



# Clover Gazette

**Berks County December 2013 /January 2014**

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Dear 4-H Family and Friends:

As we approach the New Year, I am pleased to be able to finally announce some long-awaited staff changes for the Berks County 4-H Program. I will begin to transition to a new position on January 1<sup>st</sup> as the District 18 4-H Educator. In my new role I will lead the PA 4-H Science Program and provide overall state 4-H program support to the counties in our administrative district which consists of Berks, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill Counties. When the transition is complete I will no longer manage the Berks County 4-H Program day-to-day. But the program will have even more staff support as there will be two County 4-H Educators hired to fulfill those duties. We are hoping to post the vacancy announcements for the positions in December.

These new staff positions are a long time coming and the result of persistent pressure on the part of the Berks County 4-H Development Board to leverage both state and county funding. Ultimately, we were successful in gaining the support of a state funded position (the first in our district in over 10 years) and regaining support for the second 4-H Educator position in the county budget.

I am hopeful that once the hiring and orientation is complete, the work load for state, district and county programming will finally be more balanced. This will allow all of us to provide a higher quality program and support our 4-H volunteers more. These are exciting times for the Berks County 4-H Program as we get back to previous 4-H Educator staffing levels and have the opportunity to increase program value to the youth of Berks County.

As we begin this transition process I want to say thank you to all of the Berks County 4-H Volunteers who generously stepped up and filled in the gaps created when our second 4-H Educator position became vacant over 7 years ago. They have been diligent in maintaining programming despite the situation. We are all looking forward to these changes and the promise of the New Year!

Sincerely,

**Deborah A. Dietrich**  
Extension Educator/4-H Coordinator

## Newsletter Update

*You didn't miss it...the November 4-H Clover Gazette was not mailed due to other priorities. This edition of the 4-H Clover Gazette covers both December and January.*

### Organizational Leaders Alert

The 2013 Annual 4-H Yearbook will be distributed along with the year-end awards in early January. Please plan to distribute these at your January club meetings.

### 4-H Program Fee Increases for 2014

The 4-H Program Fee for club members will be \$20 per member in the coming year. This is an annual fee for membership, regardless of how many clubs you belong to. This fee has been in place for 10 years without an increase. These funds support program development on the state level including 4-H project curriculum development and implementation and state events. The fee will also cover the annual cost of 4-H volunteer screening in the coming year.



2014 Camp Conquest  
*June 16—20, 2014*

Planning is underway—See details in the back of this "Gazette."



## Two Berks County 4-H Members Attend 4-H National Conference

### Jenna Sattazahn

Jenna is the 16 year old daughter of Kevin and Sherri Sattazahn of Womelsdorf. Jenna's older brothers, Brett and Tyler, were active 4-H'ers as well. For the past 9 years Jenna has been an active member of the Western Berks 4-H Dairy Club. In 2013 she also joined the newly formed 4-H Gardening Club adding vegetable gardening to her 4-H project repertoire.

Jenna has raised dairy cattle as her primary 4-H project becoming an accomplished showman and fitter. She received the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Mid-Career Award from the Berks County 4-H Dairy Program in 2010. Jenna has stated, "If I only learn one thing from my dairy 4-H projects, it's the importance of hard work. I have spent time at both the top and bottom of the placings in the show ring. From my time at the bottom, I learned that in order to get to the top, I was going to have to work harder next year."

Jenna has served as her club's treasurer for the past 2 years. She has also served as a 4-H Teen Leader in her club assisting with teaching the Quality Management lessons. Jenna was a member of the Berks County 4-H Centennial Event Planning Committee in 2012. She assisted with fundraising, soliciting donations and selling event tickets and t-shirts. Jenna participates in the Tractor Supply Company 4-H Paper Clover Campaigns where she enjoys representing 4-H and interacting with the public and informing them of the 4-H opportunities in Berks County.

Jenna has attended the State 4-H Leadership Conference. In 2013 she was a member of the 4-H Dairy Bowl Team from Berks County which represented Pennsylvania in the National 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest. She and her fellow teammates travelled to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in this event.

Having learned the importance of service to the community through 4-H, Jenna is active out of 4-H in many school service clubs. A senior at Conrad Weiser High School, she is a member of the Key Club where she serves as Charter President and Western Berks Lieutenant Governor. She is also active in FBLA where she serves as the Corresponding Secretary. She is also an active member of the Marion Grange and Mt. Aetna Bible Church where she is a member of the youth group. Jenna plans to attend Messiah College to study marketing upon graduation.



