## Lancaster 4-H Honors Members, Leaders

and Justin Snyder, advanced ori-

enteering team; Kim Dietrich,

photography; Bonnie Johnson,

junior small animal essay; and

Tiffany Dean, Joelynn Donough,

Abby Funk, and Adam Zurin,

Bryan Eberle, representing Hy-

Interspersed with awards were

35 Years

appreciation for his 35 years as a

4-H leader.

Thomas Smith, Denver, re-

junior livestock judging team.

MICHELLE KUNJAPPU Lancaster Farming Staff

LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — 4-H'ers were honored for their work this past year during recognition night here at the Four Seasons with several categories of awards given during the evening.

Also honored with special recognition were the leaders of 4-H. Joann Siegrist and Mary Alice Wolgemuth have served as lead-



Leader awards went to, from left, Joanne Siegrist for 20 years of service as a leader, Connie Rutt, 25 years, and Thomas Smith, 35 years.

ers for 20 years; Fern Huber, Kervin Martin, and Connie Rutt have been leaders for 25 years, and Thomas Smith has been a leader for 35 years.

In addition, 15 teen leaders helped with the 4-H program in the past year, besides the many adult leaders who lent their expertise to 4-H'ers in a wide variety of disciplines.

State 4-H Achievement Days winners included James Snyder



Senior honor role recipients were Lori Hess and

Line Hatchery, was honored for their support of the 4-H embryology school enrichment proseveral talent selections from Peter Schaum, Jared Snyder, Kaeti Rosenberg, Jen Wgner, and Rachel Kark. ceived an engraved desk set in

Erik Nussbaum.



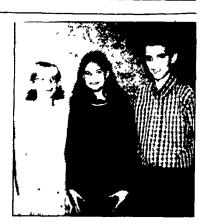
The friend of 4-H award went to Hy-Line Hatchery for its annual support of the 4-H embryology school enrichment program. Pictured are Hy-Line representative Bryan Eberie and Lori Little, 4-H animal science agent.

Being a leader seems to run in Smith's family. "My family was in 4-H in New Jersey," he said. "I couldn't wait to turn ten years old, because I knew the next calf born was mine," said Smith, who watched four older sisters show dairy animals before he was old enough to participate, also. A younger brother and younger sister also exhibited animals through 4-H. "It was just the thing to do," he said. Parental support, such as his father driving the truck to shows, was a big part of the family's commitment

After Smith grew too old to be 4-H'er himself, he became a junior leader for the dairy club. In addition to the dairy 4-H club, he participated in a state exchange and spent a week in Maine. His family also hosted 4-Hers as part of an exchange.

Joined by his wife, Dale, the couple moved from Mercer County, New Jersey to Pennsylvania. After the move Smith was planning to take a break from 4-H leadership. However his past involvement was found out after the family had been in Pennsylvania only a few months, according to Smith. He didn't hesitate to get involved again, however, and began to organize the dairy club for the northern Lancaster County area, now the "Kows 'R' Us" club.

"When I was in 4-H, there was an older gentleman who had the leadership of the club. When I started leading a club, somebody said, 'why are you doing this?', and I said, 'somebody did it for me. The need was there.'



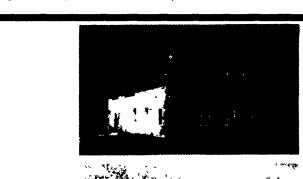
Junior honor role recipients were, from left, Emily Riden, Ann Whiteley, and Linford Hershey.

"It is fun to see what the kids get out of it," he said. "I think they give us more than we give them." His own four children have exhibited or are exhibiting cattle through 4-H. The Smith's son Brian, who has Downs Syndrome, has also shown cattle as a 4-H'er. "It gave him a lot of confidence," said Smith's wife Dale.

Their daughter, Liz, not only showed animals as a 4-H'er but also has experience in leading clubs. "I became a leader as soon as I graduated from 4-H primarily because of watching my parents work with our clubs over the years," said Liz. "Both my parents are responsible for instilling the value of volunteering and giving back to the community in me and I feel I'm a better person for

The couple own and operate 91-acre King and Queen Farm, a 100-head Holstein, Brown Swiss, and Guernsey operation in Denver. As organizer of Lancaster County's dairy princess program, Dale is also involved in the dairy industry. Additionally she has several years of experience in leading 4-H clubs.



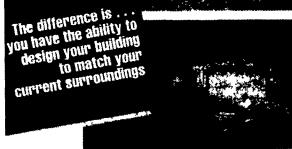


Kelly Pitman, Erik Nussbaum, and Linford Hershey.



4-H record form scrapbook award winners are, from

left, Lori Hess, Hillary Grube, Emily Riden, Ann Whiteley,









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