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## 4-H HAPPENINGS

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earned second place honors in the senior division of the very competitive stock seat equitation class at the State 4-H Horse Show. She exhibited her quarter horse, Kims Docs Badgerette. Karaisz, the daughter of Marilyn and Juan Duran, also showed in the senior division of the western pleasure horse class. In the production division of the show, Karaisz exhibited the first-place quarter horse filly of this year, A Major Reflection, and the fifth place 2-year-old filly, Sheza Ragun Star.

In all, 14 Erie County 4-H horse club members participated in the State 4-H Horse Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg in late October. These 4-H'ers qualified for the state show by participating in county and district horse shows or by exhibiting their production project animals at the Area 4-H Production Show last summer.

In the performance division of the show, Sarah Petri, Girard, a member of the Waterford Bucking Broncos 4-H Club, placed seventh in English grooming and showmanship, junior division. Stephanie Patterson, Summit Township, a member of the Homesteaders 4-H Club, placed 10th in pleasure horse driving. Stephanie Rzepka, Greene

Township, Tally Ho 4-H Club, placed ninth in hunter seat equitation on the flat, junior division. Martha Stickner, Albion, a member of the Trailblazers 4-H Club, placed fourth in English grooming and showmanship, senior division. Tiffany Gilger, Corry, a member of the county's newest 4-H horse club, the Horse Whisperers, placed fourth in open trail ponies.

Other local exhibitors in the performance division of the show included Renee Schmader, North East, a member of the North East Hoof Pickers 4-H Club; and Karla Wisniewski, North East, and Kayla Edwards, Harborcreek, both members of the Buck-A-Roos 4-H Club.

Several additional Erie County 4-H'ers exhibited horses in the production division of the show. They included Christy McGahey, Waterford, Waterford Bucking Broncos, first place, paint yearling gelding; Gregg Parker, Ablion, Trailblazers 4-H Club, second place, paint yearling filly; and Paul Pavolko, Albion, Trailblazers 4-H Club, third place, paint yearling filly.

Jaclyn Belczyk, daughter of Jack and Carolyn Belczyk, Erie, and a member of the Clover Leaf Riders 4-H Club, received recognition at the show as a finalist in the Pennsylvania Outstanding 4-H Horse Member Awards Pro-

gram. In honor of her accomplishments, she received a halter and leadline, donated by Wengers Saddlery, York Springs.

### Berks 4-H Winners

Berks County 4-H Horse members received 14 awards at the 41st Annual State 4-H Horse Show, Oct. 27-29 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

County winners in 4-H performance classes were: Jessica Radcliff, Reading, won first place in pole bending horses and clover leaf barrel race horse; Liz Ehrig, Mertztown, placed third in hunter seat equitation, senior; Heather Seifrit, Douglassville, third place in clover leaf barrel race ponies, Rachel Wolfe, Bernville, fourth place in stock seat equitation senior; and Caitlyn Kaczor, Centerport, fifth place in hunter under saddle horses.

In 4-H horse production classes, members breed and raise their own project animal. Local winners were Seth Hartman, Boyertown, first place with 2-year-old filly and first place in 2-year-old filly miniature horse; Rachel Wolfe, Bernville, with first place colt or gelding of this year, second place colt or gelding of this year and third place 2-year-old filly, Molly Smith, Robeson; Elisha Yerger, East Greenville, first place 2-year-old filly; and Amanda Reed, Mohnton, second place in 2-year-old gelding.

"The competition gave 4-H'ers an opportunity to display their horsemanship skills," said Deborah Dietrich, Berks County 4-H coordinator.

The Berks County 4-H program earned first place honors

for each day of judging and the overall reserve championship in the good housekeeping competition. The Berks County 4-H members were rewarded for keeping their horse stable area neat and clean and their hospitality pleasant.

Their stall decorating theme was "Y to Horse."

Additionally, the Rocky Mountain Riders Club earned a first-place award for their educational exhibit entitled "Coggins, Just the Facts."

More than 900 winners from county and district competitions vied for awards. Berks County had 19 4-H'ers entered in the competition. Events tested skills in showmanship, equitation, pleasure, jumping, driving, and timed events.

### Hastings Receives Friend Of 4-H Award

Bucks County 4-H honored Kay M. Hastings with the Friend of 4-H Award at the 4-H Achievement Day recognition event recently.

Hastings recently retired as Penn State Cooperative extension director, Bucks County, where she also served as the family living and consumer sciences extension agent.

Hastings was a 4-H youth member. As a Penn State employee, she served as Bucks County 4-H coordinator for several years.

"Thank you for your 38-plus years of service," said Bucks County 4-H Development Fund Board President Jennifer Keller in presenting the award.

Hastings resides in Doylestown with her husband, Robert.

