

Sights & scenes at Lancaster FFA hog show

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Little brother Tim had the reserve grand champion of the show, a lightweight hog, another as reserve champion in the lightweight division and was runnerup in the junior fitting.

Actually, with Mike and Tim, it might be considered a return of the dynasty since older brother, Rick, just about swept all competition the last year he showed in FFA in 1974.

Both the grand and reserve champions of the show were purebred Durocs.

Chris Herr's grand champion, a 230-pounder, finished first in its middleweight class and then captured the mid-weight division crown before going on to grab the top laurels of the day.

And, also just like last year, the sleek but well muscled red hog, came out of the herd of Clyde McConaughy, Duroc breeder from Indiana County.

As Chris added another trophy and blue rosette to the Herr collection, just as satisfying was the proceeds he received at the afternoon sale.

When representatives of Hatfield Packing and Walter M. Dunlap finished exchanging nods and blinks to the auctioneer, the bottom line on Herr's grand champion read \$4.45 a pound.

It marked a healthy increase over the \$3.30 a pound that Chris received last year for his grand champion. Hatfield bought that one, too.

In all, it meant a little over a thousand dollars for Chris to put

toward his ag engineering education at Penn State.

Tim Pfautz' reserve grand champion of the show, a 210-pound lightweight, brought \$2 a pound it, too, was purchased by Hatfield.

In all, 153 head were sold by the competing FFA'ers from Ephrata, New Holland, Penn Manor, Manheim, Warwick and Elizabethtown high schools.

The show consignment averaged 211 pounds and brought \$61.26 a hundredweight, including the two big champs.

Out of this total, 31 head were in the "champion" category, ranging from the show winners down to the class winners. These 31 head averaged \$84.00 a hundredweight.

But there were top winners besides the Herr and Pfautz family members.

Steve Strauss, Ephrata, had the carcass on-foot champion.

Jim Musser, Ephrata, won the coveted breeder exhibitor championship.

Jeff Gerlach, Penn Manor, was second in the junior showmanship.

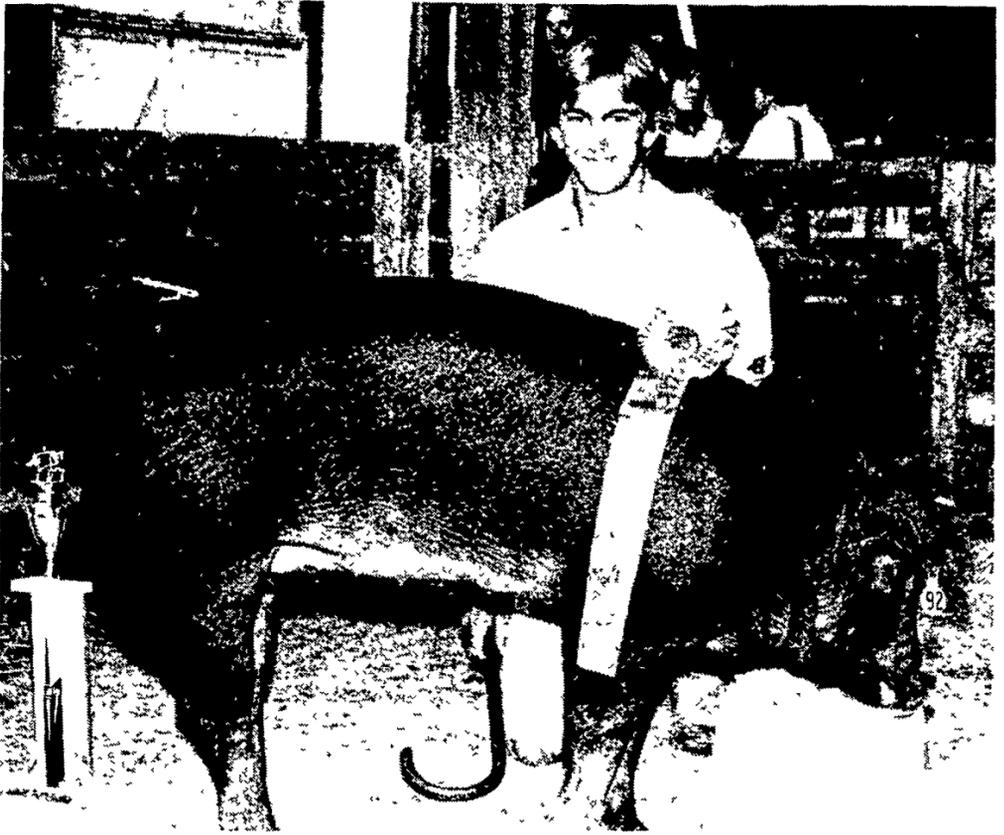
Judy Zimmerman, Ephrata, repeated and won her second consecutive senior showmanship title and also showed the champion in the heavyweight division.

Wayne Hess, Penn Manor, finished behind Judy in the senior showing.

Champion in the senior fitting was Tim Hess, Penn Manor.

Class results for the show include:

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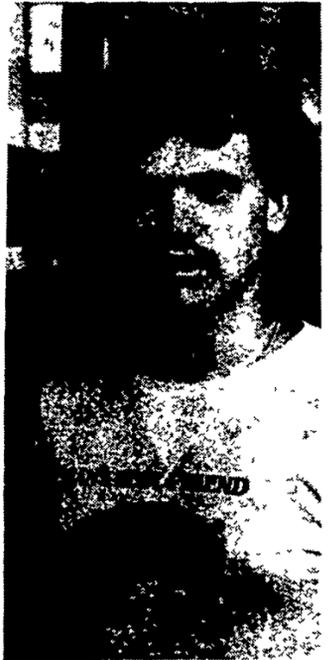
Chris Herr, of Narvon, with show's grand champion.



Jim Musser, of Ephrata, with winner of breeder-exhibitor championship.



Tim Pfautz, of Stevens, with show's reserve grand champion.



This father-son hog operation team believe in advertising their product. They are Larry Mullen Jr. and Sr., of Bainbridge, who attended the Lancaster County FFA Market Hog Show on Thursday. They operate a farrow to finish operation and Larry Jr. also hauls livestock.



Senior showmanship champ is Judy Zimmerman, of Ephrata, and senior fitting champ is Tim Hess, Penn Manor.



Junior showmanship champ is Mike Pfautz, of Stevens, and junior fitting champion is Margaret Herr, of Narvon.

