York 4-H Center Hosts Regional 4-H Livestock Contest



Top senior individuals. From left, Travis Adam, first in sheep; Ann Leed, first in reasons and overall first place individual; and Emilie Miller, first place in beef.

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BAIR (York Co.) — Fifty-five 4-H'ers from seven counties participated in the Southeast Regional 4-H Livestock Judging Contest last week here at the York 4-H Center.

A prelude to the State 4- H Days at Penn State, for the first time the regional livestock judging contest was opened to other counties.

At last week's event, Perry and Susquehanna counties, in addition to teams from several counties in southeast Pennsylvania, participated.

Some counties "don't have the facilities or resources to do something like this," said Linda Spahr, contest coordinator and York County extension agent.

Top senior individual at the contest was Ann Leed, 18, daughter of Robert and Nancy Leed, Myerstown. Ann's total score was 501 with a reason's total of 135.

Ann, who will study animal science and preveterinary medicine at Iowa State in the fall, has been a 4-H member for nine years.

A 2000 Eastern Lebanon County High School graduate, Ann said her strength in the regional contest was reasons. "I struggled with the sheep judging," she said. "Normally I do really well with that."

Ann said that the regional contest first place team from Lebanon County, consisting of Tim Schaeffer, herself, and Travis Adam, recently placed first in the national Cattail Classic in Woodbine, Md. The classic hosts teams from Pennsylvania,

Maryland, North Carolina, and other states.

"It's a big contest," she said.

Ann is a member of the Lebanon County 4-H Sheep and Beef Club. She is sheep club news reporter and beef club secretary.

Ann noted that she won at the regional livestock competition three or four years ago. She served as president of the Elco FFA and lives on her family's sheep and beef farm.



Brandy Bankert, 13, daughter of Sue and Wayne Bankert and Red Lion High School ninth grader, won top junior individu-

Brandy, with a total score of 343, is a member of the York 4-H Lamb and Wool Club.

A six-year 4-H member, Brandy won the contest for the first

Her strength, Brandy noted, was judging sheep. The Bankerts raise Southdown sheep on their farm. The York County team placed third at the regional con-

Brandy says she plans to enroll in Red Lion FFA.

Senior championship team went to Lebanon County, consisting of Travis Adam, Ann Leed, and Tim Schaeffer. Junior champion team went to Lancaster County, which consisted of Joelynn Donough, Adam Zurin, and Johanna Rohrer.

Judges for the event were Bob Mikesell, associate swine specialist at Penn State, beef judge; Dave Greene, retired Carroll County, Maryland extension agent, sheep judge; and Kent Strock, Mechanicsburg, swine judge.

In the contest, participants iudged two classes of market hogs, Simmental heifers, crossbred market steers, Southdown champion overall junior yearling ewes, and a class of market lambs. There was a total of eight animals for each species.

Each year the contest sponsors rotate the location. Next year the intent is to place the contest in Chester County, noted Spahr.

State 4-H Achievement Days are scheduled Aug. 1-3 in State College.

The regional contest was conducted at the new 4-H center, granted an occupancy permit in early 1999, noted Spahr.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

JUNIORS Beef Individuals 1 Joelvnn Donough 2 Adam Zurin 3 Erin Willard

Sheep Individuals, 1 John Ebersole 2 D C Sunday 3. Zane Martin

Swine Individuals 1 Zane Martin 2 Denise Hardisky 3 Erin Willard. **OVERALL INDIVIDUAL**

Brandy Bankert

Beef Team. 1. Lancaster (Joelynn Donough, Adam Zurin, and Johanna Rohrer) 2. Lebanon (Erin Willard, Jamie Willard, and Jake Spatz). 3. Lancaster (Stephanie Kauffman, Megan Little, and Jaymi McMi-

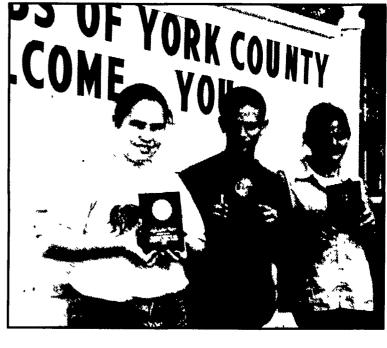
Sheep Team: 1. Perry (Samantha Semrau, John Ebersole, and Zane Martin). 2 York (Jennifer Shultz, D.C. Sunday, and Brandy Bankert) 3. Lancaster (Joelynn Donough, Adam Zurin, and Johanna Rohrer)

Swine Team 1. Susquehanna County (Denise Hardisky, Shane Conrad, and Dana Hardisky). 2. Perry (Samantha Semrau, John Ebersole, and Zane Martin). 3. Lancaster (Joelynn Donough, Adam Zurin, and Johanna Rohrer).

Overall Team: 1. Lancaster (Joelynn Donough, Adam Zunn, and Johanna Rohrer). 2. Perry (Samantha Semrau, John Ebersole, and Zane Martin) 3. York (Jennifer Shultz, D.C Sunday, and Brandy Bankert).



Brandy Bankert won placing at the livestock judging contest.



First-place junior team from Lancaster County. From left, Johanna Rohrer, Adam Zurin, and Joelynn Donough.

SENIORS

Beef Individual: 1. Emilie Miller. 2. Ann Leed, 3, Nate Tice.

Sheep Individual: 1. Travis Adam. 2. Emilie Miller. 3. Matt Manbeck.

Swine Individual: 1. Jason Rohrer. 2 Ann Leed. 3. John Hines. Reasons Individual: 1. Ann Leed. 2. Tra-

vis Adam, 3, Tim Schaeffer.

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL Ann Leed

Beef Team: 1. Lebanon (Travis Adam, Ann Leed, Tim Schaeffer). 2. Berks (Emilie Miller, Matt Manbeck, and Kristy Dietrich). 3. Lebanon (Jen Campbell, Nate Tice, and Nate Spatz).

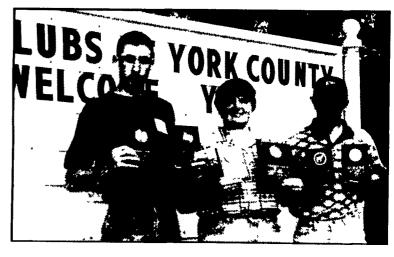
Sheep Team: 1. Berks (Emilie Miller,

Matt Manbeck, and Kristy Dietrich). 2. Lebanon (Travis Adam, Ann Leed, and Tim Schaeffer). 3. Lancaster (Ryan Donough, Radell Peters, Jason Rohrer)

Swine Team: 1 Perry (Sheena Hines, John Hines, and Josh Miller) 2. Lebanon (Travis Adam, Ann Leed, and Tim Schaeffer). 3. Lancaster (Ryan Donough, Radell Peters, and Jason Rohrer).

Reasons Team 1. Lebanon (Travis Adam, Ann Leed, Tim Schaeffer). 2. Lebanon (Jen Campbell, Nate Tice, Nate Spatz). 3. Lancaşter (Ryan Donough, Radell Peters, and Jason Rohrer).

Overall Team: 1. Lebanon (Travis Adam. Ann Leed, and Tim Schaeffer). 2. Berks (Emilie Miller, Matt Manbeck, and Kristy Dietrich). 3. Lebanon (Jen Campbell, Nate Tice, and Nate Spatz).



First-place senior livestock judging team from Lebanon County. From left, Tim Schaeffer, Ann Leed, and Travis Adam.



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