

4-H Achievement Banquet Honors Members, Leaders



Northampton County 4-H junior award winners with Representatives Craig Dally and Rich Grucela.



Northampton County 4-H senior award winners with Representatives Craig Dally and Rich Grucela.

NAZARETH (Northampton Co.) — A crowd of 225 friends and families of Northampton County 4-H attended the Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet.

4-H youth and leaders were honored for their accomplishments and dedicated service throughout the year.

Special awards were presented to the following 4-H'ers:

4-H development fund scholarships to Diane Petraitis of Bath, Julie Blackadar of Riegelsville, and Sarah Heimbach and Jill Parker, both from Bethlehem.

The 4-H Center Board Memorial Scholarship was presented to Dana Schrantz and Rachael Slotcavage.

4-H Poster Contest Winners were Brett and Ryan Hoadley and Rebekah Brown.

Officer of the year awards were presented to presidents, Keith Hontz and Shelly Kneebone; secretaries, Nicole Kondziela, Annie Stewart, and Sarah

Buskirk; treasurers, Kelsey Beal and Erin Hontz; and news reporter, Sean Kneebone.

4-H adult volunteer leaders were honored for their hard work and dedication to 4-H. Mildred Arndt was honored for 45 years of service as a 4-H leader; Rosa-leen Fehnel and Lee Snyder for 25 years as a 4-H leader; Julie Ann Hurlock for 10 years as 4-H leaders; Janice Buskirk, Linda Hower, Betsy Newcomb, Sue Voorhees, Sherwood Geiger, Ned Hower, and Sharon Peck for five years as 4-H leaders; and 19 leaders were honored for being first-year leaders.

A special plaque was awarded to Wayne Hachten, DVM, as recipient of this year's 2000 "Friend of 4-H" Award for his generous help with several animal science clubs. Representatives Rich Grucela and Craig Dally made special presentations to award winning 4-H members in their districts.

4-H HAPPENINGS

Pennsylvania 4-H Shooting Sports Committee To Conduct Instructor Certification Course

The Pennsylvania 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will conduct a training program and instructor certification course for adults interested in working with youths April 6-8, at Camp Susque in Lycoming County.

The workshop will be funded in part by grants from the "The NRA Fountain," Federal Cartridge Corporation, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Programming will involve specialized training and certification for instructors in the NRA/4-H rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting sports programs. Archery participants will receive National Archery Association Level 1 certification. Program participants will be certified to organize 4-H project clubs and conduct instruction in these program areas.

One hundred nineteen 4-H volunteer leaders from 42 counties participated in the Pennsylvania 4-H Shooting Sports workshop in April 2000 in Butler County.

This year's program will feature presentations by NRA Disability Services. Director Dave Baskin will assist leaders who work with disabled individuals/

groups in shooting sports projects.

Several related projects and activities will also be introduced during this year's training, including "Woodworking for Wildlife," "Wildlife Through The Seasons," "Endangered Species," and the Penn State 4-H Habitat Evaluation contest.


The 4-H Shooting Sports program has grown rapidly in Pennsylvania, with more than 3,000 youth's ages 8 to 18 completing projects in this program area in 2000.

4-H members receive training in marksmanship, firearm safety, and handling. They also have the opportunity to compete in county, regional, statewide, and national contests. Air pistol, air rifle, archery, shotgun, and .22 rifle contests are conducted for teens at 4-H State Achievement Days at Penn State University in July.

In July 2000, two teams representing Penn State 4-H competed with 17 other states in National 4-H Competition at San Antonio, Texas. The archery and shotgun teams represented Pennsylvania well, bringing home the national championship and a number of team and individual trophies.

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