Laura Dietrich

Laura Dietrich is the 15 year old daughter of Harold and Debbie Dietrich of Sinking Spring. Her older brother, George is also a 4-H member. Laura has been a member of the Blue Ribbon Riders 4-H Horse Club for 8 years. She has served as the club's secretary for the past 2 years. She is a horseless member who has competed in the State 4-H Model Horse Show.

As a 4-H Teen Leader for the past 3 years, Laura has assisted with leading the Quality Management activities as a part of her club's team of teen leaders as well as helping to prepare for the county open horse show fundraisers.

In addition to being a member of her horse club, Laura completed sport-fishing, wildlife and forestry projects as a member of the Outdoor Adventurers 4-H Club. She is an avid 4-H camper having attended 4-H Camp every summer since she joined 4-H at age 8. She has been a 4-H Camp Counselor for the past 2 years. She credits her experience as a 4-H club officer, 4-H camp counselor and teen leader with teaching her "To be a role model to younger members". She also learned that "In order to work well on a team it is important to consider other's opinions, even if I do not agree with them."

Laura has attended the State 4-H Leadership Conference and 4-H Capital Days. She competed in the Hippology and Horse Judging events at State 4-H Achievement Days. She serves as a 4-H member representative on the Berks County 4-H Development Board. In 2012 she was a member of the Berks County 4-H Centennial Event Planning Committee, running the Pumpkin Decorating activity during the event.

In addition to 4-H, Laura is an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sinking Spring where she assists with the Young'ins Youth Group monthly. She attended the ELCA Youth Gathering and completed mission work in New Orleans in 2012. She is a junior at Wilson High School where she is a member of the theater company and has served behind the scenes on stage crew and props chief and as a singer in the play and musical ensembles. She is also a member of the Select Choir. Laura hopes to attend Penn State with the career goal of becoming a veterinarian.



## Holiday Shopping Reminders GIANT Gift Card Fundraiser

We still have gift cards available for sale. They can be used for groceries or gas. They make a very useful holiday gift!

This holiday season make a donation to Berks County 4-H while you shop on-line!

The Berks County 4-H Program has earned over \$250 from GoodSearch.com just from shoppers designating our organization as their "cause". The site donates a penny plus for each search conducted through their search engine and a percentage of the total purchase from on-line shopping through their GoodBuy site.

Here's how you can help us earn even more:

1. Go to GoodSearch.com and designate Berks County 4-H as your charity.
2. Install GoodSearch on your computer tool bar.
3. Use GoodSearch as your search tool.
4. When you shop on-line, go into the store through GoodBuy by clicking on GoodSearch on your toolbar and then going into GoodBuy.

The search engine works as well as any and your on-line shopping experience will not be any different than it has ever been.

Thanks for donating to Berks County 4-H!!

## 2013 Tractor Supply Company Fall Clover Campaign Fundraiser

Thanks to the Berks County 4-H Clubs who assisted with the fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company. These are the clubs that helped out this fall.

Berks Marksmen 4-H Club  
Berks Saddle-ites 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon Riders 4-H Club  
Leesport 4-H Club  
Northern Berks 4-H Club  
Robotics 4-H Club  
Top Notch 4-H Equestrians  
Western Berks 4-H Club



## Farm Family Celebration Looking for Volunteers Saturday, March 15, 2014 (See back of "Gazette" for reservations) 6:15—11:00 p.m.

This year's farm family celebration event has a Circus/Carnival Theme and the organizers are looking for 4-H members and volunteers to sign-up to work at the children's face painting booth. So please, anyone who is artistically talented and would like to help, contact Mena Hautau, Extension Educator in our office by calling 610-378-1327.

## Berks County 4-H'ers Invited

Northampton County 4-H Gathering

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Northampton County Extension Office, Nazareth, PA

Activities include holiday crafts, baking, a wildlife activity and caroling at a local nursing home. For more information contact Brad Kunsman, Northampton County 4-H Educator, [bjk21@psu.edu](mailto:bjk21@psu.edu).

## 4-H Facebook Pages

Many of our 4-H clubs are beginning to develop social media sites. There are 4-H and Extension branding requirements that 4-H clubs should follow when creating or updating their sites. The requirements and images to be used can be found at this link:

<http://extension.psu.edu/4-h/leaders/guidelines>

## Are you a Military Family?

*Does your club have members from a military family?*

The Pennsylvania 4-H program participates in *Operation Military Kids*. This special Department of Defense funded program provides scholarships for 4-H'ers that includes covering the 4-H program fee and event registration scholarships. The support is for children of active duty, veteran, guard and/or reserve members. Please let us know if you or one of your club's families is a military family and we will get them matched with the appropriate 4-H resources.



