial site protection and obtain state grant money to restore untended cemeteries.

"It is our ultimate goal to have a

trust fund where money raised for grave restoration is put into a trust and managed by Grave Concern to assure maintenance is maintained on family burial plots," Buch said.

In addition to Buch who is in charge of membership and restoration, Grave Concern's board of directors includes James McMullin, president; John S. Shirk, vice president; Dona Mylin, secretary; Walter Brunke, treasurer.

For more information, contact Fred Buch at 1107 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522 or phone (717) 733-6051.



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