

Adams County Conducts Achievement Night

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Adams County 4-H members were honored recently at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, sponsored this year by the Cash-town Lions Club.

Edmund Miller, Lion's Club contact, coordinated the evening with Darlene Resh, 4-H extension agent.

Memorial awards were presented to the following: Emily Black, Aspers, received the Mrs. Edward Snyder Clothing Award; Kara Johnston, Gettysburg, received the Robert Lott Leadership Award; Cami Topper, New Oxford, received the Clue Meyerhoffer Citizenship Award; Chris Jeffcoat, Littlestown, received the Larry Feeser, Sr. Swine Award; Angela Sowers, Gardners, received the Lois Smith Gardening Award; Katie Martin, Orrtanna, received the William Miller Award; Shannon Holtzinger, East Berlin, received the Rose Murren Award; Bert Martin, Orrtanna, received the ABC Williams Award; Jonathan Murren, New Oxford, received the Robert Heltbridle Award; Julie Sowers, Gardners, received the Olwyn Weant Fashion Revue Award; and Josh Buckley, Abbottstown, received the Frederick J. Rarig Award.

4-H members received recognition in the 4-H National Recognition Award Program. The award was based upon the member's comprehensive record of activities in 4-H and their excellence within the specific program area. Senior recognition award winners were Jonathan Murren, New Oxford; Chris

Jeffcoat, Littlestown; Kimberly Johnston, Gettysburg; Amber Grimm, Abbottstown; Josh Buckley, Abbottstown; Julie Sowers, Gardners; Emily Black, Aspers; Cami Topper, New Oxford; and Kara Johnston, Gettysburg.

Junior recognition award winners were Clinton Grimm, Abbottstown; Melissa Jeffcoat, Littlestown; Angela Sowers, Gardners; Megan LeMay, York Springs; Crystal LeMay, York Springs; Joel Gilbert, York Springs; Keira Shellehamer, New Oxford; Adam Boyer, York Springs; and Clayton Wood, Littlestown.

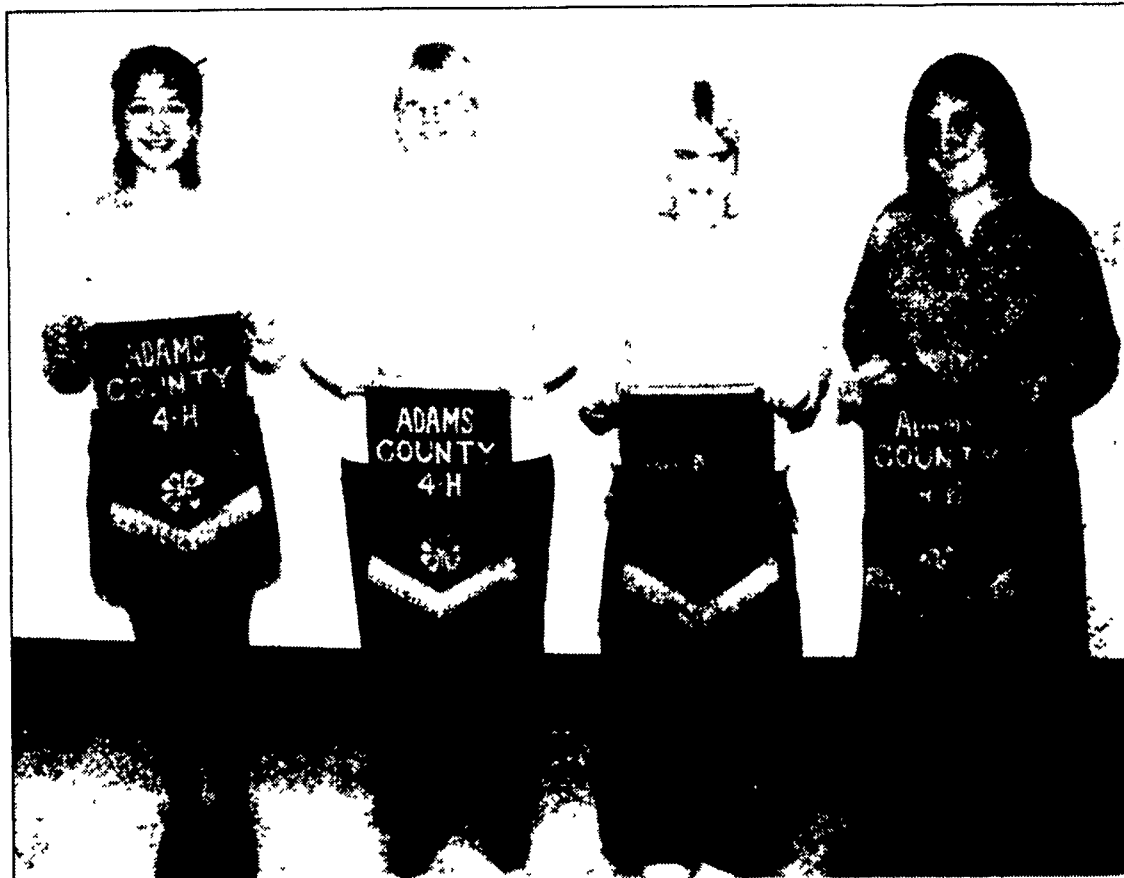
Retiring 4-H members recognized were BJ Wagner, Gettysburg, and Preston Lott, Aspers.

Ten year 4-H members recognized were Shannon Holtzinger, East Berlin; Wade Black, Aspers; Bert Martin, Orrtanna; Amanda Woodruff, Gettysburg; Jessica Coleman, Gettysburg; Josh Ramsburg, Gettysburg; Andrew Reinecker, York Springs; Jessi Leister, Biglerville; Ashi Day, Littlestown; and Janel Keller, Gettysburg.

Four 4-H members were awarded the "I Dare You" Leadership Award. The award honors 4-H teens for excellence in character, balanced personal development, and leadership potential. Those receiving the award were Erik Long, New Oxford; Vince Gilbert, York Springs; Molly Van Lieu, East Berlin; and Amanda Clowney, Gettysburg. Each recipient received a copy of William H. Danforth's book "I Dare You!"



Memorial Award winners, from left, Angela Sowers, Gardners; Emily Black, Aspers; Katie Martin, Orrtanna; Julie Sowers, Gardners; Cami Topper, New Oxford; Bert Martin, Orrtanna; and Jonathan Murren, New Oxford.



National Recognition Award winners, senior division, from left, Cami Topper, New Oxford; Julie Sowers, Gardners; Amber Grimm, Abbottstown; and Emily Black, Aspers.

USDA Questions STB Proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA recently announced that it has submitted comments to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) regarding its proposal to require consolidated financial reporting by commonly controlled U.S. railroads and railroad-related affiliates.

Although agreeing that consolidated reporting would have some benefits, Michael V. Dunn, under secretary for marketing and regulatory programs, expressed concern that consolidated financial reporting could have adverse effects on smaller railroads serving rural areas.

"Consolidated reporting of financial data could result in the reclassification of smaller railroads as either Class I or Class II railroads, which would greatly increase their reporting requirements, as well as impose

more stringent merger rules on them," said Dunn. "Although they have preserved rail service to agricultural and other regions, smaller railroads are often only marginally profitable since they typically operate lines having lower railcar traffic densities. Increased regulatory burdens could affect their ability to continue serving rural areas."

The STB is considering changing the reporting rules to ensure conformity with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 94 and to ensure uniformity and consistency of reports. In addition, the STB believes consolidated reporting would allow it to obtain more meaningful and accurate information on major rail systems operating in the U.S. than can be obtained from separate reports from individual affiliated railroads.



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