

Somerset County 4-H'ers Recognized At Annual Banquet

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BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — The Somerset County 4-H awards on Thursday, Oct. 12 were led by the 16 youths who received scholarships and the announcement of the 45th Somerset County outstanding 4-H boy and girl — Jason Knotts of Hyndman and Amanda Darr of Boswell.

Jason is from the White Oak 4-H Club and Amanda is from the Steaks and Chops Club.

The scholarship to Jesse Brant, Rockwood, son of Dave and Carol Brant came from the Somerset County Beef Producers Association. Mindi Countryman, daughter of David and Linda Countryman, Berlin, received scholarships from Hemminger Homes and Ag/Choice Farm Credit ACA.

April Coberlys scholarships were from Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin and Laurel Bank. Her parents are William and Patricia Coberly, Meyersdale. Amanda Darr, daughter of Shelley and Metta Darr, Boswell, received scholarships from Somerset Trust Company and J & J Svonavec Excavating. From Berlin, Tara Hottle received scholarships from Blacks Specialty Service, John Krause Electrical Services and B. J. Maurer Ford. Her parents are Graham and Tammy Hottle.

Jason Knotts, son of Donald and Annette Knotts, Hyndman received scholarships from Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin and Frank J. Reynolds Memorial Fund for beef member.

Daniel Miller, son of Lee and Bonnie Miller, Meyersdale, received scholarships from Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin and Lincoln Supply.

Abby Minnich, received scholarships from B. J. Maurer Ford and Home Builders Association. She is the daughter of John and Becky Minnich of Somerset. Matthew Pyles, son of Calvin and Barbara Pyles from Berlin, received scholarships from Highland Tank & Manufacturing and Leroy Glessner Memorial.

Jennifer Rays scholarships came from Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin and Frank J. Reynolds Memorial for a horse member. James and Bonnie Ray are her parents.

Tessa Slifco, daughter of Edward and Stephanie Slifco of Somerset received the OB/GYN Associates LTD scholarship.

The Daniel Ackerman Memorial Scholarship went to Melanie Stutzman, daughter of David and Debbie Stutzman, Berlin, and the PNC Bank scholarship went to Lucas Svonavec, son of David and Betty Lou Svonavec, Rockwood.

Sarah Thompson, daughter of Tim and Helen Thompson, Berlin, received scholarships from B.J. Maurer Ford and Somerset County Lady Shepherds.

Kristin Wagner, daughter of Doug and Diane Wagner, Somerset received scholarships from Blacks Specialty Service and the Karen Marteeny Memorial Fund.

The Betsy Will Custer Memorial Dairy Scholarship and that of J & J Svonavec Excavating went to Andrew Walker, son of Mark and Kathy Walker of

Rockwood.

Additionally, a new award for Junior Achievement was inaugurated into the 2000 presentations, by Oglie and Black, a new business. The recipients were Cassandra Hay of Valley 4-H Club and Trisha Hottle of Mountain Top 4-H Club.

Sponsors provided more than \$8,600 in awards and scholarships disbursed in support of the young people and leaders in the Somerset County 4-H program. Lynette Ely received the Award of the Diamond for 40 years of leadership in Jenner Township 4-H. Barbara Brant, Brotherton Belles and Beaus 4-H, for 30 years of leadership earned the Award of the Ruby Clover. The 25-year Award of the Emerald Clover went to Barbara Darr of G-Y-Knot and Debbie Svonavec of Steaks and Chops.

Award of the small Diamond Clover for 20 years went to Bonnie Ray of Horse and Rider.

Award of Pearl Clover, given for 15 years of leadership went to Betty Anderson, Bonnie L. Miller, John Minnich, and Rebecca Minnich.

For 10 years of leadership the Award of the Gold Clover went to Vincent Barbera, Scott Darr, Susan Darr, Christine Hemminger, Terry Landis, Bonnie Miller, Kathy Sines and Brad Walker.

