

# Teams Earn Blue Ribbons At 4-H Skillathon

WEST LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.) — Seventy-eight 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H Livestock Skillathon Tuesday, June 20, here at the West Lampeter Fair Grounds.

4-H'ers from the beef, dairy beef, goat, sheep, and swine clubs of Lancaster County were invited to compete in this event."

The event was organized and ran by Tia Crider, this year's animal science summer assistant of the Lancaster County Extension Office, along with Chet Hughes, Lancaster County's livestock extension agent, and Lori Little, Lancaster County

4-H animal science extension agent. Tia is a student of Penn State University, studying for a bachelor in dairy and animal science and a minor in extension education.

There were nine stations that 4-H'ers had to complete in that tested their knowledge of all five species. The stations included a general 4-H quiz, identification of animal breeds, equipment ID, feed ID, a product-to-body-part



Junior division winners at the Lancaster County 4-H Skillathon, from left, Tia Crider, 4-H animal science summer assistant; Katrina Frey; Johanna Rohrer; and Stephanie Kauffman.

match, identification of parts of animals, a quality assurance test, and a general livestock quiz.

The 4-H'ers also had to judge a supreme champion class. They were presented with a group of five animals, which they had to put in order according to which was the most ideal representative of the species. The animals were supplied by local 4-H'ers of each club for the contest.

John Hess supplied a steer. Debbie and Missy Anspach

brought a dairy beef. The Ream Family supplied a goat. A lamb was brought by Gary and Tiffany Dean. Kevin Pfautz supplied a swine.

There were two divisions in the contest. The junior division consisted of 14 teams of eight-13-year-olds. There were also 12 senior teams that were 14-18 years of age.

"Team 5, 6, 7," consisting of Katrina Frey of Quarryville, Stephanie Kauffman of Mount



Senior division winner at Lancaster County 4-H Skillathon, from left, Tia Crider, 4-H animal science summer assistant, Sarah Zurin; and Radell Peters.

Joy, and Johanna Rohrer of Manheim, won the junior division.

The winners of the senior division called themselves the "Hick and the Chicks." This team consisted of Radell Peters of Eliza-

bethtown, Sarah Zurin of Mount Joy, and Monica George of Mount Joy. It was an exciting event and a tough competition.

The night ended with an ice cream social and an awards ceremony.

## 4-H HAPPENINGS

### 4-H Friends

The 4-H Friends met at Iona Methodist Church June 3. They discussed a community service project for the ECC home. The club decided that Sept. 9 they will serve ice cream and help with bingo.

Other discussions were about the club's trip to the Baltimore Aquarium. Five members put on a skit to help the other members get excited. Members in the skit were Elizabeth Garrett, Diana Zackey, Meredith Zackey, and Carrie Yiengst. Skit organizer was Rachel Siegel.

The trip will take place Aug. 16 and the bus will leave from the fairgrounds. Club members must sign up by July 15.

To thank the church for letting them use the building, the members and parents pulled weeds in the flowerbeds.

### 4-H Scholarship Winner

The Monroe County 4-H Program Advisory Committee has announced that Robert Slutter, a 2000 graduate of Pocono Mountain High School and member of 4-H for nine years, has been selected as the recipient of the Monroe County 4-H Scholarship.

Robert is the son of Steve and Barbara Slutter of Blakeslee. Among his 4-H accomplishments, Robert has been president, vice president, and secretary of the Pocono Dairy Club, and president of Monroe County Teen Council.

Robert has represented Monroe County at many local and state events, including county, regional, and state dairy shows.

Robert has been accepted at Delaware Valley College and plans to major in dairy science.

For more information on the Monroe County 4-H Program, contact Sherri L. Abbruzzi at (570) 421-6430.

### Lebanon 4-H

The Lebanon County Fair is July 29-Aug. 5. The North Mountain 4-H Club's 32-foot tunnel will be underneath a huge tent.

Barbecue tickets for the fair were sold at the June meeting. If you didn't get any tickets, and would like some, please see Mrs.

### Bushong before July 15.

The next petting zoo will be Aug. 8 and 15 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Camp Can-Do at Gretna Glen — the camp for kids with cancer.

North Mountain's Roundup Family Fun-Day is Aug. 26 at the Bushong farm. Games will be from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Members were advised to bring all their articles and photos for scrapbook to Fun Day. Bring your soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald house to August Roundup Fun Day.

Projects that are still in progress are entomology, old tractor restoration, and outdoor gardening.

The last meeting was conducted at the Bushong's farm. On the inside of the tunnel, kids put their handprint in paint. At the June meeting, people filled out their fair entries and signed up to help at the fair, either in the kitchen or watching the big 32-foot tunnel.

The club's next meeting is Aug. 26 at Mrs. Bushong's house for 4-H roundup.

### Have Model Horses? Come Show Them!

Join the Delaware County 4-H Horse and Pony Club for a Model Horse Show open to all youth eight-18 at Ridley Creek State Park July 29 beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be 23 classes divided into three divisions. Winners will receive ribbons for places 1-10 of each class, and each division champion and reserve champion will receive rosettes.

