

## Lehigh County 4-H Members, Volunteers Recognized For Achievements

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) - Six 4-H members were recently honored as outstanding boys and girls in Lehigh County. Other awards and recognition were given to more than 40 4-H members and volunteers during the annual achievement night dinner.

Daniel Post, son of Gail and Ross Post, New Tripoli, and Melissa Wirth, daughter of Darlene and James Wirth of Orefield, were awarded plaques and scholarships to 4-H Camp Shehaqua as Outstanding Boy and Girl (ages 8 - 10). Daniel is a member of the Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club. Melissa is a member of the Lehigh County 4-H Poultry Club.

Todd Lee Bennecoff, Jr., son of Cheryl and Todd Bennecoff, Sr. of Kutztown, and Suzanne Harwick, daughter of Beth and Keith Harwick of Kempton, were given plaques and student planners as outstanding boy and girl (ages 11-14). Todd is a mem-

ber of the Lehigh County beef, sheep, and swine 4-H clubs. Suzanne is a member of the Lehigh County dairy and swine 4-H clubs and the Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club.

Katie Harwick, also a daughter of Beth and Keith Harwick, and John C. Strawbridge, son of Donna Strawbridge of Whitehall, were named outstanding girl and boy (ages 15-18). Both will represent Lehigh County at next year's National 4-H Congress. Katie is a member of the Lehigh County dairy and swine 4-H clubs and the Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club. John is a member of the Lehigh County swine and sheep 4-H clubs.

Outstanding club officers in the county were recognized. They were president, Rachel Rennie, Center Valley; secretary, Katie Harwick; treasurer, Ashely Aleszczyk, Emmanus;

and news reporter, Jill Wagner, Coplay

The Lehigh County 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club was honored for the best club scrapbook. The Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club and the Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club were each given outstanding club awards. All three clubs received \$25 to use as the members decide.

Eleven volunteer 4-H club leaders were awarded pins marking milestones of service. First-year leaders honored were Tim Billig, New Tripoli, Lehigh County Swine Club; Barbara Dragovits, Allentown, Lehigh County Seeing Eye Puppy Club; Patty Engler, Allentown, 8th Ward Tropical Jungle Club; Brian Mohr, New Tripoli, Shooting Sports Club; Donna Rabenold, Allentown, Lehigh County Beef Club; Irene Reiss, Allentown, Lehigh County Poultry Club; and James Wirth,

Orefield, also the Poultry Club.

Five year pins were given to Jack Vanko, Germansville, Shooting Sports Club; Rachel Wagner, Coplay, Laurys Station Club; and Sara White, New Tripoli, Lowhill Laurels Club.

Walter Dassler, Slatington, was awarded a 10-year pin for his service to the Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club.

Medals were awarded to 4-H members who excelled in a particular project area. Nicole Wirth, Emmaus, Lehigh County 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club, and David Harwick, Kempton, dairy and swine clubs and Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club, earned medals for overall achievement.

Other medalists were Tim Rabenold, Allentown - agriculture; Justine Bennecoff, Kutztown - beef; Erin Lichtenwalner, Coplay - citizenship; Emily Geiger, Schnecksville, and Helene Quaintance, Orefield - clothing

and textiles; Katie Harwick - dairy; Lindsay Anglestein, Bethlehem - dog; Stacey Mangold, New Tripoli - fashion review; Kari Baker, Allentown - food and nutrition; Jaclyn Federici, Orefield, and Leah Kindred, Kempton - horse; Becky Smith, New Tripoli, and Nathan Wagner, Coplay - leadership; Robyn Wirth, Orefield - poultry; Kelsey Gilbert, Allentown - rabbits; Felicity Scott, Allentown, and Andrew Miller, New Ringgold - Seeing Eye Puppy; Dianna Bond, Kutztown - swine; and William Rennie, Center Valley - wood-working.

Teen leadership awards were also made to 26 4-H members.

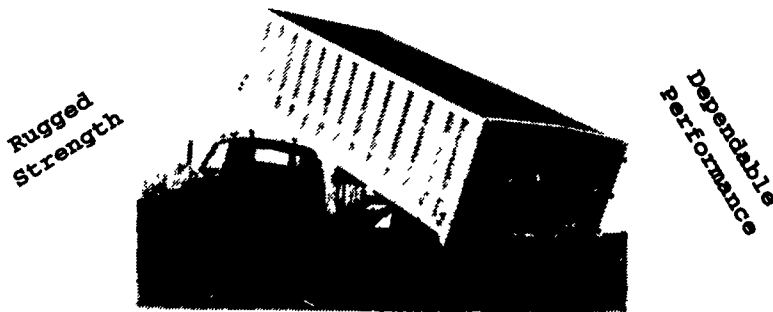
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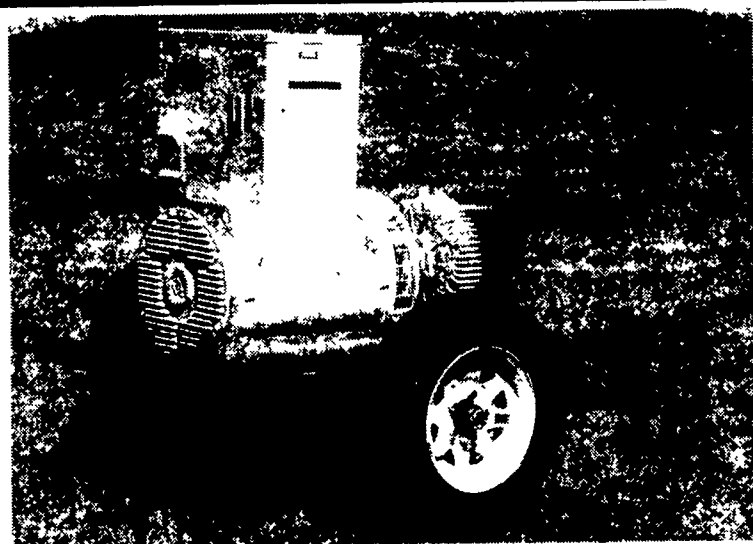
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