

# 4-H HAPPENINGS

## Adams County 4-H'er

### Attends Leadership Conference

Blair Dubs, Gettysburg attended the four-day 4-H Leadership Conference at Lebanon Valley College Annville. The conference was designed to provide leadership development experience for teens; teach leadership life skills such as understanding self, communication, getting along with others, learning to learn, decision making, managing, and working with a group; and to unify and strengthen local 4-H programs by training teens in leadership skills.

Sponsored by Penn State University's College of Agricultural Sciences Extension/4-H program in the capital region.

The workshops included Risky Business; Let's Start Where They Are!; Minds — On Interaction; We're In The Same Boat Now!; Reptiles; Hose Play; Glass Etching; Creative Hosting — Food With Flare!; Flying Objects; and Website Development. The conference participants went to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater for The Wizard of Oz. Off-campus, the teens conducted educational workshops for the Annville area summer school aged day camps and child care programs.

The conference teens were guided through the activities by older 4-H teens. These teens taught teach group dynamics, pillars of character, and leadership skills.

The conference was planned by capital and southeast region 4-H agents. Darlene

Resh, Adams County 4-H agent, attended the program and presented a recreation leadership workshop on Hose Play. The workshop utilized nylons to make balls, Frisbees, and other toys to use in leading and playing games with youth.

## Erie County 4-H Fair Set For Aug. 10-12

The annual Erie County 4-H Fair will be Friday through Sunday, Aug. 10 through 12, at the Waterford Fairgrounds. The three-day event is conducted each year to recognize the achievements of Erie County's nearly 2,500 4-H members.

Project judging begins on Friday afternoon with such projects as clothing, foods and nutrition, woodworking, crafts, veterinary science, and more.

A carnival to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association is scheduled in the Show Arena. The carnival is open to all youth at the fair and also to the general public. It will be a traditional backyard-style carnival with games of chance. All tickets will be just a nickel each. Last year's carnival raised more than \$900 for MDA.

A book drive to benefit Edison Elementary School, 4-H's adopt-a-school partner, will be conducted in conjunction with the carnival on Friday. Coordinated by Erie County's 4-H Teen Council, anyone donating a new or used children's book will receive 10 free carnival tickets.

The annual 4-H Super Clubs Competition, will be conducted on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., prior to the Family Picnic.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, activities will start at 9 a.m. with the Dairy Roundup, followed by the Dog Roundup. Also, at 9 a.m., the Livestock Roundup starts the judging of market lambs, followed by the steer fitting and breeding cattle competition. Market steers will be judged beginning at 3 p.m. The Rabbit and Cavy Roundup will also take place Saturday.

The 4-H Fair activities will wind up on Sunday, Aug. 12, with the annual 4-H Horse Roundup, beginning at 9 a.m.

## New Horse Barn For 4-H'ers At Schuylkill County Fair

The Schuylkill County Fair will be home away from home to 18 4-H horses during this year's Schuylkill County Fair, July 30 through Aug. 4. A 40 by 100 foot horse barn was constructed thanks in part to a \$25,000 state fair fund grant. The fair also received a second \$25,000 fair fund grant for the construction of new shower facilities and office space.

Additional improvements this year include new paving in the indoor midway, which will feature Doc Swan's Magic and Comedy Show, as well as 30 vendors.

According to Allan Cornman, midway chairman, "Our outdoor midway is just about sold out and only a few indoor midway spaces remain." "I think the great entertainment line up again this year had a lot to do with the popularity for local businesses to promote their goods and services at this fair," concluded Cornman.

And the Schuylkill County Fair does have a great entertainment line up including Paul Revere and the Raiders, the Buckingham, Clay Davidson, and Trick Pony, as well as gospel favorites, The Hoppers, and local favorite, John Bressler. The fair boasts a beautiful amphitheater nestled in the foot of the Blue Mountains.

Admission is only \$6 per person which includes major nightly entertainment shows at 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., week long shows including Doc Swan's Magic and Comedy Show, and Bwana Jim's Reptile Show, unlimited amusement rides, agricultural museum, hands on nature museum, parking and more.

For more information on the Schuylkill County Fair, log on to [www.schuylkillfair.com](http://www.schuylkillfair.com) or call (570) 754-3247 (fair).

## Lancaster County 4-H Skillathon

Over 75 4-H'ers from all facets of livestock including the Lancaster County 4-H clubs involved with beef, dairy beef, goats, swine, and sheep gathered their knowledge and tested their skills at the 2001 4-H Skillathon conducted at the West Lampeter Fairgrounds on June 22.

There were nine stations that needed to be completed that tested their knowledge on a wide variety of information pertaining to all livestock species.

These stations included a general 4-H quiz, equipment ID, meat ID, feed ID, identification of parts of animals, market lamb judging, wool judging, and meat judging.

There was also a bio-security relay race where the team had to dress up in protective clothing, run through an obstacle course, wash their boots, and cross the finish line.

The event was organized and run by LeeAnn Tice, this year's summer assistant of the Lancaster County Extension office, along with Lori Little, Lancaster County 4-H animal science extension agent, and Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock extension agent.

The winners of this contest were "The 4-H'ers" which consisted of Sarah Henry, Cody Andrews, Mirian Henry, and Ryan Donough. The "Talkers" filled the second place slot. Their team consisted of Johanna Rohrer, Rebecca Graybill, Stephanie Kauffman, and Derek Hanna. Closely following them was the third place team, the "Clovers," whose members were Carolyn Kensinger, Jennie Ream, Kyle Ream, and John Good.

The event ended with an ice cream social.



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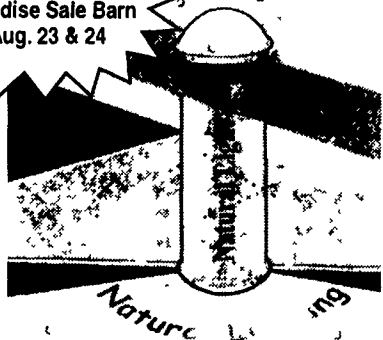
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## Lackawanna County 4-H'ers Attend Fashion Revue

Eleven Lackawanna County 4-H textile science members recently attended the multi-county 4-H fashion revue in Montrose. Three members from the Glenburn Sewing Club led by 4-H leaders, Hilda Lewis and Ann Northup, received recognition for their outstanding work.

Those members were Melissa Benson of Dalton, second place in the junior wearable year two division; Shannon McDonald of Waverly, alternate in the senior di-

vision; and Megan Callahan of Dalton, winner in the senior division.

As a winner of the senior category, Megan Callahan represented the region at the state fashion revue conducted on the main campus of Penn State University July 25. She competed against members from across the state for the top 10 places.

During the event, the 4-H members attended workshops and modeled their handmade garments for judging on appearance, fit, design, modeling ability and construction of the garment.

## Delaware County 4-H Fair At Newtown Square

The annual 4-H summer fair will be conducted Friday evening, Aug. 10 and Saturday, Aug. 11 at 395 Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square. Friday's program begins at 5 p.m. with opening ceremonies. Saturday's activities occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Several contests are open to the public. Vegetable gardeners and bakers are encouraged to enter their produce and/or baked goods in open competition. Call (610) 690-2655 for a fair booklet with all the details. Entries must be submitted on Thursday, Aug. 9, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

During the fair, there are two open contests for youth and adults. Friday evening immediately after the opening ceremonies at 5 p.m., bring your hula-hoop and see if you can "hula-hoop" for the longest time in your age category. Winners will receive ribbons. On Saturday at noon, test your skill at spitting watermelon seeds for accuracy. In previous years, the competition was for distance. Come try your luck!