Award of the Silver Clover for five years of leadership went to Karen Berkey, Marjorie Bittner, Lori Carver, Charlene Courtney, Lisa Ferko, Melodie Glessner, Kathryn Gnagey, Dorothy Hartman, Dale Hartman, Ron Hillegas, Tammy Hottle, Barbara Kornprobst, Judy Krause, Sherry Lynch, Matthew Melvin, Melanie Monticue, Barbara Pyle, Della Resh, Richard Robbins, Joni Shultz and Terry Trout.

One year Award of the Bronze Clover went to L. Sue Clites, Joslyn Dermer, Aimee Enos, Wayne Fundis, Lori Gindlesperger, Kathy Hoffman, Graham Hottle, Derek Hoyman, Tammy Kincaid, Gloria Lambert, Robert W. Landis, Charles Maust, Marcia Maust, Robin Miller, Jacquelyn Moyher, Lesa Ohler, Trista Snyder, Gail Stoltzfus, Diana Svonavec, Tim Thompson, Martha Vukela and Janis Ware.

The lengthy list of leaders serving about 20 4-H clubs in Somerset County totals 218 individuals.

Lisa Maurer, president of the Somerset County Development Fund, presided over the program with assistance from Lacey Coleman, president of the Somerset County 4-H Council.



Somerset County Outstanding 4-H Boy and Girl are Jason Knotts and Amanda Darr. Ag/Choice Farm Credit ACA made the Oct. 12 presentation at the annual Somerset County 4-H Recognition Dinner.

Riding Competition Announces Winners

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Young equestrians from six Pennsylvania counties participated in the annual Pennsylvania 4-H State Competitive Trail Ride recently in Rothrock State Forest and Penn Roosevelt State Park.

More than 25 4-H horse and pony club members from Armstrong, Bedford, Jefferson, Lancaster, Wayne, and York counties participated in the untimed trail competitions, which took place on 29-mile-long marked trails over winding roads and wooded terrain at a timed pace.

Judges observed the ride, inspecting the horses before and after the competition. Scoring was based on the overall condition of the horse, with points subtracted for failure to complete each segment of the ride within the specified time. All riders received a participation award and ribbon. The ride also offered high point awards in three divisions.

This year's division winners were Chandrelle Asper of York County (high point 4-H junior rider), Jennifer Adamitis of Wayne County (high point 4-H senior rider), and Sharon Brady of York County (high point adult rider).

"Competitive trail riding is a great sport that demonstrates teamwork between horse and rider," said Brian Egan, horse program assistant for Penn State Cooperative Extension. "A good

horse for trail competition doesn't just happen — long hours of hard work are required of horse and rider. The 4-H'ers learn to select a good trail horse, to condition it properly, and to develop riding skills, and learn what to expect of themselves and the horse to have a successful experience. They also learn about proper conservation methods, care of the campsite and trail, sportsmanship, horsemanship, cooperation, and teamwork."

This ride is an annual event coordinated by Egan and Patricia Comerford, Penn State extension horse program coordinator, assisted by Richard Ely, 4-H leader from Somerset County and Fred Rudy, Dauphin County cooperative extension agent. Additional help for the ride is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Bureau of Forestry and members of the Nittany Amateur Radio Club, Penn State animal science student volunteers, Centre Equine Practice, and many local volunteers.

The Competitive Trail Ride project is open to all 4-H horse and pony club members in Pennsylvania. For more information or to schedule a special winter or spring meeting on trail riding, contact your local Penn State Cooperative Extension office or call Brian Egan at (814) 863-3957.



Recipients of the first ever Junior Achievement Awards at the annual Somerset County 4-H Recognition Dinner on Oct. 12 are Cassandra Hay, left, and Trisha Hottle right. Larry Oglie and Black said the presentation is intended as an encouragement to junior 4-H members.



Pictured are the scholarship recipients at the Somerset County 4-H Recognition Dinner. In front, from left, Matthew Pyle, Lucas Svonavec, Andrew Walker, Tessa Slifco, Tara Hottle, Kristin Wagner. Center: Jesse Brant, John Minnich for Abby Minnich; Debbie Stutzman representing Melanie Stutzman; Amand Darr, Linda Countryman for Mindi Countryman; and Pat Coberly for April Coberly. Back row are Dan Miller, Jason Knotts and Tim Thompson for Sarah Thompson.

