Pfautz Wins National Title, Hopes Farm Show Trophy

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Kevin's brother Corey and sister Lisa, 18, have all raised hogs for 4-H competitions.

For the past five years, Kevin has been a member of the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. The team, composed of Kevin, John Hess, Mount Joy; Geoffry Rohrer, Manheim; and Jessica Schmidt, Drumore; won at the state level, which qualified them for national competition.

Out of 35 states, the Pennsylvania team placed 14th overall in classes for beef, sheep, and swine and 8th in the sheep division. The individual scores were compiled to show that Kevin scored highest of all 140 participants in swine judging.

Not an easy feat, and surprising to Kevin himself.

According to Kevin, 35 states sent a team to competition. Each team member works individually in placing both market and breeding classes of beef, sheep, and swine. Then contestants must give four sets of oral reasons and two classes with questions test their ability to recall details about the animals.

The contest began at 9 a.m. and

ended at 4 p.m. At the evening banquet, contestants received a listing of the official placings, but it wasn't until the awards banquet held the following day that winners were announced.

"I knew after seeing the official listing that I probably did pretty well in swine judging, but I didn't know I did that well," Kevin said of his first place standing. "I didn't do so great in the other divisions."

In preparation for national competition, the team met weekly to practice. The team was coached by Wendall Landis, Lancaster, and by Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock extension agent. Kevin also scanned magazines and books to become more familiar with terminology used to give oral reasons.

According to 4-H rules, teams that win the state title can no longer compete. So it is with some disappointment that Kevin will have no official outlet for his perfected judging skills. As a high school junior, he still has his senior year to complete before he can enter college — one that he hopes will have a team for him to join and compete on the collegiate level.

"I'm thinking about Penn State or a junior college where I could judge," Kevin said. He also hopes to continue raising breeding stock.

Although they live in Lititz, the Pfautz's raise their hogs and market steers on their grandparents' Ephrata farm.

Pfautz and his brother have 10 sows and about 15-20 market hogs they are finishing. Nine of the sows

are bred and will give birth at the end of this month or the beginning of February. At the Keystone International Livestock Exposition held in Harrisburg in Oct., Kevin and his brother were named spring and fall outstanding breeders.

Another time demanding interest of Kevin's is playing offensive and defensive tackle for the Warwick High School football team. Rick and his sister will weigh-in their choice hogs on Sunday to show at Tuesday's competition.

"It's always been my dream to win at Farm Show," Kevin said. "It isn't the premium, it's the achievement of winning at such a good

Farm Show Time Capsule To Preserve Pa.'s Rich Agricultural History, Traditions

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. recently announced that the Department of Agriculture and the state Farm Show Commission are seeking Farm Show memories to preserve in the 2000 Farm Show Time Capsule.

"Pennsylvania's Farm Show is a wonderful expression of our rich agricultural heritage and timehonored traditions," Hayes said. "As we enter the new millennium, it is only fitting that we preserve these memories for future generations to experience and enjoy."

Hayes encouraged Pennsylvanians to donate mementos that show the impact of the Pennsylvania Farm Show on agriculture or that highlight a great Farm Show memory or event.

Contributions — including photographs, news articles, letters or other printed materials that express a memorable Farm Show moment - will be accepted at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture booth at the 2000 Pennsylvania Farm Show Saturday, Jan. 8, through Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Contributions also will be accepted by mail and should be sent to Dennis L. Grumbine, Farm Show Time Capsule, 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. All donated items must be clearly identified with event, year and names of individuals, and must be received by the Farm Show Commission no later than Jan. 13.

Hayes said the time capsule will be placed in the Farm Show Complex above the Large Arena, where it will remain scaled until the 2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

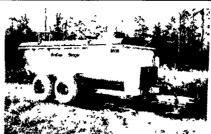
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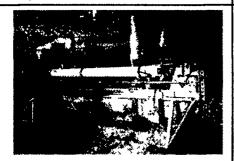
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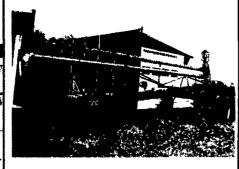
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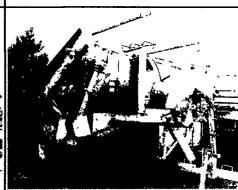
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