

Chester County 4-H Benefit Auction To Help Construct Exhibits Building

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HONEY BROOK (Chester Co.) — It's benefit auction time.

To help construct a permanent building to house nonlivestock items during Chester County's annual 4-H Fair Week, a 4-H benefit auction is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Romano 4-H Center east of Honey Brook.

According to a letter posted to friends of 4-H, the exhibition building in West Brandywine Township "provides a place for 4-H events to take place, including areas for beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horse shows," wrote Betsy MacCauley, 4-H leader.

But the annual auction will help build finances to construct an area to house nonlivestock

items, including many different types of 4-H crafts, during the fair week.

According to Cheryl Fairbairn, county agent, vegetable, flower, and other displays are exhibited in a tent during the week at the center. However, inclement weather often threatens the exhibits.

A permanent structure would

do well to house the items and provide a meeting and exhibit area for 4-H members throughout the year.

Nancy Marsh, president of the center advisory committee along with husband Tom Marsh, co-chair of the auction, noted to 4-H club leaders that donations are needed for the auction and people to help conduct the face painting, games, and other activities. "Handmade items from the clubs are always a huge hit and sell well," Nancy wrote in a recent letter.

"Your support is crucial to our efforts in getting a new building," she wrote. "Time is short, so act fast and make this the best auction ever."

A form to indicate items to be donated is included in this issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

A silent auction begins at 2 p.m. A live auction is scheduled at 6 p.m.

The Phillie Phanatic is scheduled to appear between 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Auctioneer is Bill MacCauley, Atglen.

Last year about \$21,000 was raised at the benefit auction.

Also at the auction will be pony rides, games, good food, and lots of entertainment. For sale will be antiques, quilts, a hand-braided rug, furniture, tools, art work, old bottles, milk crates, collector's items, sports items, flowers, ornamental items, and others.

For more information, contact Tom or Nancy Marsh at (610) 273-3478 or the extension office at (610) 696-3500.

The Romano 4-H Center of Chester County
4-H Center Benefit Auction
Saturday, September 23, 2000

Please complete and return this form to Betsy MacCauley, 68 General Steele Dr., Atglen, PA 19310, or call (610) 593-2907.

Company/Individual's Name _____

Company Contact Person _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Item(s) being donated _____

Estimated Market Value _____

Please check one:

I will ship the item.

I will bring the auction item to the 4-H Center on September 23.

Any questions, please contact Tom or Nancy Marsh at (610) 273-9858, fax at (610) 273-9858, Bill or Betsy MacCauley at (610) 593-2907 or the Chester County Cooperative Extension Service at (610) 696-3500, fax (610) 696-4831.

Please retain this portion for your records.

Romano 4-H Center of Chester County Benefit Auction

Company/Individual's Name _____

Thank you for donating _____
to the 4-H Center Benefit Auction on Saturday, September 23, 2000. We appreciate your support.

Warren County 4-H Dairy Youth Compete

MEADVILLE (Warren Co.) — Five Warren County 4-H dairy club members showed their dairy animals and earned blue awards at the recent Northwest District Dairy Show in Meadville.

Winning first place in the Jersey summer yearling class was Jenniea Curtis of Columbus. Also placing first in his class was Curtis Kalika of Corry with his Jersey senior 2-year-old cow. The Jersey 4-year-old cow of Andrea Curtis of Columbus won a second place blue.

A second place blue was earned by Matthew Mitchell of Spring Creek with his Holstein spring yearling, and Jonathan Nickerson of Corry placed third blue with his Holstein senior 2-year-old cow. Both Mitchell and Nickerson also won showmanship honors.

Other 4-H'ers that earned red awards and their placings included Toni Gilkinson of Russell who won second place and reserve junior champion in the Milking Shorthorn summer yearling class. Gilkinson also showed an Ayrshire dry cow to third place.

Melissa Curtis of Columbus placed second in the Jersey junior 2-year-old class and fourth in the Jersey summer yearling class. Jesse Curtis of Columbus placed fourth in the Jersey 4-year-old class and sixth in the Jersey winter calf class.

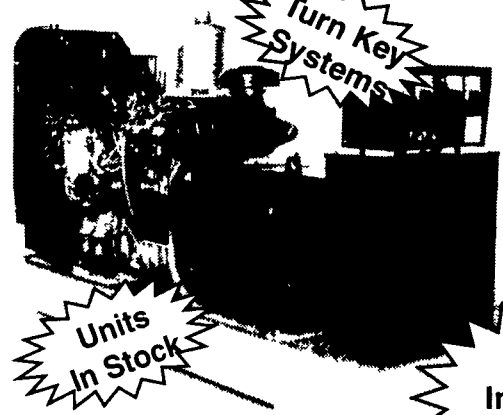
Sarah Ann Curtis of Columbus showed her Jersey spring calf for a seventh place finish. Ariel Curtis of Columbus placed eighth in the Jersey winter calf class. The Jersey fall calf class had a ninth place finish by Jennifer Freeman of Warren.

Andrea Curtis and Curtis Kalika each finished tenth in the Jersey spring yearling and winter calf classes respectively. Matthew Mitchell also earned red awards in the Holstein show placing eighth with a summer yearling and 13th with a fall calf.

The Jersey exhibitors of Warren County placed second in the county group-four animals of the same breed selected by the 4-H'ers prior to judging.

The blue award winners are eligible to compete in the State Junior Show, September 25 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

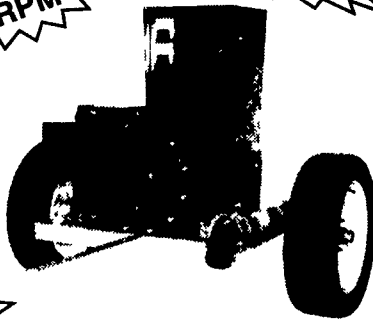
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