

Berks Co. swine club holds banquet

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VIRGINVILLE — Members of the Berks County 4-H Swine Club ended another year of fellowship and competition with their annual awards banquet, held at the Virginville Grange, here.

4-H'ers were recognized for showmanship and fitting and Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Hogs shown at the annual 4-H Market Hog Round-up, held September 24th. Other members received trophies for best Blue Forms and Project Books in three age categories.

Entertainment during the evening was a slide presentation by Joyce Miller and Sandy (Miller) Fryer, Virginville, entitled "Handy Work of God." Ernst Miller, Master of the Berks Pomona Grange, welcomed the many guests in attendance.

Karen Smith, Shoemakersville, received a trophy sponsored by Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers for exhibiting the Grand Champion Hog at the County Round-up. The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith is a

student nurse and has only shown hogs for two years. Her entry was a Yorkshire gilt bred by Ray Hoffman, Bernville.

Dennis and Beth Cooper, Lenhartsville, were the sponsors of the Reserve Grand Champion trophy. This was awarded to Gary Rohrbach, 15, also of Shoemakersville. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Rohrbach, his entry was a Duroc crossbred gilt.

Showmanship and Fitting awards were presented to the following: Showman and Fitter - 16 years and older - Cheryl Adam, Hamburg; Showman, 12 to 15 years - Kenianne Rarick, Reading; Fitter, 12-15 years - Jan Adam, Hamburg; Showman, 8-11 years - Steve Rohrbach, Shoemakersville; and Fitter, 8-11 years old - Greg Stricker, Bernville.

Sponsoring these awards were: Berks-Lehigh PCA and Federal Land Bank, Shoemakersville; DeKalb Seeds, Ernst Miller, representative; F.M. Brown's Sons, Birdsboro, Fleetwood, and Sinking Spring; Agway, Inc., Leesport; Anthony's Feed Mill, Strausstown; and Van-

Mar Feils, Inc., Shoemakersville.

Outscoring the other 4-H'ers within her age group with her Blue Form was Cheryl Adam, 18. Mark Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, was awarded for the best

form - between 12 and 15 years of age; and Steve Rohrbach was awarded for ages 8-11. Best Project Book honors were bestowed upon; Allan Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, for 16 years and over; Gary

Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, 12-15; and Henry Seidel, Lenhartsville, ages 8-11.

These awards were sponsored by: Albright's Mill, Kempton; Mogel Brothers Feeds, Hamburg; Vigortone Feeds, New Tripoli; Kissling's Mill, Bernville; Ken-Rose Farm, Maiden Creek; and James

Dietrich, Hamburg.

Officers of the 4-H Swine Club are: Darlene Dietrich, Hamburg, president; Allan Rohrbach - vice-president; Mark Rohrbach - secretary. The club members thanked the buyers of the Market hogs and held a drawing for door prizes.



Left to right, Karen Smith - Grand Champion Hog Exhibitor; Gary Rohrbach - Reserve Champion Hog Exhibitor.



Kenianne Rarick, Showman 12-15; Cheryl Adam, Showman and Fitter - 16 and older; Steve Rohrbach - Showman 8-11; and Jan Adam, Fitter 12-15.

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