

Lehigh County 4-H'ers Scoop Up Awards

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Four Lehigh County 4-H Club members were named outstanding members at a recent 4-H achievement awards event. Four teens were recognized for their work as outstanding club officers and others received medals for outstanding work in specific projects.

Erin Brennan, 11, of Slatington, was awarded a scholarship to attend 4-H Camp Shehaqua next summer. She has done outstanding work as a young member of the Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club.

David Harwick, 15, of Kempton and Lorissa Lazarus, 13, of Breinigsville were named outstanding boy and girl in the middle school category. Harwick is enrolled in beef, dairy calf, and swine projects. He is also a member of the Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club where he pursues food and nutrition projects. Lazarus raises dairy beef, swine, sheep, and rabbits. They also were awarded camp scholarships.

Jennifer Rassler, 16, of Kempton raises dairy beef and dairy cows. She will represent Lehigh County 4-H'ers at the 2005 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

Outstanding club officers honored were Kristen Oplinger of Wescosville, president of the North Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club; Jennifer Rassler, secretary of the Lehigh County 4-H Beef Club and the 4-H Dairy



Outstanding 4-H'ers — Lehigh County: From left: Kristen Oplinger, Wescosville; David Harwick, Kempton; Lorissa Lazarus, Breinigsville; Jennifer Rassler, Kempton; Kristin Hulshart, Macungie.

Club; and in a tie for treasurer, Kristin Hulshart of Macungie, Lehigh County Country Cabbits, and Diana Costello of Slatington, Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club.

Project medals were awarded to the following: Overall Achievement, Renee Ruhe, New Tripoli, Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club; Beef, Jennifer Rassler, Kempton, Beef and Dairy 4-H Clubs; Clothing and Textiles, Emily Geiger, Schnecksville, Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club; Dairy, Jordan Rassler, Kempton, Beef and Dairy 4-H Clubs; Electricity, Carol Fella, Schnecksville, Neffs Cloverettes Club; Fashion Revue, Alicia Nardo, Coopersburg, Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club; Foods and Nutrition, Jade Rauch, New Tripoli, Lowhill Laurels 4-H

Club; Gardening, Bill Rennie, Center Valley, Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club; Hobbies/Collectibles, Blaise Mannino, New Tripoli, Lowhill Laurels 4-H Club; Horse, Dana Clouser and Lauren Idleman, both of Allentown and the Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club.

Also, Leadership, Kristen Oplinger, Wescosville, North Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club; Rabbits/Cavies, Kristin Hulshart, Macungie, Country Cabbits and Emmaus Sewing 4-H Clubs; Seeing Eye Puppy, Lindsay Anglestein, Fountain Hill, North Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club; Seeing Eye Puppy, Jillian Snyder, Allentown, South Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club; Sheep, Chelsea Stridsberg, Zionsville, sheep club; Swine, Lorissa Lazarus, Breinigsville, swine club; and Wood Science, Eric Knauss, Coopersburg, Southern Lehigh Helping Hands 4-H Club.

The Beef/Dairy Beef 4-H Club won a check for \$25 for their excellent club scrapbook. Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club and the Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club were awarded \$25 checks as outstanding clubs, coming closest to standards set for all 4-H clubs.

Thirty teens were recognized for their leadership, both formal and informal leadership, in their individual clubs. Of more than 2500 youth enrolled in 4-H, about 250 of those participate in clubs that meet for six to eleven months of each year.

4-H Members And Leaders Recognized In Union County

LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — The 2003 Union County 4-H Recognition Event took place recently at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lewisburg.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the evening was last year's Outstanding Senior 4-H'er, Andrew Richard, member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Douglas Richard, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, and Heidi Eppenbach of the Green Pride 4-H Club led the American and 4-H pledges.

The 2003 Outstanding Junior 4-H'er Award was presented to Ellen Benfer, daughter of James and Debra Benfer of New Berlin, a six-year member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

Receiving the 2003 Outstanding Senior 4-H'er Award was Douglas Richard, son of Steven and Fay Richard of Mifflinburg, a seven-year 4-H'er and a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

Adult 4-H volunteer leaders recognized for years of service with the Union County 4-H program were Clint Erdly, Grace Hockenberry, and Paula Wise for one year of service; Mary Berry, Melinda Erdley, Ben Messimer, and Jolene Nunn — five years; Margaret Oberlin, Rebecca Rishel, and Carrie Walter for 10 years of service, and Anna Wolfe — 15 years.

