

# 4-H HAPPENINGS



**Jennifer Adamitis of the Wayne County Highsteppers 4-H Club took first place in pleasure pony driving at the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show.**

**Wayne County 4-H Horse Show Winners**  
Wayne County 4-H horse members received seven awards at the 43rd annual State 4-H Horse Show in October at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.  
County winners in 4-H performance classes were: Jennifer Adamitis of Wayne County Highsteppers 4-H Club, first place pleasure pony driving, second place in the open trail ponies, and fifth place in western pleasure ponies; Kyla Drinkwater of Horse Lovers 4-H, with a sev-

enth in western pleasure ponies; Steven Schwartz of Wayne County Highsteppers with a sixth in hunter hack horses; Jacob Sexton of Countryside Riders earned sixth place in draft horse driving and Kristy Gelatt of Wayne County Highsteppers taking 10th place in hunter hack ponies.  
Several other Wayne County horse club members received recognition in the state contest; they were Kendra Merrigan and George Millen of Chaps and Breeches, Brita Krempasky of Saddle and Skedaddle, Lucie Henry and Grace Nebzdoski of

the Wayne County Highsteppers.  
"The competition gave 4-H'ers an opportunity to display their horsemanship skills," says Wayne County 4-H agent Ed Pruss. "The primary purpose of the state 4-H horse program is to develop life skills in youth and skills in horse management. Through competition, the 4-H'ers develop riding skills, gain self-confidence and learn proper care of animals."

### Northampton County 4-H Dairy Beef Project

Would you like to raise an animal as a 4-H project? Why not begin with a Dairy Beef Project? You might be wondering what is a Dairy Beef? A Dairy Beef is a castrated bull calf from a dairy cow. The calf must be the offspring of two dairy breed parents (examples include Holstein, Brown Swiss, or Milking Short-horn).

The calf is purchased in January and cannot be more than one week of age when acquired. This project ends in August when the animals are feeder calves. The 4-H member will be able to sell their Dairy Beef, and the buyer will return them to a farm to be finished. The meat from a Dairy Beef is generally leaner, and has a place in the market for lower fat red meat.

If you think Dairy Beef might be for you, contact Kelly Weisner in the 4-H office at (610) 746-1970 for more information. The animals need to be purchased in January, so you will need to contact a dairy farmer immediately.

## Pay More Than Minimum

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Did you spend more than you intended on holiday celebrations? Do you have a pile of credit card bills that you would like to pay off as quickly as you can? To find out how fast you can

get rid of holiday credit card debt by making predetermined monthly payments, call the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (610) 378-1327 and ask to receive the fact sheet, "Pay More Than the Minimum."

## York County Conservation Announces Scholarship Winner

YORK (York Co.) — The York County Conservation District awarded its \$500 annual scholarship award to Estella Ruth.

Estella is a freshman at Delaware Valley College majoring in environmental science. She strives to become a soil scientist and to develop alternative techniques for growing crops, while conserving soil and water.

Estella grew up on her parents' farm. As a result, she developed an interest in agriculture. Environmental issues are important to her as well. Soil Science presented her with a way to combine those interests and to maximize her learning strengths, which are

science and math.  
A 2002 graduate from Spring Grove Area High School, Estella received the Pennsylvania State Field Hockey Coach's Association All-State Academic Award. She also enjoys swimming and has worked as a lifeguard. She volunteered as an instructor with the American Red Cross. Stamp collecting is another hobby.

Her parents, George and Karen Ruth, have a farm in the Spring Grove area. George Ruth works as a dairy farmer, while Karen Ruth teaches elementary school students.

## Seminole Patchwork Workshops

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Learn how to make Seminole Patchwork designs at this Penn State Cooperative Extension workshop. Seminole patchwork is many small pieces of different fabrics put together to make designs.

By using an easy strip piecing method, participants will achieve the Seminole design in a very short time. The strips can be used on clothing, quilts, wall hangings, tote bags, towels, etc. A supply list will be sent when registration

is received.  
These workshops will be conducted at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster on Tuesday evenings, Jan. 7, 14, and 21, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. or Wednesday mornings, Jan. 8, 15, and 22, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35. Class limit is eight.  
The instructor is Carol Lee Shirk.  
Preregistration is requested. Call Penn State Extension at (717) 394-6851 for information.

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