Pennsylvania 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum  
*Saturday, January 18, 2014*  
*Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College*

All 4-H leaders were just mailed registration materials for this comprehensive training event. There are workshops for every 4-H project area. If you didn't receive a copy, please let us know and we will get the information to you. **Deadline for registration is January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

4-H Volunteer Screening  
 Background Check Process

At the current time only new 4-H volunteers are being asked to go through the screening and background check process. The anticipated annual on-line background check process has not begun implementation by Penn State University yet. Current 4-H leaders will be notified when they need to complete the process again.

State 4-H Leadership Conference  
*January 17, 18, 19, 2014*

All Berks County 4-H teens were mailed registration materials last month. If you didn't receive or misplaced your copy, just let us know. **Deadline for registration is December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Club Treasury Reminders



I must receive your completed and audited 4-H Treasurer's book by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure the records are complete including the Annual Financial Summary page. Your record must cover January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Please also include your most recent bank statement. Also, if you are changing club treasurers, please contact me about the staff signature requirement.



4-H Volunteer Mandated Reporter Training

**All 4-H leaders who completed the Mandated Reporter Training last fall (the webinars we hosted here in the office) need to complete the on-line training by December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Leaders were mailed instructions recently and are receiving reminders from the State 4-H Office. If you need an additional copy of the training information, please call the 4-H office and we will email it to you. The training takes about 90 minutes to complete. Please send a copy of the completion certificate to the 4-H office upon completion.

**If you do not have internet access at home, please call the office to make an appointment to complete the training on one of our office computers.** Penn State is only accepting their training module to meet the policy requirements at this time so even school teachers will need to complete the training module on Skillport.



4-H Center Use Reminder

As you can imagine with over two dozen 4-H clubs and many outside organizations using our facility, scheduling is critical. We have already completed the 2014 schedules for many of our 4-H clubs who use the building on a regular basis. Sheila Clouser, our 4-H secretary takes care of the building bookings. Please call her if you would like to book or cancel a date.

Please also remember that your club is responsible for cleanup after your meeting. Please put all tables and chairs away, sweep/vacuum the floor and take the trash out to the dumpster. If you are using the kitchen grill be sure to empty and clean the grease tray under the griddle. Also, be sure to unplug the refrigerator and freezer when you remove your items.

## Dairy Doings

4-H Dairy Night  
*Friday, January 31, 2014*  
 7:30 p.m.—*Berks County 4-H Center*

*Hands-on Veterinary Science*— We don't have all the details worked out quite yet, but we are planning an interesting program and will send details on the reminder postcard to be sent in January. Remember this program counts as one of your official club meetings. Of course there will be pizza, soda and desserts along with time to socialize.

4-H Dairy Banquet  
*Friday, March 7, 2014*  
 7:30 p.m.  
*Virgenville Grange Hall*



Reminder—Reservations and sponsors are due February 10<sup>th</sup>. Families will receive their reservation mailing in early January.

Program Deadline Reminders—4-H Record Books and Herd Journals and Officer's books are due in the 4-H office by February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to maintain your eligibility to exhibit at next year's fairs. Officer's books are also due that date for banquet judging.

## 4-H Career Advancement Award Presented in Memory of Joyce Miller

This award was established to recognize active 4-H members at the end of their 4-H career as they begin a new stage of their life. This award honors Joyce Miller, a dedicated 4-H leader and parent who stressed hard work, service and achievement with members.

The award is \$100 gift accompanied by a framed certificate. The award is to be used for higher education, career training or career investment. All Berks County 4-H Dairy Club members who are 17 and 18 years old as of January 1 of the current year are eligible to apply.

## Dairy Bowl Practice Schedule

Practices will be held on Mondays in December and January. All practices begin at 7:45 p.m. and are held in the 4-H Center meeting room. If you have any questions contact coach, Donna Werley at 610-562-2070.

## Livestock Notes

### Dairy Award Application Deadlines

The following 4-H dairy award applications are due in the 4-H office by February 1<sup>st</sup>. See your 4-H dairy club leader for an application or call the 4-H office.

Save the Date!!!