In addition, leaders who have provided more than 15 years of service to the Union County 4-H program were also recognized: Nancy Messimer of the Green Pride 4-H Club — 16 years of service; Lee Spangler, Sharpshooters 4-H Club — 18 years; Carol Nunn of the Green Pride 4-H Club — 22 years; and Martha Hockenberry, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club — 23 years of service.

The 2003 Union County 4-H Club Community Service Award was presented to the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club for service to the community. In addition, the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club earned the 2003 Union County 4-H Superclub Award for the highest overall club performance based on point totals.

Best of Show ribbons for completing outstanding 4-H Round-Up projects were presented to Scott Benfer, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Wildlife All Around Us-Winter; Bethany Berger, Kelly-ites 4-H Club, Ceramics 8; Dianna Kroft, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Dog 1 and Separates; Rebecca Mapes, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Theatre Arts; Kenetha Markle, Green Pride 4-H Club, Recreation and Theatre Arts; Catherine May, Kelly-ites 4-H Club, Basketry; Andrew Nickelson, Green Pride 4-H Club, Woodworking; Luke Petre, Kelly-ites 4-H Club, Orienteering and Citizenship in Action; Andrew Richard, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Collectibles and Leadership Skill Development 2; Douglas Richard, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Canoeing and Let's Can Tomatoes and Fruits; Amanda Wagner, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Dog 2; and Zachary Wise, Greed Pride 4-H Club, Woodworking.

Award certificates were also presented to 4-H'ers who had participated in regional, state, and national events. Alisha Cox, Danielle Cox, Natalie Reese, and Ryan Russell were recognized for serving as regional camp counselors. For participating in Regional Fashion Revue, Diana Kroft, Kenetha Markle, and Amanda Nickelson received award certificates. Other 4-H'ers who were recognized for participation include: Chelsie Walter, Aulii Watimar, and Justine Zerbe for Re-

gional Horse Production Show; Quincy Herrold, Laura Peffer, Miranda Swartzlander, Cayce Walter, Chelsie Walter, Aulii Watimar, Sarah Welteroth, and Justine Zerbe for District Horse Performance Show; Crissa Johnson, Anna Spangler, Joseph Spangler, Cayce Walter, and Chelsie Walter for State Dairy Show; Joseph Spangler, Cayce Walter, and Chelsie Walter for State Dairy Show; Laura Peffer, Chelsie Walter, Aulii Watimar, and Sarah Welteroth — State 4-H Achievement Days; Luke Petre, Sally Petre, and Andrew Walter for State 4-H Forestry Field Day; and Luke Petre was recognized for participating in National 4-H Forestry Invitational.

Club Officer Awards were presented to Mark Benfer, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, 1st place — club president; Andrew Richard, Lucky Clovers, 1st place — club vice president; Ellen Benfer, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, 1st place — club treasurer; Amanda Wagner, Lucky Clovers, 1st place — club secretary; Douglas Richard, Lucky Clovers, 1st place — social chair/game leader; and Scott Benfer, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, 1st place — club historian.

Junior Blue Form completion awards were presented to Ben Hartley, 1st place for Cloverbuds; Michaela Murphy, 1st place, and David Ilgen, 2nd place for first year members; Kelsey Benner and Melanie Hartley, 1st place for second year members; Scott Benfer, 1st place, John Kroft, 2nd place, and Robert May, 3rd place for third year members. For fourth year members, Amanda Nickelson took 1st place, and Rebecca Mapes, 2nd. Kenetha Markle placed 1st, Travis Kulp — 2nd, Dianna Kroft — 3rd, and Catherine May, Honorable Mention for fifth year members. For sixth year members, Ellen Benfer and Amanda Wagner took first place.

Senior Blue Form completion awards were presented to Mark Benfer, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club; Ashley Kulp, Cowan Ag; Krista Mack, Y.E.A.H. 4-H Club; Andrew Richard, Lucky Clovers; and Douglas Richard, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

A Presentation/Demonstration certificate was awarded to Ashley Kulp of the Cowan Ag 4-H Club for a presentation she gave at the county's Presentation Event. Luke Petre, Andrew Walter, and Natalie Reese were recognized for earning 2003 Union County 4-H Scholarships toward their post-secondary educations.

Teen Leadership Project completion pins and award certificates were presented to Andrew Richard and Douglas Richard of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, and Cayce Walter and Sarah Welteroth of the Valley Riders 4-H Club.

