

Little Rascals 4-H Club Competes in State Convention

NAZARETH (Northampton Co.) — The Little Rascals Northampton County 4-H club participated in the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Show and Convention which took place at the Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds. 4-H members Lora Derbyshire, Sara Plokhooy, Kelsey Groff, and Kelsey Plokhooy competed in the event on February 1.

Northampton County 4-H member, Sara Plokhooy, placed first in the Rabbit Judging Contest, which was part of the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Convention. The contest was open to all ages.

Sara competed with six other

youth in the 9-12 year old class. While judging, contestants look for a compact body with balancing depth and width, an animal which is very plump and full over and around the hips, an animal where the size of the head, ears and bones are in proportion to the rest of the body, and an animal which is full and meaty. Other characteristics to look for include; a well shaped, well-filled face and jaws which are set on a short neck, and an animal which carries their ears erect are well furred. Using these criteria, Sara did a wonderful job using decision making skills to place the animals.



Northampton County 4-H members, from left, Lora Derbyshire, Sara Plokhooy, Kelsey Groff, and Kelsey Plokhooy participated in the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Show and Convention Feb. 1. Sara placed first in the rabbit judging contest.



4-H HAPPENINGS

Lancaster County 4-H

Sheep Club Reorganizing

Youth who are interested in feeding market lambs or raising breeding sheep are invited to attend the reorganizational meeting of the Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Club at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Election of officers and distribution of project books will highlight the meeting activities.

To be eligible for membership in the club, members must be between the ages of 8 and 18 before January 1, 2003 regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. They have the re-

sponsibility of caring for and feeding their own sheep and keeping records on their lambs. They also have the opportunity of showing their lambs at the 4-H Fair or at community farm shows.

For more information about the 4-H club program, contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension (717) 394-6851.

Conodoguinet 4-H Sheep Club

The Conodoguinet 4-H Sheep Club met on Feb. 20 at the extension office. President Austin Durf called the meeting to order. Jeanette Bouch led the members in the American pledge and Caleb

Burkholder led the members in the 4-H pledge. The secretary and treasurer's report was approved as read.

A community service report was given. Ethel Myers reported to the club that we donated money to Warm the Children and Jeanette Bouch told of a Christmas program that she helped by donating a sheep.

New Members Katie Walker, Greg Crum, and Brian Nailor, were introduced to the club.

Under old business, a report

was given on the 4-H achievement banquet, the livestock banquet, a Farm Show report, and the club members received their books back from last year.

Under new business, each club member had to fill out a medical form and a 4-H code of conduct. We also discussed on some program ideas and locations for the upcoming year.

The following officers were elected: president — Brian Nailor; vice president — Austin Durf; secretary — Katie McCorrison;

assistant secretary — Katie Walker; treasurer — Jake Zeigler; news reporter — Jamie Gaughan; social chairperson — Chase Bough; and youth council representative — Cody Bough.

The next meeting will be on March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Newville Hardware and Feed. Anyone interested in joining the club can contact club leader Ethel Myers at (717) 258-3850 or Laura Watts at the Cumberland County extension office (717) 240-6500.

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