4-H Livestock Club Combined Meeting  
*Wednesday, February 5, 2014*  
 7:00 p.m.  
*Berks County 4-H Center*

### Mid Career 4-H Dairy Member Award Presented in Memory of Jonathan Sattazahn

The objective of this award is to encourage mid career 4-H members to continue to grow in their 4-H work. This award is designed to honor the memory of Jonathan Sattazahn a 10 year 4-H member. Jonathan exemplified the following characteristics of a 4-H member: helpful, caring, responsible, fun loving, humble and a good sportsman.

The winner's will be engraved on a permanent plaque to be displayed in the Berks County 4-H Community Center and the winner will receive a \$100 cash award to be used for the 4-H project work. More than one award may be given annually depending on the quality of applicants.

All Berks County 4-H Dairy Club members are 13, 14, 15 years old as of January 1 of current year are eligible to apply.

Topic: *Hands-on Emergency Preparedness*  
 Our club members will learn what to do in the event of a farm accident or emergency.

## Horse Happenings

Berks County 4-H Horse Banquet  
*Saturday, January 25, 2014*  
 6:00 p.m.  
*Berks County 4-H Center*

Please get your ticket reservations in to your leaders by December 30<sup>th</sup>. The Outstanding 4-H Horse member forms are due to your leader by that date as well.

4-H Horse Sleepover  
*February 21 & 22, 2014*  
*6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.*  
*Berks County 4-H Center*



Program details will be in the February *Clover Gazette*. Bring your sleeping gear!!

### Berks County 4-H Roundup Rules

These are the 4-H requirements to show at our Berks County 4-H Horse Roundup and in any 4-H division of classes at other show or fairs. The following is intended as a checklist for you to follow:

- ◆ Enroll in a 4-H Horse Club by March 31<sup>st</sup> (date of first meeting attended).
- ◆ Submit Horse Project Enrollment Form by June 1<sup>st</sup> (end of business day, as per PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book).
- ◆ A member must attend at least 50% of their club's regularly scheduled meetings with not more than two consecutive absences being allowed. The only exception to this requirement may be made for student away at college. Any request for that exception will be handled on an individual basis. New members will be expected to meet this requirement beginning with their first club meeting.

Members are responsible for contacting their leader to obtain the information/materials from missed meetings. This means there are no longer "excused absences". The attendance record runs June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Maintain and submit to 4-H office by June 1<sup>st</sup> a 4-H horse record book on the horse(s) you would like to show at Roundup and Regional shows this year, including Projection Show.

Attend your club's 4-H horse show ring work party. Each club is responsible for a project and sets up their work party dates to be held before roundup.

- ◆ Work at least one hour at the May, June or July Berks County 4-H Open Show (parent may complete their requirement for you.) There will be a log book for you or your parent to sign in at the Announcer's Booth. Confirmed 4-H Open Show dates can be found in the Clover Gazette.
- ◆ All members will attend "*Quality Kids, Quality Animals, Quality Management*" program held during club meetings in March, April and May. This replaces the former Quality Assurance and Ethics training requirement. One meeting will include a thorough review of the *PA 4-H Horse Show Rule Book* along with the class and equipment requirements.
- ◆ Obtain a Grooming and Showmanship score either by demonstrating to a leader or entering the class at a show.
- ◆ Show/exhibit at one of the Berks County 4-H Open Horse Shows held prior to roundup to gain show experience. You will also be supporting one of our 4-H county fundraisers which funds 4-H roundup.

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dairy Bowl	3	4 Marksman	5	6	7 Rabbit & Cavy Club
8	9 Dairy Bowl	10 Sheep Club	11 Goat Club 4-H Garden Club	12	13	14
15	16 Dairy Bowl	17	18 Marksman	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Western Berks Dairy Club
29	30 Dairy Bowl	31				

- 2,9,16,30 Dairy Bowl; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 4, 18 Marksmen Club; 7:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 7 Rabbit & Cavy Club; 5:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 10 Sheep Club; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 11 4-H Garden Club; 6:00 p.m.  
Poinsettia Sale Pick-up; 2:00—7:00 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 19 SE 4-H Staff Meeting; 10:00 a.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
- 28 Western Berks Dairy Club; 7:00 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center



## Donate to Berks County 4-H

The Berks County 4-H Program relies heavily on private donor support to provide its many programs and activities. You can make a tax deductible contribution by returning the form below along with your donation check made payable to:

Berks County 4-H Development Fund  
 1238 County Welfare Rd., Suite 110  
 Leesport, PA 19533-9709

Please accept my tax deductible contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 Dairy Bowl	7 Dairy Beef Club Rabbit & Cavy Club	8 Goat Club 4-H Garden Club Marksman	9	10	11
12	13 Development Board Dairy Bowl	14	15	16 National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit	17 Nat 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit Leadership Conf	18 Nat.4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit Leadership Conf 4-H Leader Training
19 Nati 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit Leadership Conf.	20 Nat 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit Dairy Bowl	21	22 Marksman Horse Council	23	24	25 4-H Horse Banquet
26	27 Dairy Bowl	28 Beef Club	29	30	31 4-H Dairy Night	



The Berks County 4-H staff would like to wish all our 4-H volunteers, members and families the merriest holiday season and a happy healthy new year!!

