

4-H HAPPENINGS

Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club

The Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club recently celebrated their achievements of 2001 with a banquet conducted at the Lebanon Expo Center. The banquet was led by Nathaniel Artz, who served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. The pledges were led by Billie Jo Atkins, and the invocation by Tim



Jeff Olin of Windsor, N.Y., wins the 32nd annual IFR Rodeo Announcers Showcase conducted at State Fair Arena, Oklahoma City, Okla. recently. Olin competed against 12 of the profession's top rodeo announcers and was the first announcer ever from the Northeast to win the competition. Announcers competed in categories such as appearance, voice, enthusiasm, rodeo knowledge, professionalism, and preparation. Olin received a commemorative gold belt buckle and an \$800 check for his first place efforts.

Crouse. After a dinner of beef and pork, the awards began.

Tim Schaeffer and Kyle Fleener recognized 4-H leaders and buyers from the livestock sale. All buyers received their meal free, and received a small token of appreciation from the club.

Leaders Brenda Crouse, Debbie Tice and Brian Kreider recognized fair and farm show winners from the swine, sheep and beef clubs respectively. Champion bred and owned winners were awarded a savings bond for their efforts. Winners were sheep — Kurt Fleener, swine — Joel Crouse, and beef — Kyle Fleener.

Brian Kreider spent some time recognizing the achievements of the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. The team won the state contest last July and went on to represent Pennsylvania in several contests throughout the country, eventually placing third in the national contest in Louisville, Ky.

Team members Travis Adam, Tim Schaeffer, Kyle Fleener, and Nate Tice then presented Kreider with a card and a chair for his efforts in working with them and helping them achieve their goals. Kreider also thanked those who supported the team, including the Firestine family, Harry Bachman, Cliff Orley, and all who purchased the cake at the livestock sale.

First year members were recognized by Brenda Crouse. They included Ryan Fisher, Jared Longenecker, Michael Billings, Derek Brehm, and Allison Martz.

Tim Fleener recognized the high school seniors, who are nearing their last year of showing in the 4-H program. Seniors Nathaniel Artz, Billie Jo Atkins, Tim Crouse, Kyle Fleener, Tim Schaeffer, Michelle Blanch, and Jennifer Campbell received a gold pin of either a sheep, hog or beef animal.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the outstanding

members. The rookie award, given to a new member who is 8 to 9 years old, went to Ryan Fisher. Ryan showed hogs this year for the first time, both at fair and the Pennsylvania Farm Show. He is active in sports and other activities in the Tulpehocken School District.

The outstanding junior award went to Kurt Fleener, who shows hogs, sheep and beef cattle. Kurt, who is in the ELCO School District, is also active in basketball, and at his church. He won the sheep bred and owned award for the last two years.

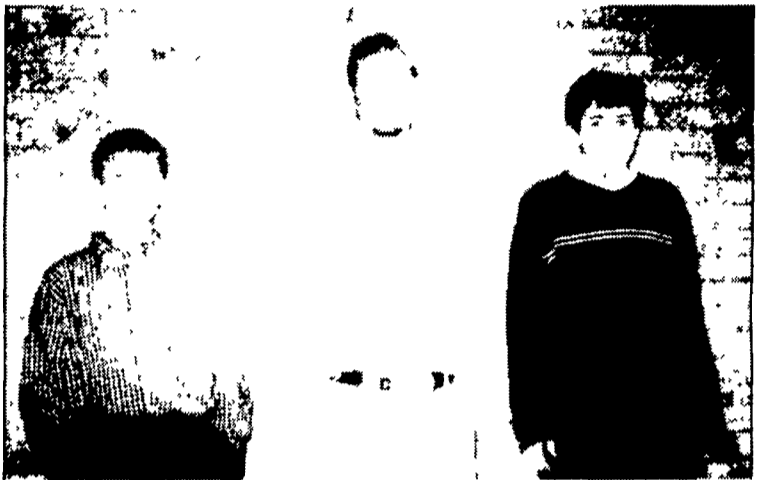
The outstanding senior award went to Kurt's older brother Kyle Fleener. Kyle, a senior at ELCO High School, also shows all three species, was on the award-winning livestock judging team, and is looking forward to a career in agriculture.

