

Hoff siblings sweep Maryland 4-H hog show

TIMONIUM — "All in the Family" seemed to be this year's theme in the 4-H and FFA market hog and fitting and showing contests held last week at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Judge for the afternoon was Warren Beeler of Western Kentucky University.

Mike Hoff, 10, of Manchester, had the grand champion market hog in his

first year of state fair competition. It was a Yorkshire-Hampshire crossbred gilt and weighed 220 pounds.

The reserve champion market hog ribbon went to Dawn Hoff, 14, of Manchester, a cousin of Mike. Her Hampshire gilt weighed 240 pounds. Both Mike and Dawn are members of the Black Rock 4-H club.

Not only did families within Carroll County walk away with high honors, but exhibitors from Carroll County won half of all the top awards given in the market hog and fitting and showing competition.

Other class winners in the market hog division which competed for the grand champion award were as follows: John Schirra;

Margaret Flangan; Mike Hoff; Jack Kahler; Karen Holloway; Kathy Bauer; and Geanie Lockard of Westminster, who also had the champion Chester White sow in the purebred show.

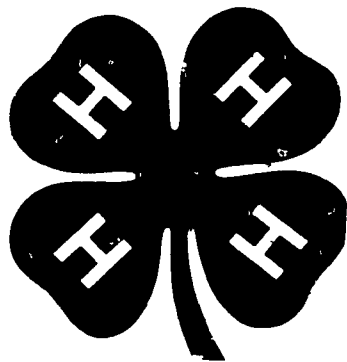
Tom Reynolds, 18, of Reisterstown, was chosen as the senior champion in the 4-H and FFA fitting and showing contest, and he went on to win the over-all fitting and showing championship.

Carla Biggs, 12, of LaPlata, won the intermediate championship, while Kathy Bauer, 11, of Picketts Corner, won the junior championship.

The Charles county 4-H swine exhibitors drew considerable attention with their barn decorations, featuring a poster picture of Miss Piggy and titled "Miss Piggy for President!"



Mike Hoff, 10, left foreground, poses his grand champion 4-H and FFA market hog during the livestock sale last week at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. The 220-pound Yorkshire-Hampshire crossbred gilt went for \$3 per pound to Esskay, meat packer located in East Baltimore. Joining the festivities are, left to right: Cheryl Devilbiss, 17, of Union Bridge (Carroll county), the Maryland Pork Queen, and an Esskay delegation which includes August Behringer, head hog buyer; William G. Hupfeldt, front and center, president, and Hupfeldt's son and daughter, William, Jr., and Julie.



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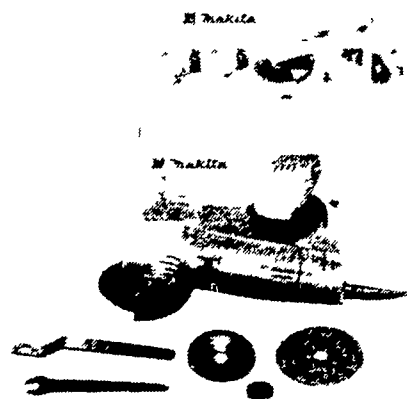
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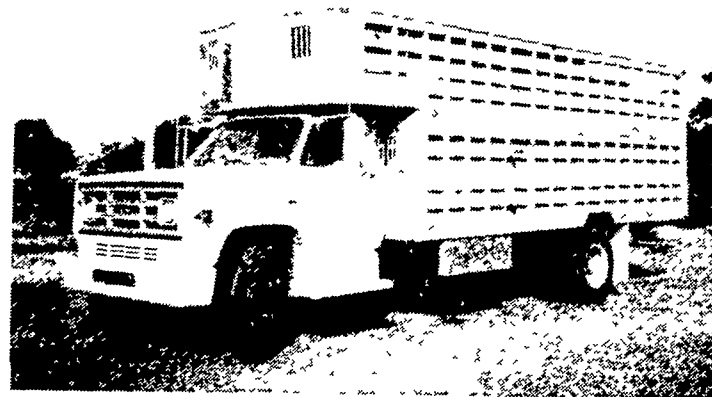
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