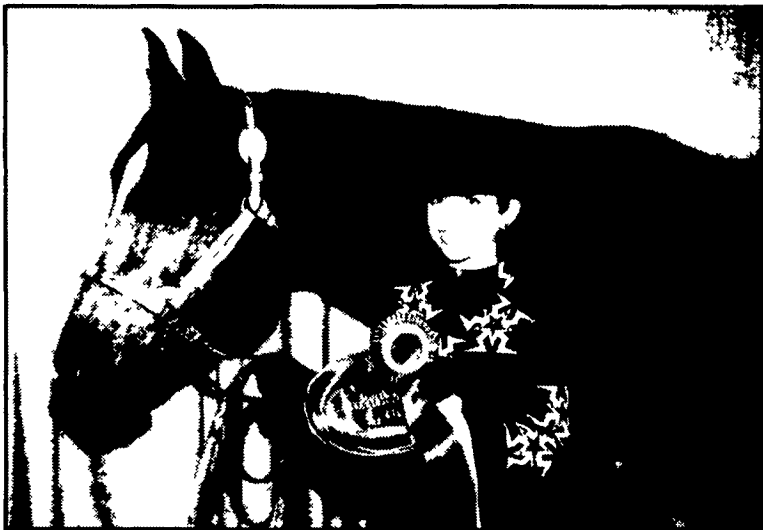


4-H HAPPENINGS



Before being injured, Morgan Fleetwood placed first in the junior division of the western grooming and showmanship at the state 4-H show.

State 4-H Horse Show Winners In Snyder Co.

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Snyder County horse members recently participated in the 43rd annual State 4-H Horse Show, October 25-27 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Morgan Fleetwood, 12 year-old daughter of Keith and Melinda Fleetwood, was the first place winner in Western Grooming and Showmanship, Junior Division. Several other Snyder County horse club members received recognition in the state contest as well. They were April Beaver, Valerie Blew, Eric Shirk, and Lauren Wagner.

"The members in Snyder County said that the show was a fun experience and they had a great time," says Kathy Weller, Snyder County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Fleetwood had her share of complications earlier this year. Just before the start of the show season her horse Mambo died suddenly. Through the generosity of a local horse owner, she was given a horse named Sweetpea to use during the remainder of the year. However, while riding Sweetpea at the 3-County 4-H Horse Roundup she was thrown and suffered a broken finger. Even though the pair was not able to compete in the remainder of the classes, they had already completed the grooming and showmanship contest and placed first, which made them eligible to participate at districts. The pair performed skillfully at districts, placing fourth and qualifying for the state show.

More than 900 winners from county and district competitions vied for awards. Snyder County had five 4-H'ers entered in the competition. Events tested skills in showmanship, equitation, pleasure, jumping, driving and timed events.

State 4-H Horse Show Winners In Cambria County

Cambria County 4-H horse members received 19 awards at the 43rd Annual State 4-H Horse Show, Oct. 25-27, at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

County winners in 4-H performance classes were: pole bending ponies: Michelle Smith of Summerhill - first place. Clover leaf barrel race ponies: Michelle Smith, Summerhill - fourth place; raised box keyhole ponies: Dana Alexander, Johnstown - fourth place and Michelle Smith, Summerhill - fifth; saddle seat equitation senior: Kara Miller, Ebensburg - first place and Megan Moschgat, Ebensburg - second place.

Saddle seat pleasure ponies: Kara Miller, Ebensburg - first and Kara Simanski - fifth; saddle seat pleasure horses: Megan Moschgat, Ebensburg - third place. Hunter under saddle horse senior: Deanna Wicks, Mineral Point - 10th place. Pleasure pony driving: Ashley Smith, Loretto - seventh place, and draft horse driving, Laekyn Wright, Salix - third place.

In 4-H horse production classes, members breed and raise their own project animal. Local winners were: Haflinger, filly of this year/yearling filly: 1. and 2. Kathryn C. Gagermeier of Loretto placed first and second; half Arabian: 2-year-old gelding, Kara Simansk, of Lilly - third; and yearling filly, Amie Simanski, Lilly - third; miniature horses: filly of this year, Ashley M. Smith, Loretto - fourth and yearling filly, Candice Smith, Loretto - fifth place; western pleasure: 4-year-old pleasure futurity, Jennifer Stossel, Windber - sixth place.

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The Lancaster County 4-H Judging Team represented Pennsylvania when they competed with 128 other 4-H members from 34 states during the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Nov. 18-20 in Louisville, Ky., during the North American International Livestock Exposition. Pictured above are the Pennsylvania team and their coaches. Seated, from left, are Derick Bollinger, Mannheim; Sarah Nolt, New Holland; and Ryan Donough, Mannheim. Standing are coaches, left, Chester Hughes, Lancaster County extension livestock agent; and, right, Jessica Schmidt, Penn State animal science student.

The Pennsylvania team placed 26th overall in the contest which included classes of beef, sheep and swine, including both market and breeding animals. Donough had the team's high distinction of placing seventh as an individual in sheep judging.

