

Talents In 4-H

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Textile science team, Indiana County, from left, Amanda Davis, Rebecca Pike, Lorena Shannon, and Kitty Eget, coach.



Public speaking individual, Cassandra Hay, Somerset County.



Textile science high-scoring individual, Montgomery County, from left, Michelle Heayn, and Myranda Caputo, coach.



Junior dairy promoters front, from left, Alissa Yoder, Mifflin; Andra Yoder, Mifflin; Rebecca Harrop, Mifflin; Michelle Hartzell, Butler; Rachel Harrop, Mifflin; Amanda Beary, Clarion/Venango; and Quinn Mitchell, Clarion/Venango. Second row, from left, Katie Laughlin, Mifflin; Tanya Peachey, Mifflin; Kristle Bigelow, Blair; Abby Puzo, Susquehanna; Christine Peachey, Mifflin; Mariah Castrogiovanni, Susquehanna; Allyson Peachey, Mifflin; Jena Kauffman, Mifflin; Autumn Henning, Wyoming/Lackawanna; Sondra Yoder, Mifflin; Morgan Spicher, Mifflin; and Deanna Yoder, Mifflin. Third row, from left, Amy Kramer, Butler; Tara Sollenberger, Blair; Emily Baker, Blair; Sarah Weimer, Clarion/Venango; Roxanne Andrejehak, Washington; Kara Brendlinger, Berks; Mindy Dressler, Juniata; Merry Andrejehak, Washington; Sara Hoover, Juniata; Nicole Benner, Lancaster; Luke Hoover, Juniata; Virginia Smith, Mifflin; Lauren Yoder, Mifflin; Katie Bleglow, Blair; and Shasta Miller, Mifflin. Fourth row, from left, Abby Mowrer, Huntingdon; Brittnee Rossman, Centre; Becky Aiken, Mercer; Nicole Cochran, Mercer; Pepper Kissell, Chester; Turner Swartz, Juniata; David Wilson, Juniata; Ashley Harshbarger, Juniata; Katie Thomas, Potter; Emily Martin, Potter; Elizabeth Thomas, Somerset; Lori Dotterer, Clinton; Stephanie Meyer, Clinton; Tracy Bigelow, Blair; Lisa Yoder, Mifflin; Sara Marburger, Butler; Justin Kennedy, Butler; Renee Norman, Tioga; Crystal Moyer, Bucks/Montgomery; Heidi Zembower, Bedford; Brittany Rice, SUN; and Amber Bernarding, Crawford. Fifth row, from left, Megan Dehart, Butler; Cara Stephenson, Butler; Nathan Boyle, Butler; Janelle Hartzell, Butler; Jenna Smith, Blair; Patty Peangatelli, Potter; Brooke Bardo, Clinton; Amanda Shaffer, SUN; Dorrie Fetter, Bedford; Jessie Cornell, Potter; Trish Harrop, Chester; Becky Nolan, Chester; Vicki Kieffer, Berks; Charann Foster, Huntingdon; Teresa Suba, Huntingdon; Cheryl Hershey, Lancaster; and Hillary Agney, Mifflin. Sixth row, from left, Rebekah Fox, Somerset Alternate; Kati Glick, Mifflin; Wendy Mast, Somerset; Melanie Wenger, Adams; Shana Gallagher, Beaver; Lora Fry, Lycoming; Sara Derstine, Tioga; Kate Hademon, Bucks/Montgomery; Venessa Greider, Lycoming; Denise Hardisky, Wyoming/Lackawanna; Sara Karns, Bedford; Sara Ulrich, Lycoming; Christine Wagner, Wayne; Jenna Gelsinger, Bucks/Montgomery; Kaitlynn Johnson, Tioga; Melinda Cramer, Butler; Mandy Daniels, Beaver; Lyndsey Fisher,

Record Numbers Attend Mini-Seminar

CLARION (Clarion Co.) — A record number of 148 young dairy enthusiasts, and 53 adults, from counties all across Pennsylvania assembled at Penn State's agricultural industries and science building on July 25 for a one-day training session on the do's and don'ts of dairy promotion hosted by Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc. The participants

ranged in age from 10-years to 20 and included a number of young men who are active dairy promoters in their home counties.

The seminar was conducted by Pennsylvania's reigning Dairy Princess Lori Connelly and Alternate Amanda Gilkinson assisted by former state royalty, Angela Werley Davis, Jennifer Dotterer, and Megan Meyers.

Emily Cloninger, this year's Centre County Princess represented the host county. Instructors are young women who know and have experienced firsthand the challenges, fears and satisfactions of successful promoting.

Sessions were held on industry knowledge, cow breeds, production and processing information, Pennsylvania dairy facts and nutrition; speaking and interview-

ing and on image — how to dress and act as a professional promoter.

A special session was conducted for young people who had attended the seminar in previous years and a tour of Penn State's "Ag Hill" dairy barns and facilities was enjoyed by the attending adults.

Junia Isiminger, PDPSS public relations and special promo-

tion director, also a former county princess and alternate gave an inspirational talk to the entire group on "A Dairy Maid and Ambassador's Role in Dairy Promotion."

PDPSS, Inc. Coordinators Charlene Ranck, Betty Reibson, Wanda Yoder, Roberta McConnell, Marsha Kuhns, and directors Jan Harding and Junia Isiminger assisted with the day's

Shift In Farm Bill Philosophy Proposed

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — A change in farm policy is being spearheaded by two North Dakota senators. The shift would be toward more payments for flood control and other conservation benefits.

The Farmland Stewardship Initiative would include \$25 million for demonstration projects

across the country, including \$5 million for pilot areas in North Dakota and Minnesota. Other proposed tryout locations are South Dakota, Vermont and California.

The proposal has support from Sens. Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., among others.

"Through the development of these pilot programs, we hope to build support for a broader shift in agriculture policy toward Farmland Stewardship in the next farm bill," Dorgan and six colleagues wrote in requesting consideration of the bill.

The "single compensation" concept would pay farmers for a

range of management practices under existing programs.

The Farmland Stewardship Initiative also would seek to include "disincentives to sprawl" in some urban areas through

conservation easements. In other areas, the government might pay based on the absorption of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

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