

## Berks Co. honors top beef 4-H'ers

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KUTZTOWN — Berks County 4-H beef members and their families celebrated another year of achievements during a recent banquet held in their honor at the Kutztown Grange Hall, here.

Capturing the limelight for exhibiting the Grand Champion Steer at the 4-H round-up was a six year 4-Her, Kenianne Rarick, Maiden Creek. A silver plate was donated by Berks-Lehigh PCA and Federal Land Bank, Shoemakersville.

Michelle Harley, Douglassville, showing for only the second year, received a silver plate donated by Agway of Leesport for exhibiting the Reserve Champion Steer.

In other awards, Darlene Dietrich, Hamburg, received two plates for Senior Showmanship and Senior Fitting. These plates were donated by F.M. Brown Son's, Inc., Birdsboro, and Van-Mar Feeds, Shoemakersville. Darlene has been showing in 4-H for ten years, this being her last.

Darlene and Michael Strause, Hamburg, were also given watches from Hamilton Bank for their contributions to the beef club since both are graduating members.

A Champion Intermediate Showman trophy was presented to Kenianne Rarick, donated by Mogel Feeds of Hamburg, while Kirk Fisher, Oley, was presented a trophy for Champion Intermediate Fitter, sponsored by American Bank of Reading.

In junior competition, Jane Zook, Oley, received Champion Fitter trophy and Lori Rabenold, Kutztown, received the trophy for Junior Showman, these were donated by Farm Bureau, Bechtelsville, and JV Farms, Douglassville.

Karen Rabenold, Kutztown, received a trophy donated by R&W Feeds, Centerport, for most weight gained.

Trophies for Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers at the Oley Fair were also presented during the evening. These were won by Kirk Fisher and Kenianne Rarick, respectively; donated by JV Farms, and Diesel Service Inc., Reading.

Awards were presented for best blueforms in senior, intermediate and junior divisions.

Honored with these awards were: Darlene Dietrich, Kenianne Rarick, and Kent Fisher, Oley, respectively.



Honored for showman and fitter awards at the Berks beef banquet were: (front row) Lori Rabenold, Junior Champion Fitter; Jane Zook, Junior Champion Showman; (back row)

Kenianne Rarick, Intermediate Champion Showman; Darlene Dietrich, Senior Showman and Fitter; Kirk Fisher, Intermediate Fitter.



Michelle Harley, 14, of Douglassville and Kenianne Rarick, 14, of Reading, received silver plates for being named reserve champion and champion steer winners, respectively.



Blueform winners were (front row) Karen Rabenold, Kent Fisher (back row), Kenianne Rarick, Darlene Dietrich, and Kirk Fisher.

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