Snyder County 4-H, Extension Recap Year

Snyder County 4-H and Penn State Cooperative Extension-Snyder County held a combined annual banquet on November 14, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of 4-H. The banquet was held at the Freeburg-Washington Community Center with more than 100 people in attendance.

During the evening meal, guests were able to view slide presentations of 4-H events that took place during the last 80 years. Many of the people in attendance were overheard to say that they had seen themselves or someone they knew in the slides.

Current members and retiring members of the boards were recognized for their service to the organizations. Retiring members from the extension board were Jerry Rice, Brad Hawk, Mervin Heimbach, Don Schwalm, and Isabel Zerby. The following 4-H foundation members were also honored for their service: Carrie Bomgardner, Shawn Frantz, and Donald Keller.

Elections of new members took place as well. Elected to the Snyder County Cooperative Extension were Harvey Kreamer, Melinda Fleetwood, Marla Conahan, and Jennifer McWilliams. Elected to a 3 year term on the 4-H Foundation as adult directors were Carrie Bomgardner, Beth Hoover, and Sam Geise. The following teens were elected to serve a one year term on the 4-H Foundation; Caleb Hoffman, Dawn Heimbach, April Beaver, and Lauren Cochran as an alternate.

Each year the 4-H Foundation recognizes a person(s) or business in the community who has demonstrated a tremendous amount of support for the 4-H program. This year's recipient is Carolyn Shirk. Carolyn is the marketing director and vice president at Swineford National Bank. She has actively supported the Snyder County 4-H program for the past seven years. She was a member of the Foundation Board during 1998-2000, has assisted in the auditing of the Foundation records and 4-H books, and has also been involved in the promotional activities of 4-H.



Shawn Frantz, right, presents Carolyn Shirk with the 2002 Friend of 4-H Award.

Carolyn strongly promotes 4-H at the annual Scooper Bowl, which is sponsored by Swineford National Bank and Big Country Radio, and is held during Dairy Days at the Susquehanna Valley Mall. During the past seven years Swineford has donated in excess of \$5,000 to the 4-H Program.

Current 4-H volunteers and leaders were also recognized for their years of service. Volunteers received certificates and/or pins for one to 45 years of dedication to the program.

Christopher Swineford and Carolyn Shirk of Swineford National Bank, presented a representative from each of the 16 clubs with a basic club kit from funds raised during this year's Scooper Bowl. Each kit contains

4-H and American flags, banners with the 4-H motto and pledge printed on them, a gavel, and also a book on Roberts Rules of Order.

The entertainment for the evening was the Hoffmans Brothers Quartet. Caleb, Aaron, Seth and Michael, sons of Jonathan and Sherrie Hoffman of Mt. Pleasant Mills, entertained the guests with family and patriotic songs. Shirley Bixby, Susquehanna Regional Director of Cooperative Extension and Outreach, was also in attendance.

"I hope that by combining the 4-H banquet with the Extension banquet this year we have shown everyone in attendance just how important 4-H is to our county", said Kathy Weller, Snyder County 4-H program coordinator.

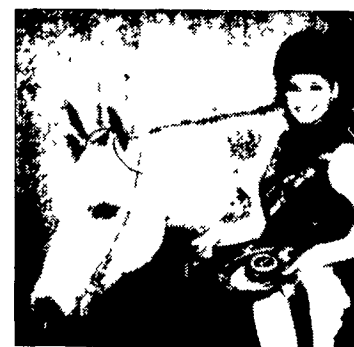
Dauphin County 4-H Horse Club Members Earn Awards At State Show

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dauphin County 4-H horse members received eight awards at the 43rd Annual State 4-H Horse Show at the State Farm Show.

County winners in 4-H performance classes were: Brandy Lower, Halifax, first — open trail horses, first — western riding, and eighth — stock seat equitation, senior.; Alexa Sonner, Hummelstown, third — western grooming and showmanship, junior; Alex Haug, Hershey, eighth — pleasure horse driving; and Julie Whitehaus, Hummelstown, tenth — miniature horse driving.

In 4-H horse production classes, members breed and raise their own project animal. Local winners were: Brandy Lower, Halifax, first — miniature horse yearling colt; and Todd Hoffman, Harrisburg, second — quarter horse yearling filly.

Several other Dauphin County horse club members received recognition in the state contest. They were: Kara Gunderman, Elizabethville; Alison Frank, Halifax; Ashley Herb, Millersburg; Kelly Quigley, Dauphin, Caitlin Miller, Jonestown; and Megan Deveney, Enola.



Brandy Lower, Halifax, and Swamp Fox Devil — 4-H state champions in open trail horses and western riding.

Halifax 4-H'er Wins

Three State Horse Awards

Brandy Lower of Halifax recently won three state championships at the 2002 Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show.

She rode her gelding, Swamp Fox Devil to victory in two classes; open trail horses and western riding.

Her miniature horse, Rowdy Lil Levi, a yearling colt, placed first in his class.

Brandy is the daughter of Lynn and Diane Lower, Halifax. She is a member of the Berry Mountain Equestrians 4-H Club.