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Local 4-H Members Earn Recognition at Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show

By Sherri L. Williams / Penn State Extension – Monroe County HARRISBURG - Over 700 youth from 55 counties participated in the 60th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg, PA. The state show is the final competition of the year for 4-H horse members enrolled in performance projects. To be eligible for the show, members must advance through qualifying competitions at county, regional and district levels. The performance division includes showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, pleasure, over fences, driving, western riding, reining, trail and timed events.

Local 4-H members earn state championships and one reserve championship: Kayla Sobers, Saylorsburg 1st place Working Hunter Ponies Kayla also earned a 3rd place in Equitation Over Fences (ages 14-18) and a 7th place in Hunter Under Saddle Ponies (over 13.2 hands and not over 14.2 hands).

Savanna Beckwith, Pocono Summit 1st place Saddle Seat Equitation (ages 8-13) 2nd place Saddle Seat Pleasure.

All class champions in the show were awarded champion ribbons, pewter plates, and embroidered champion jackets. Reserve champions were awarded a ribbon and gift certificate.

In addition, the following member placed in her class: Jaycie Smith of Effort earned a 6th place in Pole Bending Ponies (14. Hands and under) (ages 8-13).

Congratulations to Mya Olizarowicz, Emily Reaman, Hannah Shafer, and Rachel Sroka for advancing through qualifying competitions to represent Monroe County at the State Horse Show.

The 4-H horse program promotes knowledge of horsemanship, equine science and responsible equine use, care and management. For more info on Monroe County 4-H, call 570-421-6430.

Administered in Pennsylvania by Penn State Extension, 4-H is a community of more than 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Penn State Extension 4-H youth development educators in all 67 counties throughout the commonwealth administer local 4-H programs through non-formal education and outreach. To find your local program, visit the Penn State Extension website at <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h>.



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Household Electronics Recycling Events for 2020

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Public Works will hold seven Household Electronic Recycling events in 2020 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, rain or shine. These events are intended for Northampton County residents only and fees apply for recycling most electronics. Residents can pay by cash or by checks made out to Clean Earth. Credit cards will not be accepted.

- April 18th
– WM Grand Central Landfill Office 910 W Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl, PA 18072
- April 25th
– Easton Area High School 2601 William Penn Hwy, Easton, PA 18045
- May 9th
– Easton Recycling Center 500 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18042
- June 13th
– Northampton Borough Community Center 1601 Lau-

bach Ave, Northampton, PA 18067

- September 19th
– Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink 345 Illicks Mill Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017
- September 26th
– Forks Township Public Works Facility 100 Newlins Road, East Easton, PA 18040
- October 17th
– Easton Recycling Center 500 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18042

Freeman Announces \$50,000 In State Funding Approved For Easton Community Revitalization Effort

By Thomas LeClair

HARRISBURG, Dec. 30 – State Rep. Robert Freeman, D-Northampton, today announced that Easton will receive \$50,000 through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities Program. The funding will be used by the Greater Easton Development Partnership in collaboration with the Easton Main Street Initiative for property and business owners in the form of matching grants for renovations, restorations and repairs to existing building façades and new signage benefitting at least ten storefronts. "This funding will help to restore and enhance façades to assist Easton's ongoing revitalization, which has made it an attractive place for visitors and residents alike," Freeman said. "By making investments like this, our local businesses will continue to boost our economy and help enhance the quality of life for everyone who lives in or visits Easton."

The Keystone Communities program supports local initiatives designed to grow and stabilize neighborhoods and communities, foster effective public-private partnerships and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

January THAW Music Festival The Bossa Nova Wave

By Warren County Wandernings

BLAIRSTOWN - It all started in 1962. Antonio Carlos Jobim wrote the songs, "The Girl from Ipanema", "Corcovado", and "Wave". The music hit North America and it was an explosion of Grammy's and Billboard hits. Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd's famous album "Jazz Samba" from April 1962, hit #1 on The Billboard Pop Chart. Now the world renowned artists Ken Peplowski and Diego Figueiredo recreate music from this era, but in their own special way. Sat., January 18, 2020 - 8:00pm

Diego Figueiredo (pronounced fig-a-ray-do) comes all the way from Brazil and is considered one of the most talented guitar players in the world today. He is the winner of several important competitions including the Montreux Jazz Competition and the VISA Prize. Diego's unique interpretations, along with his phenomenal technique and emotion, has created an explosion of adoring fans and concert goers around the world

Ken Peplowski is one of the leading clarinetists and sax players in jazz today. Ken's performed and recorded with all the greats including Mel Torme, Leon Redbone, Charlie Byrd, Peggy Lee, Benny Goodman, George Shearing, Madonna, James Moody, Steve Allen, Woody Allen, and many more. Ken Peplowski has recorded over 50 CDs as a soloist, and 400 as a sideman., and Berklee College of Music. More info at <http://www.centenarystageco.org/jan-jazz-diego-figueiredo>.



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