

Close Contests Highlight Pa. 4-H Achievement Days

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)— 1999 Pennsylvania 4-H Achievement Days were conducted at the end of July, here at Penn State.

In the dairy cattle judging contest, the winning team in the senior division was York County with members Rachel Kilgore, Joshua Hushon, and Becky Kilgore. Following in second was the team from Franklin County, with members Stacy Goetz, Kyle Burdette, and Megan Meyers. Placing third through fifth were Lebanon County (Andrew Ebersole, Michelle McMichael, Jeremy Mase, Timothy Vail), Crawford County (Adam Raney, Erin Raney, Nathan Weiderspahn), and Cumberland County (Aaron Cornman, Thomas Harwood, and Sonya Rinker). York also was high reasons team, followed by Franklin and Lebanon.

Competition was keen among the top 10 senior individuals. The top two individuals both had 512 points, with Thomas Harwood edging Stacy Goetz for first place based on the oral reasons tiebreaker. The remainder of the top five included Michelle McMichael, third; Rachel Kilgore, fourth; and Joshua Hushon, fifth. They were followed by Becky Kilgore, Andrew Ebersole, Nathan Weiderspahn, Lauren Daubert (Clinton County), and Matthew Yoder (Mifflin County). In reasons, the top five individuals were Harwood, Goetz, Hushon, Rachel Kilgore, and Becky Kilgore.

In the junior division, Beaver/Butler emerged as the first-place team and high team in reasons. Members were Kevin Caldwell, Nicole Boyle, and Nathan Schulthies. Indiana's team of Patrick McMillen, Keith Pollock, and Johanna Runyan placed second overall and second in reasons. Kevin Caldwell edged Marcus Peachey of Mifflin County by one point to win the individual portion of the contest. Placing third through 10th were Katie Harwick, Lehigh; Thomas Ulrich, Washington; Patrick McMillen; Jessica Bigler, Mifflin; Matthew Litman, Washington; Suzanne Harwick, Lehigh; Johanna Runyan; and Nicole Boyle.

The Dairy Quiz Bowl also provided spirited competition. In the final match, Berks County defeated Cumberland County. Members of the Berks Team were Brandon Treichler, Jill Neiman, Ben Weist, and Pamela Werley. Cumberland's members were Amy Kaucher, Amy Kulick, Jason Nailor, and Daniel Yeakley. Berks will represent Pennsylvania at the North American 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl in Louisville.

Four Pennsylvania delegates to the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wis. were chosen following an application process and interviews during 4-H Achievement Days. Representing the Keystone State at this event will be Katie Suba, Huntingdon County; Angela Adams, Wyoming County; Amy Kulick, Cumberland County; and Lauren Daubert, Clinton County.



Pictured from left, Dr. Blannie Bowen, professor and head of agricultural and extension education in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. From left, air pistol seniors, Brian Baldwin, Jessica Leister, Keith Livelsberger, and Jonathon Murren, all from Adams County.



Air rifle senior, Wade Neely, from Blair County.



Air pistol senior, Michael Miller, from Erie.



Air rifle senior, from left, Pete Fischer, Tim Merritts, and Wade Neely, all from Blair County.



Brian Newman, Montgomery, orienteering novice.



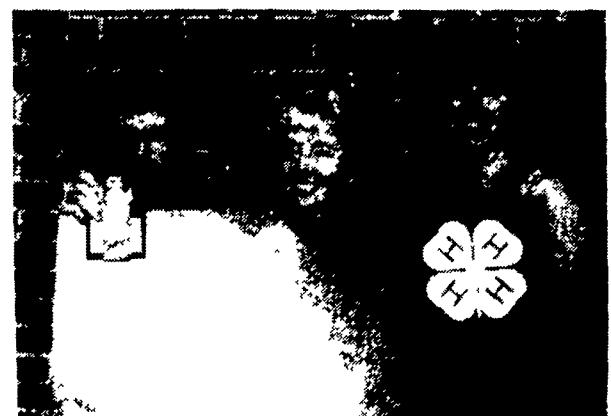
Kevin Martin, Northampton, orienteering novice.



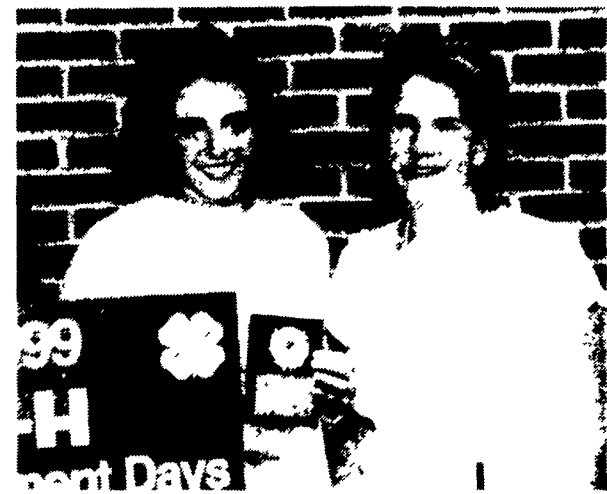
Jeremiah Blain, Bradford, archery junior.



Catrina Harshbarger, Mifflin, archery junior, female.



David Chess, Mercer, archery senior, and Becky Bolyard, and Tammy Clark, Eichstadt, leaders.



Diane Schramm, Westmoreland, horticulture and Jackie Moyher, coach.

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