Entry fee is \$10 in advance (by July 21) or \$15 on the day of the show space permitting. The entry fee includes half of a table for participant display area. Snack bar will be available staffed by the Horse and Pony Club.

Model horse shows are organized much like live horse shows with halter and performance classes, as well as special "other" classes which include mare and foal, dioramas, and customized models.

### 4-H Summer Assistant

Julia Krout, Blooming Glen, is the Bucks County 4-H summer assistant for Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Julia is a recent graduate of Pennridge High School and will be attending Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, to study biology.

This summer, Julia will be focusing her time on assisting in the planning of the 4-H Resident Camp and Day Camp, the Public Library 4-H Pet Care Program, BUTTS (Bucks United Towards Tobacco Free Students), summer tobacco, prevention activities, 4-H Fashion Revue, puppet programs, and organizing the 4-H exhibits at the Middletown Grange Fair.

In her free time, Julia participates in 4-H projects, including rabbits, sewing, and air rifle. She is also a member of the American Legion Post 210 Auxiliary and Pennridge Full Gospel Tabernacle Youth Group.

### Learn Skills And Have Fun With New Friends

Delaware Township, N.J. 4-H Club seeks new members in grades 4 through 8 who are interested in art, crafts, food and nutrition, photography, and horticulture.

The club participates in most county events such as public presentations, window display contests, holiday workshops, record books, and many other county workshops offered throughout the year. 4-H members' project work is displayed at the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair over the Labor Day weekend.

The club meets in Delaware Township on the first Friday of the month between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, call the 4-H Extension Center at (908) 788-1341. Enrollment is limited.

### New Jersey 4-H Summer Camp

Registrations are being taken now at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp located in Sussex County, New Jersey.

4-H camp is a sleep-away camp located in Stokes State Forest and managed by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

Boys and Girls who have completed grades 3 through 10 are invited to come spend a week in the summer with us. The cost for the week is \$275, which covers all food and activities.

All sessions begin on Monday morning and end on the following Saturday morning. Camp runs for six consecutive weeks from July 3-Aug. 12.

Special county preference weeks allow campers to come to camp with those from their local area. All youth are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the 4-H Camp Office at (973) 948-3550, fax (973) 948-0735, or e-mail at 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu

### Start Thinking About Summer

The 4-H Youth Development Program of Rutgers cooperative extension offers summer programs for youth of all ages.

Several educational opportunities are available for youth regardless of whether they belong to a 4-H program or not.

Adventures in environmental science is a week long residential program for teens who have graduated from 8th grade through high school. This week is based in Warren County and includes an in-depth study of how humans impact their environment, including waste management alternatives, water quality issues, and forest ecosystems.

The active week includes a hike of the Appalachian Trail, a rock climbing experience, a canoe trip on the Delaware River, and on-site tours. Tuition is \$150, and includes all tours, food, and transportation during the week.

The program is offered to all New Jersey residents, and is July 9-14. Please contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County. 4-H Summer Camp is held at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center for Outdoor Education in the Stokes State Forest in Sussex County. Six separate weeks are offered starting July 3 and ending Aug. 12, offered to all New Jersey residents in grades 3-8. Fee is \$275 per person.

Activities at this sleep away camp includes traditional programs of swimming, fishing, hiking, crafts, nature study and interactive sports and games.

Call the 4-H Camp for registration information, 973-948-3550.

### Horse, Pony Club

On May 24, the Cumberland County Light Horse and Pony Club brought to order its monthly meeting at the Jones's in Carlisle at 7 p.m.

Club leader Maynard Long gave a presentation on trailer safety. The club members learned how to properly haul and load a horse on the trailer.

The club's float took first in the commercial division in the Cumberland County 250th anniversary parade.

Following the announcement, each member split into project book groups for about 20 minutes.

### Berries And Bees Club

A recent meeting was conducted on June 6 after the strawberry roundup. The roundup judge was John T. Smith. These are the first-year people and the prizes they won: first place, Matt Hoover, and Amanada Hoover, and second place, Stephanie Coluccio and Lydia Eddinger.

These are the second and higher year people: grand champion, Chris Schreck; reserve grand champion, Katrina Gore; first place, Rachel Schreck, and Elisha Grams; second place, Sarah Lieb, and Brian Snyder.

The people who were second year or higher brought one quart of strawberries to be judged and auctioned. A strawberry social was conducted with the beekeepers and they also brought items to auction off.

### Dimock Community 4-H Club

The Dimock Community 4-H Club met in the basement of the Dimock Community Church.

Ashley Jennings provided a demonstration on the Dale Carnegie course. Members then started their craft projects.

About half the group made cute animals and people out of clay pots. The other half made checker boards complete with checkers.

The club will use some of these in the gardening project at the Harford Fair. The club sang happy birthday to three of its members and then sang a new grace.