



4-H HAPPENINGS

Born To Show Club

The Born to Show dairy club met on April 15. Under old business, leader Danny Hoover discussed a trip to Lancaster, and member Benton Hoover talked about State 4-H Days.

Under new business, the club announced there will be a Dairy Leader's conference on July 22. The two-day trip to Vermont is scheduled for July 11 and 12, and the cost is \$100. Also at the meeting, everyone received their project books.

Many ideas were presented at the meeting. Amanda Hoover discussed the adopt-a-grandparent program as a community service. Selling butterfiles and/or bulbs was discussed as a possible fund raiser.

The next meeting is May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Ben Hibbard's farm. Everyone should bring their updated books to the meeting.

Cumberland County 4-H

The Cumberland County Light Horse and Pony Club will be holding an Open Horse Show. The horse show is one of the

yearly fund raisers that the club holds.

The Open Horse Show will be held Sunday, May 21, at Bonny Brook Riding Club, 533 Mountain Road in Boiling Springs. Starting at 8:30 a.m., the show will be held rain or shine. Grand and reserve awards will be given to the divisions. English, Western, and Gaming classes will be held for both youth and open divisions, along with a walk/trot division.

4-H rules require all riders 18 and under to be wearing a helmet when mounted on their horse at any time. Proof of rabies vaccination and negative coggins are required for all horses. No one under the age of 8 is allowed to show.

A food stand will be provided by the members and parents of the club, so bring a good appetite. The club members welcome everyone to come participate in their show. Spectators are welcomed, and it is suggested they bring lawn chairs to spend the day.

Franklin County Dairy

A Holstein fall calf cosigned by Kyle Burdette, Mercersburg, topped the 2000 Franklin County Dairy Calf Sale held April 15 at the CV Antique Engine Show Grounds in Chambersburg.

The animal sold for \$2,550 and was purchased by Jeremy Smith, Northampton. The second high selling animal was a Holstein winter calf cosigned by Robert Mong, Waynesboro, which sold for \$1,600 to Thomas Priest.

23 calves were sold with the sale average of \$941. Artificial insemination companies donating semen for the sale were Koons A.I. (ABS), Genex, Semex, Alta Genetics, Sire Power, and Select Sires. Other sale supporters included Pennfield, Purina, Agway, CV Cooperative, Cargill, IBA, Land O'Lakes, Monsanto, Sniders Elevator, Witmer Implements, and Mid-Maryland Dairy Veterinarians.

Larry Harshman, Chambersburg, was sale chairman. The auctioneer was David Gossert. Jess Reasner of Newburg announced pedigrees. The 4-H Dairy Council sponsored the sale with profits used to support 4-H dairy educational programs in the county.

Baconeers 4-H Club

The Baconeers Swine Club held its second meeting of the year on March 26. After roll call, members were asked to introduce themselves by name, age, and school.

The educational activity of the day was presented by John and David Corbin on pig terms. The boys went over some very basic terms, such as guilt and barrow. The also mentioned other pig terms that were unfamiliar to the club, such as shote/shoat, which is a pig at 8 weeks old who has been weaned.

The next order of business was to develop a fund-raiser. Many ideas were given, but only two were voted on. The members voted between selling crispy creme donuts or having a square dance. Sponsoring a square dance won. Each individual was asked to bring a six pack of soda and a donated item to auction off. The square dance was held on April 29 at the Forest Lake Community Hall.

4-H leader Mrs. Corbin took over the meeting and announced some important dates, including swine tagging on April 29 at the Harford County Fairgrounds. The next meeting will be held on May 7 at 2 p.m. at Corbin's Turkey Farm. Denise and Dana Hardisky will present the educational activity, which will explain "How to Feed Your Pigs."

Berks Co. Beef

Members of the Berks County 4-H Beef Club elected their officers for the year 2000 at a recent meeting. Josh Krill, Bernville, was elected president and will be assisted by Kelly Dietrich, a senior at Tulpehocken High School, who was elected vice president. Kristy Dietrich and Jonathan Bicksler will be serving as secretary and treasurer respectively, each for their second term. Both are freshmen at Tulpehocken High School.

