



4-H HAPPENINGS

Delaware County 4-H Spring Fair

Delaware County 4-H invites everyone to the free Spring Fair and Open House on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — rain or shine at the 4-H Farm and Educational Center on the grounds of the Garrett Williamson Foundation, 395 Bishop Hollow Rd., Newtown Square.

Visitors can see and touch the sheep, pigs, cattle, and poultry being raised by 4-H members. Members will have educational exhibits about the 4-H clubs and the projects they have completed during the past year.

At 11 a.m. 4-H members will give presentations about their projects. Horsemanship members will be raising money by offering pony rides.

Teen Council will earn money by providing hay rides to interested visitors. Bake sale items, snack bar, and the farm gift shop will be available throughout the event.

Susquehanna County 4-H Baconeers Swine 4-H Club

The Baconeers 4-H Swine Club recently met at the Clave-rack Building for their re-organizational meeting of 2003. The Pledges were recited and members' filled out the enrollment forms.

Officers were elected: President - Denise Hardisky; Vice President - Dana Hardisky; Secretary - Holly Corbin; Treasure - Rachel Weaver; and Club News Reporter - Misty Karhnak.

Montgomery Co. 4-H Fishing Club

The 4-H Fishing Club is readying its hooks and lines for another season of fishing fun. Young anglers will be learning much more than simply snagging a fish. The fun activities of the Fishing club will also teach aquatic habitats, fish food chains, and stream health, as well as fishing equipment, ethics, and safety.

The club's first meeting was Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Creamery. There will be at least one meeting or fishing event per month through October.

Children between the ages of 8 and 16 are welcome to join. A parent or guardian is required to accompany children on all fishing events. Join the club by calling the Montgomery County Cooperative Extension office at (610) 489-4315. For details, ask to speak with Julianne Schieffer.

Cumberland County Conducts 4-H Banquet

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NEWBURG (Cumberland Co.) — Mark Fulton was one of the top award winners at the recent Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Banquet at the New Hope Church Annex.

Mark received the Outstanding 4-H Dairy Member Award sponsored by AgChoice Farm Credit. He is the 18-year-old son of Robert and Rebecca Fulton of Shippenburg.

Mark couldn't attend the banquet because of his other commitments as a state treasurer.

Mark was just the first of several winners during the banquet. Aaron Cornman took home the Merle Miller Memorial Award, named for a long time 4-H Dairy Club leader. Aaron, 18, is the son of Steve and Debbie Cornman of Boiling Springs.

Aaron is no stranger to dairy club awards. In 1993 he received the Outstanding First-Year Member Award. In 2000, he received the Outstanding 4-H Dairy Club Member Award.

The 4-H Dairy Achievement Award went to Brian Nailor, son of Dennis and Faye Nailor of Mechanicsburg. Nailor is club president. He has been a 4-H member

for eight years and a junior at Cumberland Valley High School.

The Outstanding First-Year Member Award went to Madison Miller, daughter of Matthew and Beth Miller. Madison is in eighth grade at Big Spring Middle School. She is also the member of the 4-H livestock, rabbit, and sewing clubs.

The dairy club's only other first-year member, Abby Harris, didn't leave empty handed. Cumberland County Extension Agent Duane Duncan presented her with a small trophy for her hard work during the year. Abby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Harris of Carlisle.

Delaware Co. 4-H Offers Horsemanship Classes

SPRINGFIELD (Delaware Co.) — Delaware County 4-H offers education to children 8-18 about horse care, horse science, and basic walk trot riding skills. Two class options are available: Summer Specials Horsemanship, offered in conjunction with 4-H summer day camp and Horsemanship Classes, offered from April to October on weekends and some weekday evenings.

4-H program participants must have been at least eight years old on January 1, 2003. Introduction to Horsemanship is for children who have no experience with horses and would like to have their first experience riding and learning the basic care of a horse or pony. These classes meet for two and one-half hour sessions for four mornings in one week (four weeks, beginning

June 16). Twelve children share four mounts. The children have an opportunity to ride, complete chores in the barn (mucking out stalls, grooming horses, tacking up) and learn scientific information about horses and horse care. This program costs \$125.

If you would like further information about this program or other 4-H opportunities, call the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (610) 690-2655.

Erie County 4-H Auction To Take Place May 3

ERIE (Erie Co.) — The twenty-fourth annual public auction to benefit the Erie County 4-H Youth Development Program will be conducted Saturday, May 3, beginning at 9 a.m.

The auction will take place indoors in the 4-H/FFA Youth Arena at the Waterford Fairgrounds, located just south of Waterford on Route 19. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for inspection

of merchandise.

The Auction will feature a wide variety of new household and garden items, plants and shrubs, hand-crafted items, and artwork donated by area businesses and individuals. In addition, the event will feature a Silent Auction of hundreds of gift certificates donated by area restaurants, garages, and other businesses. All items will be sold to

the highest bidder.

According to Donna Fortin, Waterford, volunteer chair of this year's event, all proceeds from the auction will directly benefit the county's more than 2,150 4-H members. It is open to the public and is a program of Penn State Cooperative Extension in Erie County.

The 4-H/FFA Youth Arena at the Waterford Fairgrounds is accessible to persons with a physical disability. Those needing any type

of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, contact Carolyn L. Belczyk, extension agent - 4-H/youth, at (814) 825-0900, in advance.

All items will be sold by Auctioneer Paul Holtz and his associates who have volunteered their professional services to 4-H again this year. Terms of the Auction are strictly cash or known check and carry.

Donations of items for the Auction will be accepted through May 2. Those wishing to donate items may contact the extension office at (814) 825-0900.

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