

4-H Members In Champion Spotlight At Lancaster County Banquet

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — 4-H livestock and meats judging programs are more popular than ever, with 29 4-H'ers signing up last year, according to Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock agent. Popular interest brought the most number of 4-H'ers to the

program that "I've seen since I've been an agent," Hughes told about 300 4-H members, family, and friends late last week at the annual Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet at the Farm and Home Center. "Our livestock program continues to grow and flourish," Hughes said. "Enrollment in both the swine and Woolies

clubs annually bumps 100 members. The new dairy beef club will nearly double in 2001, with more than 60 members." Hughes said the 4-H goat program is "gaining in popularity. The most traditional of county livestock programs, the 4-H Red Rose Beef Club added eight new members last year, and had an outstanding showing of champion steers at the Pennsylvania Farm Show."

Many 4-H members were honored for outstanding contributions at the banquet. Also, Farm Show scholarship winners from the county were recognized, including Gerald Boyd and Gerald's sister Sarah, and Jessica Schmidt.

In the Woolies Club, the annual \$250 scholarship award began as a contribution from the Gerald Engle Family to the 4-H program to give back some of what their family gained in positive experiences and strong values. The Lancaster Sheep and Wool Growers Association also contributes to the scholarship fund.

Recipient this year was Michael Musser. Musser has been active in the Woolies 4-H Club for eight years, exhibiting more than 20 market lambs at 30 events.

Woolies Club President Award was presented to Radell Peters, 17, son of Ray and Becky Peters, Elizabethtown.

The Novice Shepherd Award was presented to Roanna Martin, 12, daughter of Galen and Nancy Martin, Mount Joy.

The 2000 Shepherd of the Year Award went to Jennifer



Woolies Club honors. From left, Jennifer Zimmerman, 2000 Shepherd of the Year; Radell Peters, President Award; and Roanna Martin, 2000 Novice Shepherd Award. *Photo by Andy Andrews*



Beef Club awards went to Jessica Schmidt, left, Outstanding Member Award, and Ryan Nolt, Red Rose 4-H Rookie Award. *Photo by Andy Andrews*



Swine Club awards. From left, Kevin Pfautz, Swine Club President Award; Lisa Pfautz, Carl Nestleroth Outstanding Member Award; and Bobby Shearer, Rookie of the Year. *Photo by Andy Andrews*



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