



4-H HAPPENINGS

Pennsylvania 4-H Members Win National Egg & Poultry Awards

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania youths fared well in egg-judging and poultry knowledge competitions at the recent National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Ky.

Maria Sanner of Somerset County won first place in the National 4-H Egg Cookery Presentation Contest, which involved preparing an egg dish and giving an oral presentation on egg quality standards, preparation, versatility and nutritional value. The win was the first for a Pennsylvania 4-H member at a national poultry competition. Somerset County 4-H volunteer leader Theresa Sanner served as chaperone and coach.

A Pennsylvania team also placed seventh in the double-elimination National Avian Bowl Contest. The team included Corry Calderone, Jill McClure and Rebecca Stottlemyer, all from Washington County, and was coached by Washington County 4-H volunteer leaders Jenna Dunmire and Mary Fidler.

The national conference brought together more than 150 senior 4-H members from 25 states for team competitions in poultry and egg judging and in the Avian Bowl poultry knowledge contest. In addition, individuals competed in egg preparation, turkey barbecuing and chicken barbecuing events.

Support for the state delegation at the conference was provided by the PennAg Industries Association Poultry Council. For more information on the conference or the statewide 4-H poultry program, contact senior extension associate Phillip Clauser by phone at (814) 863-8960 or by e-mail at pelauer@psu.edu, or visit the Pennsylvania 4-H poultry web site at <http://ulisse.cas.psu.edu/pa4h/contest.html>.

New Horse & Pony Club Forming In Northampton Co.

The Bridle Bunch, a new 4-H Horse and Pony Club is forming in Williams Township, Northampton County. Youth, ages 8-18 are welcome to join for a maximum of 10 members.

It is not necessary to own a horse to be a member — just love for horses and ponies and an interest in learning about them are required.

The first meeting was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24. Future meetings will be on the second and fourth Friday of every month. Crafts, demonstrations, visiting speakers, trips to horse shows, hiking, camping, etc. are all planned for the Bridle Bunch.

Call Kelly Weisner, 4-H Youth Development extension agent, at the Northampton County cooperative extension offices at (610) 746-1970 for meeting location, directions, and further information.

Cumberland Co. 4-H Selling Bonus Books

The Cumberland County 4-H clubs are selling bonus books this year to raise money to support 4-H. Instead of selling cookies this year they will be selling bonus books until April.

Most of the coupons in these books are from businesses in or around the Carlisle area (94 in Carlisle alone). Five dollars to \$11 per book comes back to the 4-H, depending on how many books are sold.

Profits from the Bonus Book sale will support the county 4-H Development Fund and local 4-H clubs. The 4-H Development Fund helps to pay transportation costs, at least half of 4-H event registration fees and achievement night awards, as well as support for adult volunteer training, and much more.

The books cost \$25. These coupons are good from the date of purchase until December 31, 2003. Call (717) 240-6500 for more information or stop by the extension office at 1100 Claremont Road, Carlisle.

Lycoming County Extension Offers 4-H Tractor Safety Course

MONTOURSVILLE (Lycoming Co.) — Farming is a way of life for many Pennsylvanians. Too often it is also a way of death or injury as well. Any girl or boy, 14 or 15 years of age, must successfully complete proper certification if they plan to operate a farm tractor or machinery on a farm other than their own family farm.

A certification course is beginning March 11 from 6-8 p.m. and will be conducted at Valley Ag and Turf in Watsontown. The course is scheduled for Tuesday

evenings and will continue through April 29. Participants will be asked to pay for only the cost of the manual (\$7.50). Videos, hands-on training and practical driving experience will be featured.

Any girl or boy, 14 or 15 years of age, must successfully complete this course in order to work for someone other than their own family farm. Thirteen year olds may take the course and take the test, but will not receive a certificate until they reach age 14.

Call the extension office in Lycoming County at (570) 433-3040 to register by Feb. 3.

Ephrata-Cocalico 4-H Club Reorganization

The Ephrata-Cocalico 4-H Club will be re-organizing January 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cocalico Middle School cafeteria (behind the elementary school). A parent or adult friend who repre-

sents the parent must be in attendance.

Members will need to provide health history information and current medical insurance information. They will sign up for their projects, pay community club dues, and receive information about the 4-H program's summer events.

Projects being offered this year include: Archery, Flower Gardening Foods, Gimp, Orienteering, Quilting, Rocketry, Scrapbooking, Stamping, Strawberry, Textile Science, and Tie Dye. Also new officers for 2003 will be elected.

For more information on joining 4-H contact either the organizational leader Elaine Sensenig (717) 335-3396, or Katina Showman at the Lancaster County extension office, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601, phone (717) 394-6851.

4-H Equine Tack Shop Open To Public

Nazareth (Northampton Co.) — The annual Tack Swap at the Northampton County 4-H Center is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Northampton County 4-H Center is located on Bushkill Center Rd., Nazareth, PA.

The tack swap is open to anyone who wishes to come to sell or to buy a wide variety of horse related items, apparel and tack. All sellers must have a table area, no consignment items will be sold at the tack swap.

Sale areas will be offered to the public at a cost of \$15 per table

for the indoor area; \$12 per table for the pole barn area; and \$10 per "area" in the outdoor arena, weather permitting. Anyone wishing to sell during the tack swap

must preregister for spaces in the indoor and pole barn areas; outdoor areas will be allocated on the day of the event. Any item from small to large may be sold. No live animals or food will be allowed to be sold at this event. Persons with large equipment to sell are welcome to display on the open grounds for the registration fee.

Food will be available during the tack swap courtesy of Backtrackers 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

Anyone wishing further information, directions or registration for this event is encouraged to call (610) 837-7294.

The Northampton County 4-H Center is open for use by the public from April to October, weather permitting. The 4-H Center is located on 5 acres with a large hall, modern toilets, kitchens, pole barn/pavilion and showing area. Usage fees are determined by need. For more information please call (610) 837-7294.

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