Prior to the close of the program, leaders Debbie Tice and Brian Kreider thanked all those who have helped the clubs throughout the year, particularly Harry Bachman, auctioneer, Dennis Grumbine of the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Mike Firestine for his work with the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and Pennsylvania Farm Show, and all the other leaders and parents who keep the program going.

A surprise award was presented to Leon and Ann Arnold of Arnold Hog Farm. Both have been longtime supporters of the program, with Leon providing early leadership to the Swine Club, as well as providing project swine and beef animals to many 4-H'ers, while Ann has helped for many years with the 4-H/FFA barbecue at the Lebanon Area Fair. For their service, they received a clock plaque, a gift certificate to Country Fare Restaurant, and the centerpiece in a hog decanter. It was also Leon's birthday, so he was presented with a cake with the traditional "happy birthday" sung by all. The Arnolds have also had several children and grandchildren involved in the club.



Brian Kreider, left, presents special award to Ann and Leon Arnold for their longtime support of the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Clubs.



At the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club's banquet, savings bonds were presented to champion bred and owned winners. From left, Kurt Fleener, sheep; Kyle Fleener, beef; and Tim Crouse, swine.

Leo Briggs' Scholarship Winner

Delaware County 4-H'ers At National Event

Seven residents represented Delaware County at the National Conversations on Youth Development in the 21st Century in Washington, D.C., Feb. 28 and March 1. Delaware County had the largest county representation in the Pennsylvania delegation.

The representatives from Delaware County included one adult 4-H leader — Bonnie Magliochetti of Media, and six 4-H teen members: Evan Davey, Springfield; Jana Holt, Wallingford; Katie Magliochetti, Media; Sarah Magliochetti, Media; Arnita McClarin, Chester; and Maive Stevens, Chester.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jessica Chyle of Pleasant Mount, Pa., is recognized as the 2002 Leo Briggs' Memorial Scholarship recipient.

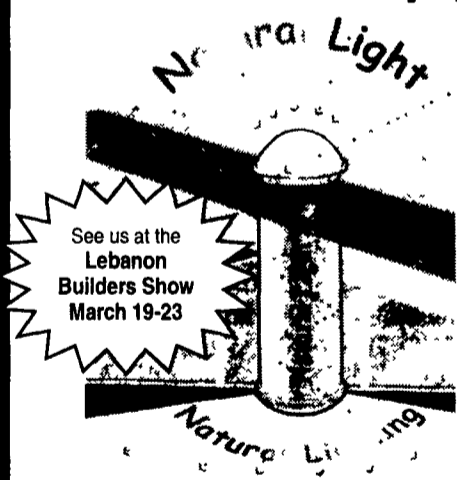
Each year at the New York State Dairy Princess Pageant the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc., along with the Leo Briggs family awards a \$500 scholarship to a deserving college student in ADADC's marketing region.

Chyle is a senior at Delaware Valley College where she is a major in the dairy science program. While in college, Jessica maintains a GPA of 2.885. At school she is active in the Del-Val Dairy Society, National Agri-Marketing Chapter, Sigma Alpha Sorority, Block and Bridle Club; out of school Jessica is active in the Wayne County 4-H Council along with various civic organizations.

In the future Jessica plans to serve as a county dairy extension agent working to educate farmers about new technology and research. Through this position she would like to also work with the 4-H program in various agricultural areas. The scholarship is offered to any college student within ADADC's marketing region of New York, northern New Jersey, and northeastern Pennsylvania. In keeping with the intent of Mr. Briggs' legacy, applicants must have exhibited leadership in dairy promotion.



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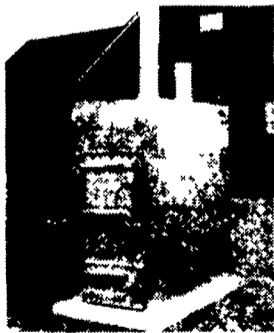


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