



Beef club members receiving awards included in the back row, Diane and Carol Krause, Slatington; and Sarah and Melissa Fretz, Zionsville. In the front are Seth Gruber, New Tripoli; Darin and Dean Ruch, New Ringold.

## Lehigh Co. 4-H livestock clubs honor members

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Close to 200 4-H'ers, parents, and guests gathered last Thursday night at the Lehigh County Vo-tech School for the annual Lehigh County Livestock Club banquet. There awards were handed out for outstanding work in the beef, swine, and sheep clubs of that county.

Top on the awards list was the Lehigh County Livestock judging team, which placed second in the Penn State competition held during 4-H States Days. Members of the high ranking team included Sarah Fretz, Zionsville; Gail Snyder, New Tripoli; Joe Sikorski, Emmaus; and Diane Krause, Slatington.

The Lehigh County Swine club was named the outstanding ag club in Lehigh County for the year 1979.

Seventeen members of that club completed projects for the year. Those members showed 62 hogs at their roundup in Quakertown.

The award for best weight gain went to Willi Wilson, Mertztown, whose hog averaged 1.84 pounds per day.

Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli, won the trophy for having the best breeding swine shown at the Allentown Fair and outstanding member named from the club was Tim Wessner, New Tripoli, who was chosen for his "leadership, helpfulness, and ability to be an all-around person" in the club.

In the sheep club, Ruth Grim, Breinigsville, was named champion junior showman, and champion junior fitter was Joshua Grim, of the same address. Chosen both champion intermediate showman and fitter, was Marlyn Stroh, II.

Showing her ability in the sheep club was Gail Snyder, New Tripoli, who won the awards for both champion senior showman and fitter; as well as being named the most helpful member by her fellow club members. She also took home the trophy for the "Shepherd" award, which is based on the members' showing and fitting, leadership, project

book, and story in the project book.

In the beef club several awards were also presented. Diane Krause, Slatington, was named best member of the club.

Sarah Fretz, who serves as Pennsylvania's Angus queen, was named champion senior showman. Reserve champion showman was Carol Krause, Zionsville.

Top intermediate showman was Diane Krause, with Melissa Fretz awarded the prize for being the reserve champion.

Champion junior showman was Daren Ruch, New Ringold, with Dean Ruch, of the same address, and David Danner, East Texas, tying for the reserve championship.

Champion fitter of the beef

Diane Krause, with her

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Three swine club members were honored, Tim and Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli; and Willi Wilson, Mertztown.



Marlyn Stroh, II, Joshua and Ruth Grim, Breinigsville, and Gail Snyder, were among the sheep club members chosen for their outstanding work.

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