For the evening's entertainment, the SIMON House 4-H School Club showed a video about their school project activities, and the Green Pride 4-H Club presented a puppet show.

Serving on the 2003 Union County 4-H Recognition Event Committee were Heidi Eppenbach, Sue Eppenbach, Ben Messimer, Carol Nunn, and Douglas Richard.

Additional volunteers and staff who helped organize, set-up, or conduct the event include Kathryn Hockenberry, Martha Hockenberry, Mary Beckley, Judy Clayton, Patricia Grenoble, Annette Kratzer, Commissioner Robert O. Brouse Jr., Teresa Spangler, Mark Spangler, Steven Richard, and Jill Broschart.

Lehigh County 4-H Recognizes Auctioneer And Volunteers

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — **Ralph Zettlemoyer, Fogelsville,** was recognized for his contributions to Lehigh County 4-H during the annual 4-H Achievement Night. At the same event one volunteer was recognized for 40 years of service. Others won recognition for 15, 20, and 25 years of service.

Zettlemoyer, an auctioneer, donates his services during the annual 4-H livestock sale at the Allentown Fair. He talks up each animal's qualities. He encourages potential buyers to bid up the price of animals as a way of showing support for the youth who raised the livestock.

When the Partner in 4-H Award was presented to Zettlemoyer, he turned to share his own recollections with the 4-H members present. As a 4-H member many years ago, he raised hogs and grew potatoes among several projects. He also played in the 4-H softball league. Later he was a volunteer leader for the Southern Lehigh Horse and Pony Club and the Tractor Maintenance Club.

Robin Rassler of Lynn Township, a leader for the dairy beef project and a member of the Lehigh County 4-H Development Fund board, presented Zettlemoyer with the award. "His support of the auction every year helps the 4-H members realize the best price for their animals," she said.

Jean Person Brown of South Whitehall Township was awarded a diamond 4-H clover for 40 years of service as a volunteer leader of the Southern Lehigh Horse and Pony 4-H Club. Over the years Brown has seen the club change from one dominated by children with backyard horses to those who board their horses at a stable and take formal riding lessons or who simply love horses but don't have access to one at all. Her club meets at Person's Stable at the corner of Walbert Avenue and Cedar Crest Boulevard.



Ralph Zettlemoyer, Fogelsville, auctioneer, receives Partner in 4-H Award from Robin Rassler, Lehigh County 4-H leader, Kempton. Some members of the Lehigh County livestock clubs and another leader look on.

Ruby Gogel, Neffs, was honored for 25 years of service with the Neffs Cloverettes 4-H Club. Until a few years ago Ruby was happy to help the club with special activities like displays and scrapbooks recording the club's activities. She has recently become the organizational leader of a club that is now coed despite its name from an era when it was a girls' club.

Diane Selig, Germansville, has been a leader for the North Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club for 20 years. She continues to raise Seeing Eye puppies herself and to oversee the training of puppies and the organization of this club. The club includes youth and their families who are all helping to raise puppies who will be trained later at the Seeing Eye Foundation headquarters in Morristown, New Jersey, to lead people who are visually impaired.

Bill and Imogene Dietrich, Germansville, have jointly led the 4-H Dairy Calf Club for 15 years. Although the club is small, they challenge every member to learn as much as possible about dairy animals. This club's members regularly participate in dairy

judging activities. These activities develop youth's decision-making skills and help them to raise better dairy cows.

Other 4-H volunteers were also recognized for their service to the organization. Ten year veterans are Darlene Wirth, Orefield, currently a volunteer leader for the Lehigh County Country Cabbits 4-H Club, and Bob Soha, Allentown, one of the leaders of the county Shooting Sports 4-H Club.

Five year awards were given to Patty Engler, Allentown, volunteer for the 8th Ward Tropical Jungle Club; Kathy Lichtenwalner of Macungie, volunteer for the Emmaus Sewing 4-H Club; Donna Wolfe of New Tripoli, volunteer for the Lowhill Laurels 4-H club; and Tim Billig, New Tripoli, volunteer for the county 4-H Swine Club.

First year awards were made to Linda Frisby, Allentown, 8th Ward Tropical Jungle club; Julie Lichtenwalner, Coplay, Neffs Cloverettes; Debbie Snyder, A South Paws Seeing Eye Puppy 4-H Club; and John C. Strawbridge, Whitehall, 4-H Sheep Club.