

Dangerous Chemicals In My House?

If cleaning products in our homes-things like window cleaners, tub and tile cleaners, furniture polish, paint thinners, and even ammonia aren't stored properly they could make us sick.

Strong chemicals change the

How do turkeys grow so big?

Consumers-people who buy products-demand lots of meat on their turkeys, especially around Thanksgiving time. Turkey breeders-people who grow turkeys-have to find ways to grow bigger, meatier birds.

They do this with the help of

air quality or pollute the water we drink! The federal government requires that chemical companies put warnings on the labels of these chemicals-and it's a good thing. Highly toxic or poisonous chemicals have a POISON label. Extremely flammable

(meaning it could catch fire), corrosive or toxic chemicals have a DANGER label. And moderately or slightly-toxic chemicals have a WARNING/CAUTION label.

When buying cleaning products, be sure to read the label for a list of ingredients.

istics. It takes three generations of turkeys before a change-like more meat-can be seen. Because producers are growing bigger turkeys, leg strength is very important. Without strong bones and muscles, the turkeys can't support all that extra meat. So scientists also breed turkeys that will grow bigger, stronger legs capable of carrying faster-growing, heavier bodies.

One important factor in growing turkeys is disease. As turkeys grow larger, their ability to fight disease decreases. Thanks to the help of scientists, this problem can be solved by breeding lines of turkeys that produce more meat and grow up healthy.

Hannah Bomgardner, Sarah Krall, and Jared Zimmerman participated in the dairy judging team competition.

They competed against 25 teams from across Pennsylvania and ended up placing first. They will receive money and ribbons for their efforts.

County FFA Has Get-Acquainted Night

The Lebanon County FFA recently conducted its annual get-acquainted night at Joel and Travis Krall's farm in the form of a barn party.

Approximately 35 people attended from the Northern Lebanon and Cedar Crest FFA.

Travis Adam, county president, opened the activity with a welcome at 7 p.m. The other county FFA officers were introduced. County FFA members proceeded to play several "get to know each other" games. The guessing games were won by Northern Lebanon members.

The participants at the barn party were treated to a hayride by Tom and Shirley Krall.

scientists like Karl Nestor. He has been studying turkeys at Ohio State University for more than 35 years! To grow bigger birds Nestor breeds certain sire (male turkey) lines for growth traits and dam (female turkey) lines for reproduction character-



Airville 4-H Club

Elections were conducted Oct. 20. Officers for the year 2001 are president, Daniel Watkins; vice president, Steph Pomraning; secretary, Jess Robinson; assistant secretary, Kim Pomraning; treasurer, Holly Rankin; historian, Nicole Watkins; news reporter, Katrina Gore; song and game leader, Janelle Matesich and Emily Robinson.

The soup and sandwich sale is Nov. 7.

Berries And Bees Club

The club's last meeting was Oct. 17, an achievement night.

Awards and project completion certificates were handed out to members. They had food, snacks, apple juice, and apple cider.

The York County Beekeepers came and invited some members to go to the York County 4-H Extension Banquet Nov. 3. The next meeting will be Feb. 13.

Anyone interested in joining the Berries and Bees Club should contact the York County Extension Office.

Union County 4-H Teen Club

At this month's meeting, the Club elected new officers.

This year's newly elected teens are Jason Deihl, president; Grace Hockenberry, vice president; Paul Maurer, secretary; Alisha Cox, treasurer; Danielle Cox, news reporter; and Jennifer Miller and Andy Walter, social chair. New advisory committee chair is Alisha Cox.

Recognition event will be Nov. 9.

Jennifer Miller won the door prize this month. Next meeting will be Nov. 16.



Cedar Crest Participants At The All-American Dairy Show

The Cedar Crest FFA recently participated at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

Members worked as tour guide for elementary students in the Harrisburg area. Members who served as tour guides were Chet Brubaker, Joel Krall, Jeremy Balsbaugh, B.J. Atkins, Beth Kreider, Kris Keller, Samantha Shepler, Sara Tribioli, and Travis Krall.

They told the students about different breeds of cattle, such as Holsteins, Jerseys, Brown Swiss, and Ayrshires. The tour guides informed the children about the different feeds fed to cows, such as hay, ryelage, corn silage, haylage, and soybeans. They also showed preschoolers how a cow is milked. At the end of the tour, the children realized that the milk they drink was not made at the store, but that it came from a cow.

In addition to members serving as tour guides, Daniel Eberly,



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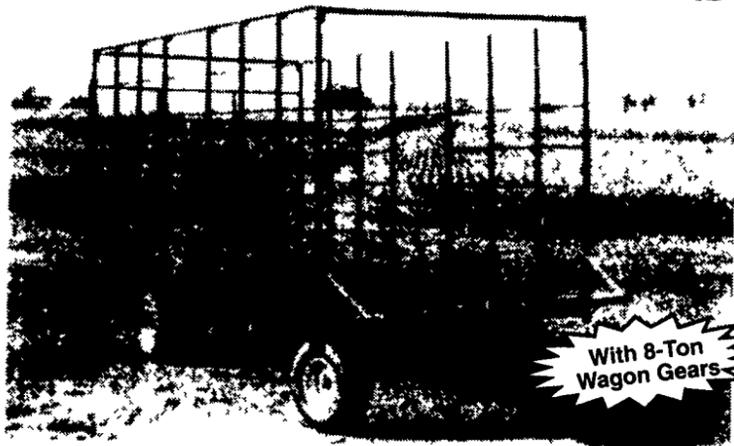


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Stewartstown, of the Kennard Dale chapter; and Holly Rankin, daughter of Sharon Rankin, Red Lion, of the Red Lion Area FFA Chapter, received second-place honors for representing their chapters.

These outstanding students will be completing applications this fall in order to receive the Keystone Degree, awarded by the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

York County FFA

Names Scholarship Winners

Heather Bankert, the daughter of Wayne and Sue Bankert, Red Lion, has been selected to receive the Carroll F. Thompson Scholarship. The recipient was selected by the York County Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association to receive the scholarship, given in memory of Carroll F. Thompson, who was formerly a vocational agriculture teacher at Spring Grove and Dover high schools.

Bankert is a 2000 graduate of Red Lion Area High School and has completed four years of agricultural education. During her high school years, she participated in activities such as livestock judging, creed speaking, meats judging, dairy foods, apple judging, parliamentary procedure, recordkeeping, agricultural salesmanship, and leadership training conferences.

Bankert served as her local FFA chapter treasurer for two years and as vice president her senior year. She also served as the York County FFA secretary during her junior year and as president during her senior year.

As part of her FFA experiences, she has had projects of off-farm work experience, poultry capons, sheep breeding, and sheep finishing.

Bankert was also involved in sports and was a tutor for a life skills class in school as well as doing volunteer work in community organizations.

She is enrolled as a student at Millersville University with plans of becoming a special education teacher.

Angela Miller, daughter of Robert Miller and Mary Luckenbaugh, was selected to receive the York County FFA scholarship. Miller is a 1999 graduate of the Dover Area High School, where she was enrolled in the agricultural education program. She is studying English at Shippensburg University with plans of becoming a secondary education English teacher.

Other students who are also receiving scholarships from funds administered by the York County Agriculture Teachers are Michael Burrell, son of William and Carolyn Burrell, Dover; Heather Crawl, daughter of Ellis and Joyce Crawl, Airville; and Jason Deardorff, son of Wayne and Bonnie Deardorff, East Berlin.

The scholarship recipients must be graduates of an agricultural education/horticulture program in York County who are continuing their education in a post-high school institution with selection based on their future plans, financial need, leadership activities, and scholastic performance.