Members also signed up for various committees, such as beef promotion, decoration, community service, and scrapbook, and for different contests and activities that the club will be participating in. Some of those contests include the Skill-A-Thon and Beef Bowl at the PA Beef Expo at Penn State; a field day in May at the Ken and Ginger Brubaker Angus farm; the Reading Fair, scheduled for the week of August 7th to be held at the new fairgrounds behind the Berks County 4-H Center, followed by the Kutztown Fair at Kutztown.

There were four new members in the club this year, which brings total membership to 35. Both old and new members were welcomed and wished a fun and

exciting year by this year's leaders.

Lehigh Valley Horse Council
The Lehigh Valley Horse Council will hold a regular meeting and lecture on Monday, May 25. The topic of the evening, pre-purchase vet exam, will be presented by Silver Maple Vet Clinic.

The meeting will be held at the Manita Equestrian Center in Allentown at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this free lecture and meeting. For more information, call (610) 837-7294 or (610) 767-7346.

Cumberland Co. Sheep Club

The Condouguinet 4-H Sheep Club of Cumberland Co. met on April 20. Members watched a film on farm safety entitled "Farm Safety, A Second Chance."

June 10 was announced as the date for the club workshop. Members will be shown how to shear and show their animals.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18. Members will be working on their fair posters. Visitors and members are always welcome. For more information, call Mrs. Richard Myers at (717) 258-3850.

North Mountain 4-H

The North Mountain 4-H Community Club held its monthly meeting on April 24 at the Waterworks Firehall.

The club discussed the recent Children's Festival held at the Lebanon Valley Mall. They also highlighted the preteen retreat, which 18 kids from North Mountain attended, and the swimming party held at the YMCA.

Under new business, club members announced that there will be two petting zoos on May 6 at Fredericksburg. One of the events will be family night at the elementary school. On July 11 to 14, a teen leader conference will be held at the Lebanon Valley College with the cost being \$75.00.

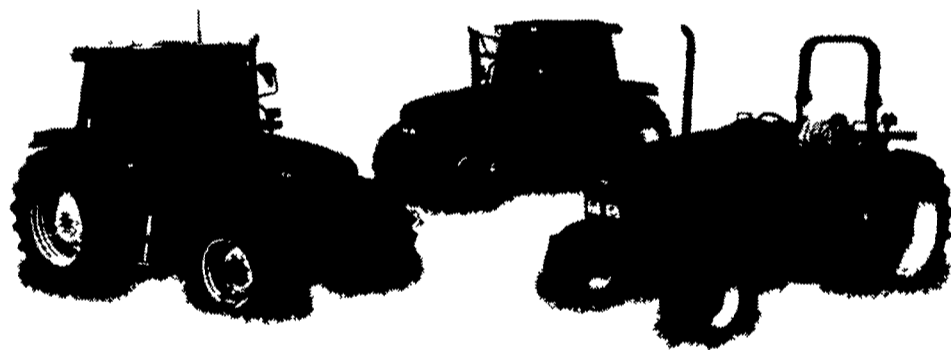
The North Mountain 4-H club field trip will be held on May 7 at 2 p.m. at Wildwood Lake Sanctuary. The trip includes an environmental/educational hike around the woods.

Pet project essays, including 500 words about what members learned with their pet projects, are due June 4. 4-H Camp will be held at the Hickory Run State Park on June 26 through 30.

Project demonstrations at the meeting included Cooking I, Small Engines, Cooking II, Sign Language, and Candle Making.

The next meeting will be held on May 22 at the Waterworks Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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Newly-elected Berks County 4-H Beef Club officers for the 2000 year are from left (top) Kristy Dietrich, secretary; Kelly Dietrich, vice president; Josh Krill, president; Jonathan Bicksler, treasurer; (front) Matt Manbeck, social chairman; Harrison Reichard, news reporter; Clay Brubaker, social chairman; Emilie Miller, news reporter.