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# Taylor Conley Receives First Annual Pa Junior Purebred Swine Producers Scholarship

The McConaughey family presented the first Pennsylvania Junior Purebred Swine Producers Scholarship during the 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show at the supreme champion swine pageant on Jan. 9.

Clyde McConaughey Jr. of Smicksburg, Pa., initiated the scholarship to encourage junior swine breeders to raise and exhibit purebred hogs. Recipients must own purebred swine registered in their name, be involved in the everyday care and management of the swine, and have exhibited breeding stock at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and/or the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The scholarship is presented in memory of Clyde McConaughey, Sr., Hattie McConaughey and Lois McConaughey. The McConaughey family has been exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for 76 years.

The first recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship was Taylor Conley of New Enterprise, Pa. She is the daughter of Mike and Nicki Conley. Taylor has been very active in both 4-H and FFA and is the president of her FFA



Taylor Conley receives a scholarship check from Darlene Livingston and Denise McClellan, left, and Donna Truesdell, right.

chapter. She has exhibited swine at the Farm Show, KILE, several national purebred swine shows and the World Pork Expo. Conley has also been involved in livestock judging and swine stockmen's contests and is a seven time National Junior Swine Association Skillathon champion.

Conley is a senior at Northern Bedford County High School. She has been accepted to Iowa State University where she plans to major in animal science with a minor in ag business. Conley hopes to become an animal science professor and coach collegiate livestock judging. One of Conley's references for the scholarship stated, "It is students that have a passion to endlessly further their experience and broaden their knowledge of the swine industry that will insure its prosperity and Ms. Conley is a strong investment in our future."

Anyone interested in applying for the 2017 scholarship may request more information and an application at [mcconaugheyscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mcconaugheyscholarship@gmail.com) or call Denise McConaughey McClellan at 410-231-2981.

## Dairy Demonstration




Photo by Jessica Rose Spangler

Jeremy Leman of the Chambersburg FFA chapter discusses advancements in dairy milking equipment over the past 100 years during the chapter's presentation Jan. 12 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Eleven FFA chapters competed in the "Agriculture Past, Present and Future" video and presentation contest, sponsored by Lancaster Farming.

## Writing the Next Chapter

### FROM THE OFFICERS STATION



ELIZABETH WINKLOSKY

On New Year's Day, the day just about everyone thinks of the upcoming year, setting goals and their future, I received a picture of my mom from when she was in High School. It was a blast from the past on the one day everyone looks forward. I can't help but think of my childhood, all the memories my parents gave me and my siblings. I also thought about my time in high school, the friends that I made, the things I learned and the fun that I had. I feel that we all do this, we take time to look back at our memories.

Some of us may think too much in the past and are always pondering our past memories, always re-reading the old chapters in our story. We may think of an old happy memory but get caught in the pain that it will only stay a memory. If we keep our outlook like this we will only be re-reading what we have already wrote in our story. Now, I'm not saying we should close our book and never look back, but rather look back with a cheerful attitude and a knowing that there is a greater future ahead of us. Our past is what builds our foundation of our story of life and is a fundamental part in who we are today.

New Year's Day is all about resolutions, goals and the future. The future is our biggest mystery and who doesn't like solving mysteries? Especially their own. We try to create it, build it and envision it but we still don't always have 100 percent control over it. For some of us this is a hard pill to swallow because we have to know, we have to have a plan. So without even realizing it we worry away today and spend too much of our time trying to create the future. When we do this we are forgetting to build today. We need to focus our story in the present because this is the most essential time in each of our stories. The present time is what will show up in our past and push us into our future, but if we let today be clouded with yesterday's stories or tomorrow's blank pages, then we are taking away our most precious gift: today. Present time is where all the action happens and we need to enjoy and live today.

So our past stories are cheerful memories there to build us and our future is a mystery full of blank pages, and today is a gift and our time to tell our past and write our future.

*Editor's note: Elizabeth Winklosky is the Pa. FFA state treasurer.*

## Opening Show Ride



Photo by Charlene Shupp Espenshade

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pa. FFA President Lily Guthrie, right, and 4-H Council President Courtney Walter ride in the governor's carriage during the opening ceremony of the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Jan. 9.

## Mifflinburg FFA, Cumberland County 4-H Win the Farm Safety Quiz Bowl

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Defending champion Mifflinburg FFA and perennial contender Cumberland County 4-H brought home the wins in the Pennsylvania Farm Safety and Health Quiz Bowl, Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

In the final round of the FFA competition, Mifflinburg A challenged Mifflinburg B, with Mifflinburg A earning the win with a close score of 165-160. The winning team included Macay Saylor, Samantha Morseman, Audrey Kuhns and Jacob Eichenlamb.

In the 4-H division, Cumberland County 4-H came out on top after besting Union County 4-H in the final round. The 4-H winning team included Zoe Marinacci, Tucker Williams and Tiffany Lehman.

To qualify for the bowl, teams had to place in the top four at the Farm Safety and Health Quiz Bowl held at Ag Progress Days in Rock Springs, Pa., in August 2015.

The quiz bowl consisted of three rounds. In round one, teams were asked questions that were worth five points. During round two, a team question was worth 15 points. The team in the lead drew the question and each team then had 90 seconds to work together to answer the question. In round three, questions were asked again to both teams, but they were worth 10 points.

Topics for the questions included environmental hazards, machinery equipment and tools, special populations, occupational health, emergencies, confined spaces, personal protected equipment, pesticides and other chemicals and fire.

Quiz Bowl results are as follows:

### FFA Division

1. Mifflinburg FFA Team A, 2. Mifflinburg FFA Team B, 3. Big Spring FFA, 4. Cumberland Valley FFA.

### 4-H Division

1. Cumberland County 4-H, 2. Union County 4-H Team B, 3. Union County 4-H Team A, 4. Perry County 4-H.

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