

Venango honors livestock buyers

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FRANKLIN — The second annual Buyers Appreciation Dinner was held Saturday evening Oct. 8, at the Venango Co. fairgrounds. Livestock 4-H members honored the buyers of their market projects

with a buffet dinner. The food was donated by 4-Hers families and the pork, lamb and beef served was purchased by the Livestock Club from Gahrs Market. After the dinner, recognition awards were presented. Sue Metz, of R1 Utica, was the recipient of a

floral arrangement by members of the Livestock Club. She was honored for her hard work and guidance as treasurer of the Club. She noted that she seems to be a jack-of-all-trades, but enjoys it all.

Appreciation was also shown to the news media, auctioneers and those who donated fencing for the seventh annual 4-H market livestock sale at the Venango County Fair in August.

The most important facet of this sale centers on the generous buyers and they were shown the club's gratitude. Each buyer received a ribbon symbolic of the animal they purchased. They are encouraged to display these in their business establishments. A special thanks went to the "Big 3"; Fryburg Roller Mills, Mowry Meats and Titusville Agway. They were the three biggest spenders at the August sale.

Dale Steadman, spokesman for the evening, told buyers that the

quality of market animals has been climbing steadily as interest has grown. The fairgrounds has also expanded with new buildings being constructed, including the Phillips Arena. This is an immense improvement for the show and market sale. Until two years ago, these were held outside.

The Livestock Club of 4-Hers has also realized a need for a P.A. system. Financing for this came from a "resale of a few animals at the Livestock Sale. These donated bids by First National Bank, Fryburg Roller Mills and a group

of Titusville farmers along with other monies will fulfill this need.

Following the dinner and award presentations, the near 200 people present were entertained by Venango 4-Hers with a slide show they had created. They are available to speak to groups in the area and have done so several times to promote 4-H. Theresa Gawrys and Jinnie Wilcox (8 yrs. ea. in 4-H), Christy Shaffer and Carl Nelson (3 yrs.) and Jennifer Garfield (4 yrs.) narrated the entertaining show of 4-Hers in action at the Venango Co. Fair.



Theresa Gawrys presents ribbons to Leo Gahr of Gahrs Market, purchaser of Grand Champion pair of lambs for \$1.45 per lb.; Frank Yurkanin of Fryburg Roller Mills, buyer of grand champion steer for \$1.60 per lb. and the grand champion hog at a new record of \$5.50 per lb. George Hall, of Franklin's First National Bank, receives ribbons from Jinnie Wilcox. The bank bought the reserve hog at a record breaking \$3.50 per lb. and the Champion lamb at a new record of \$5.75 per pound. Not present for the photo were Titusville Agway (Res. Ch. lamb and Res. Ch. steer) and Mowry Meats (Res. Gr. Ch. pair of lambs).



Jim Kitelinger of Oil City; and Darrin Shaffer, of Titusville; present gift to Sue Metz on behalf of 4-Hers in the Livestock Club.

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