- 1 **New Year's Day**—Office Closed
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Dairy Bowl; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 4-11 PA Farm Show;  
Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg
- 7 Dairy Beef Club; 6:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 7 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club; 6:45 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 8 4-H Garden Club; 6:00 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 8 Berks County Goat Club; 7:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 8,22 Marksman 4-H Club; 7:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 13 4-H Development Board; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 16—20 National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit  
Washington, D.C.
- 17—19 4-H Leadership Conference  
Penn State University
- 18 State 4-H Leader Training  
Penn State University
- 22 Horse Council; 7:00 p.m.  
Berks County Ag Center
- 25 4-H Horse Banquet; 6:00 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 28 4-H Beef Club; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center
- 31 4-H Dairy Night; 7:30 p.m.  
Berks County 4-H Center



**Camp Counselors Needed!**

**Berks County 4-H Camp Week at Camp Conquest**  
**June 16-20, 2014**

Check out our facility at [www.campconquest.org](http://www.campconquest.org)

Berks County 4-H Camp Counselors are Boys and Girls ages 14—18 yrs old (as of 1/1/14) who volunteer their time to develop leadership and team building skills for the purpose of personal development as well as guiding campers during camp week.

No previous experience is necessary. Berks County 4-H requires and provides 16—20 hours of training prior to and during camp week.

Counselors attend camp for FREE (a \$305 value)!

Volunteer counselors can obtain community service credits as well as letters of recommendation.

For more information on becoming a Berks County 4-H Camp Counselor, please contact :

Jessica Smith at [jessmullinsmith@aol.com](mailto:jessmullinsmith@aol.com)



Berks County  
 4-H Camp Conquest  
 June 16—20, 2014

Campers: Boys and girls ages 8-13 years  
 (as of 1/1/14)  
 Cost is: \$305

Sibling and new camper discounts and financial aid available.

Counselors: Boys and girls ages 14-18 years  
 (as 1/1/14)  
 Cost is: FREE!

No experience necessary. Berks County 4-H provides all the required training needed. Community service credits and letter of recommendation available to counselors.

Check our facility [www.campconquest.org](http://www.campconquest.org).

Call Sheila at 610-378-1327, or Jessica at 610-987-0215, [jessmullinsmith@aol.com](mailto:jessmullinsmith@aol.com)

# CLOVER CORNER



## Berks County 4-H

**Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club**—We held our October meeting at the Oley Legion Building. We discussed upcoming events. We discussed if the club is going to serve a senior citizen banquet. One of the events is the annual Holiday Party held in December.

We want to thank Mr. Dunn for the one hundred dollars he gave to the 4-H clubs for the money he received from judging the Kutztown Fair. We discussed how we were going to use the money or where we would give it to. We were also treated to pizza and ice cream sundaes because we did good with the “Good HouseKeeping” at the fairs. Everybody, remember the county meeting is January 31.

At our November meeting held at the Oley Legion, we discussed upcoming events. The club sold Reppert's Candy. The club will be having their annual Holiday Party at Heister’s Lane on December 6. The club will also be serving the Senior Citizen Banquet on November 30 at the Fleetwood Grange Hall. We elected officers for 2014. They are:

- President Zachery Wagner
- Vice President Kurtis Rohrbach
- Treasurer Samuel Angstadt
- Secretary Abby Rodgers
- News Reporter Isaac Rohrbach
- Social Chairman Austin Kopfer

Respectfully submitted by Isaac Rohrbach, News Reporter.

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**Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club**—We held our November meeting and the club elected new officers for 2013-2014.

- President Lindsey Zimmerman
- Vice President Mikayla Davis
- Secretary Jenna Meyers
- Treasurer Morgan Krick
- Reporter Mackenzie Blatt
- Scrapbook Tanner Davis
- Dairy Representative Morgan Krick  
Taylor Pool

Our next club meeting will be December 13, our annual holiday party. Submitted by Jenna Meyers, news reporter.