

# 4-H HAPPENINGS

## Wayne County 4-H Tractor Club To Begin

The "2002 Wayne County 4-H Tractor Club and Farm Machinery Safety Certification Program" will begin on Tuesday, April 2 at 8 p.m., at the Wayne County Cooperative Extension, Courthouse, in Honesdale. Other meeting dates are April 9, 16, 23, and 30.

This 4-H program is designed mainly for 14- to 16-year-old youth that intend to work on area farms this spring and summer. It can also be valuable safety training to others currently operating or working with farm tractors or other farm equipment.

A total of five classroom-type meetings are scheduled for this year's program.

The requirements of this 4-H project include: completing a 4-H tractor and machinery safety project book, taking and "passing" a comprehensive written examination and successfully competing in a tractor and machinery handling test.

All young people interested in this valuable 4-H project training are encouraged to contact the 4-H office so

that the necessary 4-H project materials can be ordered. Participants must attend all five meetings plus the tractor and machinery handling test.

Every 4-H member that completes this project can also receive the "Tractor and Machinery Maintenance and Safety Completion Certificate." This certificate is accepted by the United States Department of Labor as proof of training for those young people working on area farms.

Please contact the Wayne County Cooperative Extension if you intend to participate in this 4-H program. The number to dial is (570) 253-5970, ext. 239.

## Progressive Clovers 4-H Carroll County, Md.

The meeting of the Progressive Clovers 4-H took place March 11 and Sarah Gieron, the president, called the meeting to order. Austin Schwartzbeck led the 4-H pledge; John Saunders did the roll call; and Ryan Haines gave the treasurer's report.

Twenty-two members attended the meeting.

While presentations were going on, dairy members did the Hoards Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest.

Presentations were done by Matt Carmen and Sarah Gieron on how to wrap a horse's leg; Matt Carmen, how to pasteurize goats milk; Jennifer Jackson and Sarah Gross, how to care for a weak lamb and how to judge a beef steer; Kristen Lease, how to make a 4-H tote bag; Kevin Ridinger, how to build a bird feeder, and Amy Ridinger, how to make a paper heart craft.

## 4-H Summer Program Assistant Wanted In Chester County

Attention all interested men and women who have completed at least one year of college and who are interested in learning more about Penn State Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Hands-on experience as a member of the Chester County 4-H team, working with Penn State Cooperative Extension, is available this summer. Experiences will be provided in the 4-H Program that includes family living, dairy, livestock, camp, and other Penn State programs.

Please send a letter of inquiry with a current resume to: Laurie Szoke, Chester County 4-H Coordinator, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 370, P.O. Box 2747, West Chester, PA 19380-0990.

## Kennard-Dale FFA Members Attend State Conference

The Pennsylvania FFA Association conducted its annual State Legislative Leadership Conference on March 10-12, at the Holiday Inn of Grantville, and the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Three members of the Kennard-Dale FFA Chapter, York County, were among the 267 participants this year.

The three-day conference consisted of leadership workshops that expressed the importance of communication and partnerships, parliamentary procedure in legislation, and appearance and etiquette; educational tours of Milton Hershey School, the Hershey Zoo, and the Hershey Chocolate Factory; a legislative breakfast at the Harrisburg Hilton on Tuesday morning with the students' respective representatives

## Virginia Youth, Volunteer Leaders Participate In 4-H National Conversation

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia's views on what is needed for youth development were well represented at a National Conversation on Youth Development held last week at Washington, D.C.

"We were celebrating the centennial of the National 4-H by gathering the thoughts and suggestions from all over the country about what youth need to realize their potential," said Dorothy McCargo Freeman, Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development specialist at Virginia Tech.

"Virginia 4-H youth development agents provided leadership to have more than 60 local conversations, inviting all the adults who work with youth as well as youth themselves, to list what they thought was needed," she said.

and senators; and a legislative simulation that divided the students into six bill committees, then into a majority and minority caucus, and finally a general assembly to learn the process in which legislation is passed.

The members who attended this conference learned what it is like to work in legislation and also what role they can play, as high school students, in government. They also had the chance to discuss issues with their legislators at the breakfast on Tuesday and gain first-hand knowledge of what the "hot topics" in their district might be.

"After all the local conversations, we held a state conversation in Richmond to gather all the local conversations and to discuss our state needs. This is the report that we took to the National. At the national all of America was represented."

Virginia 4-H Alumna Nancy Redd, Martinsville, who is a student at Harvard University, was master of ceremonies for the Congressional dinner

Representing Virginia were: Jessica Kirkby, Chesapeake; Lindsey Charly, Roanoke; Brandon Crawley, Alton; Christina Ritter, Henry County; Calie Lambert, Narrows; Amanda Milgrim, Gladys; Kaitlyn O'Malley, Boones Mill; Jerome Woodson, Petersburg; Joshua Guvelan, Tazewell; Jenna Lawrence, Buchanan.

Also, Rachel Barrett, Danville; Kylie Lowe, Vernon Hill; Ingrid Paris-Hinklin, Fairfax; Cherisa Tarphe, Alexandria; Ryan Jones, Raritanburg; Andrew Coffey, Riner; Myckieala Cooper, Alexandria; Daryl Walker, Alexandria.

Volunteer leaders with the group were: George Rivers, Sutherland; Liz Shockley, Middleburg; Rebekah Woodie, Fincastle; Sandi Hutchison, Chesapeake; Shannon Scott, Alexandria; Joyce Pettit-Dix, Parksley; Iris Smith, Onancock; Cheryl Tarpeh, Alexandria; and Leryl Terpeh, Hill.

John Blankenship, Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development agent at Tazewell County, also was part of the group.



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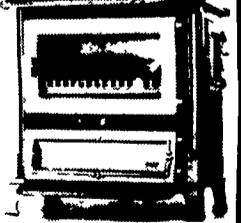
 

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