

# Lehigh County 4-H Members Honored For Accomplishments

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Five Lehigh County 4-H Club members were named outstanding boy or girl for their 4-H club work and participation in activities at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held recently.

Thomas Nardo of Coopersburg and Hannah Geiger of Schnecksville were named Outstanding Boy and Girl among 8- to 10-year-olds. Nardo is a member of the Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club and worked on bicycle, computer, and wood-working projects among others last year. Geiger is a member of the Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club. She completed a sewing project last year. Each received a scholarship to attend 4-H Camp Shehaqua next summer.

Andrew Knauss, Coopersburg, and Jennifer Rassler, Kempton, were recognized as Outstanding Boy and Girl, ages 11 to 14. Knauss worked on projects similar to those of Nardo as a member of the Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club. Rassler is a member of both the Dairy 4-H Club and the Beef 4-H Club. She and some other youth pioneered a new project, Dairy Beef, last year. Both award recipients won student planners to help them keep track of their busy schedules.

Rachel Rennie, Center Valley, was named Outstanding Girl among 15- to 18-year-olds. She will be Lehigh County's delegate to next year's National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. As a

member of the Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club last year, Rachel completed projects ranging from computers to sewing. She is also a member of the Teen Leadership 4-H Club and the Veterinary Science 4-H Club. Rennie was a camp counselor last summer. She also was one of two teens on the Pennsylvania delegation to the National 4-H Technology Conference in Minnesota last summer.

Club officers were recognized for their excellent work. Andrew Knauss won honors for his work as president of the club. Jennifer Rassler was recognized as an outstanding club secretary. Kristin Hulshart, Macungie, won honors for her work as treasurer of the Country Cabbits 4-H Club.

The Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club won \$25 for the best club scrapbook. The Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club and the Equine 4-H Club each won \$25 as outstanding clubs that met standards set for club work.

Adult volunteers were also recognized for their years of work as club leaders. Completing their first year as a 4-H volunteer were Kenneth Gehringer, Kutztown; Robin Rassler, Kempton; and Vicki Schantzenbach, Coopersburg, all with the Beef 4-H Club. Colleen Knauss, Coopersburg, Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club; Renee Van Wert, Wescosville, South Paws Seeing-Eye Puppy 4-H Club; Rachel Stridsberg, Zionsville, Sheep 4-H Club; and Teresa Billig, New Tripoli, Swine 4-H Club; all completed their first year as a 4-H volun-



Lehigh County's Outstanding 4-H Boys and Girls: from left: Thomas Nardo, Hannah Geiger, Jennifer Rassler, Rachel Rennie, Andrew Knauss. A 4-H uniform from the 1940s is displayed in front.



Lehigh County 4-H Award Winners: front row, left to right: Alicia Nardo, Ashley Bockman, Lauren Idleman, Jordan Van Wert, 4-H uniform from 1940s, Kristin Hulshart. Back row: Andrew Knauss, David Harwick, Jennifer Rassler, Rachel Rennie, Billy Rennie.

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Connie McKenney, New Tripoli, and Kim Moyer, Kutztown, each completed five years as 4-H club leaders with the club at Lilliput Learning Center, Lynn Township.

Ann Mittura, Emmaus, was honored for 10 years as a sewing club volunteer, first with the Trexlertown Merry Stitchers 4-H Club and now with the Emmaus 4-H Sewing Club.

Teens received recognition for their work as teen leaders in their clubs. Leadership may be formal such as holding an office or acting as a camp counselor. Some teens teach projects to younger members. Informal types of leadership include helping younger members learn and practice a project-related skill or teaching youth one-on-one how to do a demonstration or show and tell.

First year teen leadership — Lindsay Anglestein, Fountain Hill; Liz Bleiler, New Tripoli; Katy Graffman, Allentown; David Harwick, Kempton; Andrew Knauss, Coopersburg; Jenny Lenhart, New Tripoli;

Mike Moyer, Kempton; Alicia Nardo, Coopersburg; Kristen Oplinger, Wescosville; Renee Ruhe, New Tripoli; and Robyn Wirth, Orefield.

Second year teen leadership award recipients were Christian Bleiler, New Tripoli; Andrew German, Mertztown; Kelsey Gilbert, Allentown; Kristin Hulshart, Macungie; Jennifer Rassler, Kempton; and Hannah Vogels, Kempton.

Third year teen leadership awards went to Karley White and Stephanie Wolfe, New Tripoli; and Christopher Jameson, Orefield.

Katie Harwick and Suzanne Harwick, Kempton; Stacey Mangold, New Tripoli; and Rachel Rennie, Center Valley, were given fourth year teen leadership awards.

Josh Wagner, New Tripoli, earned a fifth year award. Erin Lichtenwalner, Coplay, earned a sixth year award for teen leadership.

Project medals were awarded to 4-H members for outstanding work.

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