

Seminar

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urgent rather than on what's important.

He forseees medical and pharmaceutical uses for food as a potential breakthrough. He cited recent research that extracts a substance from milk that is placed on cuts and results in healing within a few hours.

"Surviving in the next millennium depends on how to take a product and add value. Bottled water is an example of a value-added product. Bottled water has skyrocketed in price, costing \$280 a barrel compared to \$28 for oil.

Other speakers at the seminar held at the Farm and Home Center on Feb. 24, included Ronald Hanson, agribusiness professor; and John Blanchfield, manager of agricultural banking and rural development for the American Bankers Association. Student remarks were heard from Jennifer Zimmerman, county FFA president, and Sarah Boyd, Superior 4-H award recipient for the county.



Berks County 4-H
The Berks County 4-H Sheep Club held its first two meetings on January 4 and February 1.

During the January meeting, the club held officer elections. Ashley Shollenberger, President; Cathy Levan, Vice President; Kelly Graeff, Treasurer; Amber Shollenberger, Secretary; Kim Angstat and Amanda Miller, News Reporters. After elections, the club discussed the meeting agenda for 2000.

The February meeting was a combined meeting with the beef and pig club. The first topic was a discussion about new activity books for each of the clubs. The sheep club was to begin using the new books and stop using the older blue activity books.

The new books will most likely be distributed at the March meeting. There are growth and development, finance, feeding, and many other sections to help 4-Hers with their projects.

The intermediate and advanced record books were dis-

tributed to the 4-Hers. These books will be used for both breeding and market lamb projects.

The club held a sign-up for livestock and meat judging teams. The combined club meeting ended with a private sheep meeting. The 4-Hers were reminded about upcoming meetings, including the March 8 meeting featuring a special feeds presentation.

Northampton County 4-H

The annual tack swap at the Northampton County 4-H Center will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Northampton County 4-H Center is located on Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth. The tack swap is open to anyone who wishes to sell or buy a wide variety of horse related items, apparel, and tack. All sellers must have a table area. No consignment items will be sold at the tack swap.

Sale areas will be offered to the public at a cost of \$15 per table for the indoor area; \$12 per table for the pole barn area; and \$10 per "area" in the outdoor arena, weather permitting.

Anyone wishing to sell during the tack swap must preregister for spaces in the indoor and pole barn areas. Outdoor areas will

be allocated the day of the event. Any item from small to large may be sold. No live animals will be allowed to be sold during this event. Persons with large equipment to sell are welcome to display it on the open grounds for the registration fee.

Food will be available during the tack swap courtesy of Backtrackers 4-H Horse and Pony Club. Anyone wanting further information, directions, or registration for this event should call (610) 837-7294.

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