

Lehigh Co. livestock club members honored

GERMANSVILLE — Members of the Lehigh County 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Clubs received special recognition at a dinner-square dance program, on Saturday evening December 8.

Approximately 250 4-H members, families and leaders attended this final 1979 activity co-sponsored by the three 4-H livestock groups.

The Lehigh Beef Club presented awards to those

members who exhibited a champion steer, took top honors in showman and fitter competitions, and were generally outstanding members.

Diane Krause of Slatington received an award for having the champion steer. This award was sponsored by Phillips Feed Service, Inc.

Krause was recognized by the Farm Credit Services for her reserve senior showman honors, and by Agway, Inc.

for her championship finish in the fitting competition.

Gail Snyder, New Tripoli, was honored for both her first place senior showman finishes. Snyder had taken top honors with her beef animal and also her sheep. Marsteller Grain, Inc. sponsored the beef award while Ernest B. Clauser, Farm Equipment Service supplied the sheep award.

She was also recognized as the senior fitter in the Sheep

Club. Agway, Inc. sponsored this award.

Willow Brook Co. supplied the intermediate showman award for Willi Wilson of Mertztown.

Ralph Danner of East Texas, Pa. took the reserve intermediate showman award for the Beef Club. Danner was also honored as reserve champion fitter. Farm Credit Services and Agrico Farm Center sponsored these trophies.

Lehigh International, Inc.

honored Seth Gruber of New Tripoli as the junior showman.

The reserve showman honor went to Dean Ruch of New Ringgold. The award was supplied by Erdenheim Farm.

The steer with the best rate of gain, two pounds per day, was owned by Darin Ruch, New Ringgold. Pat-Ric Farms sponsored the award.

Kenny Ruch received the coveted outstanding member award, supplied by Krause Farm.

In addition to club awards, the Beef Club honored the senior livestock judging team.

The team included Gail Snyder, Sarah Fretz, Zionsville; Diane Krause, and Kenny Ruch. Their awards were sponsored by Schochary Ridge Farm and Charles S. Snyder, Inc.

As mentioned earlier, Gail Snyder earned the senior showman and fitter awards that were presented by the Sheep Club.

The intermediate fitter and showman awards were presented to Marilyn Stroh II, of Breinigsville.

N. H. Flicker and Sons, Inc. and Newton Auto Body sponsored these awards.

Stroh was also honored as the most helpful club

member and earned the master shepherd award. Wayne C. Wessner and Lehigh International, Inc. supported these awards.

In the junior fitting and showman awards, a brother and sister team took the honors.

Ruth F. Grim, Breinigsville was named the junior fitter while Joshua Grim was honored as junior showman.

N. H. Flicker and Sons, Inc. and Agrico Farm Center supplied their awards.

The Lehigh County Swine Club honored Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli as the master fitter. Her award was sponsored by the Berks-Lehigh Swine Producers Association.

Master showman honors went to David Brannan, of Emmaus. The Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers supplied the award.

The honored master breeder was Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown. Rocky Acres Farms supported Bennecoff's award.

Norman Bachman's project showed the best weight gain. Calvin Lazarus and Sons sponsored his award.

The 4-H Swine Club and

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Lehigh County Beef Club members were recognized during an awards dinner at the Germansville Fire Hall. Pictured here are front row,

left to right, Seth Gruber, Diane Krause, and Darin Ruch. In the back row, are Dean Ruch, Ralph Danner, Kenny Ruch, Willi Wilson and Gail Snyder.

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