

Lancaster Co. Honors 4-H Beef, Sheep Members

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LANCASTER — Lancaster County 4-H sheep and beef club members proved last Thursday night that they take their 4-H pledge seriously.

Pledging their heads to clear thinking, members planned an evening filled with clever skits and one-act plays to entertain their guests; their hearts to greater loyalty, the 4-H'ers extended heartfelt congratulations to one another during the awards presentation; and their hands to larger service, the youth recalled a year of 4-H activities and competitions.

And what an outstanding year it was for Lancaster County.

Boasting about its ability to achieve the top spot in the Farm Show 4-H market steer contest throughout the years, Lancaster County is proud to have the championship crown back in the county this year. Making this possible, was 17-year-old Jan Waltz, of Manheim, and his steer, Champ.

A member of the Red Rose 4-H Beef Club, Jan received special recognition for his Farm Show win. He also received awards for winning both the county round-up grand champion steer and grand champion showmanship titles. In addition, Jan showed the county's reserve heifer champion and was named reserve champion showman at the Farm show.

On the flip side of the banquet awards, 16-year-old Deb Martin, of R1 Conestoga, was named the 1983 Lancaster County 4-H Shepherd of the Year. A 4-H'er for eight years, Deb received a \$150 savings bond along with a rotating trophy.

Deb received her award from last year's outstanding shepherd Monica Esh. This was the second year the award was presented. The winner is chosen based on his or her leadership abilities and club

activities and is selected by the leaders.

4-H Woolies Club members receiving awards for the county sheep round-up were Curt Engle, Elizabethtown, grand champion market lamb, Lisa Sadler, Elizabethtown, reserve champion market lamb, and Tim Engle, Elizabethtown, supreme champion ewe.

Also Ellen Lewis, Landisville, champion bred and owned ewe; Michelle Mylin, Manheim, champion senior showman; Pam Yeagley, Elizabethtown, champion senior fitter; and Lisa Sadler, champion junior fitter and showman.

Farm Show winners were. Gerald Rohrer, Quarryville, champion Southdown ewe; Barbara Rohrer, Quarryville, reserve champion Southdown ewe; Diane Musser, Elizabethtown, first place market lamb; Phil Yeagley, Elizabethtown, first place market lamb, and Tim Engle, top showman

Other Woolies Club winners included Deb Martin, best Woolies Club record book; Gerald Rohrer, president's award; and Donna Hockings, Elizabethtown, best first-year 4-H member award.

The county 4-H beef round-up winners were Jan Waltz, grand champion steer and champion showman; Michelle Dean, Strasburg, reserve grand champion steer, and Fred Weaver, Ephrata, reserve champion showman

For participation in the Southeast District Beef Show, awards were given to Lori Good, Lititz, reserve grand champion steer and champion showman, and Lori Good, Tracey Landis and Jimmy Landis, champion county trio

Farm Show beef honors went to Jan Waltz, grand champion steer and reserve champion showman;

Jan Waltz, Michelle Dean and Carol Ginder, reserve grand champion trio, and Michelle Nissley, reserve champion lightweight

John Fox II, of Reinholds, received the highest daily beef gain award John's steer averaged 3.41 pounds of gain per day

A first for this year's beef club, was a junior breeding contest held

during the Solanco Fair last fall Freida Frey, of Quarryville, showed the grand champion heifer while Jan Waltz captured reserve champion honors

The youth were not the only ones to receive recognition Club leaders Carl Longenecker and Jay Nissley each received a plaque for their years of service to the 4-H community Both men will retire

from 4-H duties this year Longenecker has been a leader for 16 years, and Nissley for 27 years

Over 375 4-H'ers, parents and guests attended the county's annual livestock banquet. Jan Waltz, beef club president, served as toastmaster, and Gerald Rohrer, sheep club president, handled the introductions



Pictured with awards won through the Lancaster County 4-H sheep round-up are, from left, Lisa Sadler, reserve champion market lamb; and champion junior fitter and showman; Michelle Mylin, champion senior showman; Ellen Lewis, champion bred and owned; Curt Engle, supreme champion ewe; Pam Yeagley, champion senior fitter; and Tim Engle, grand champion market lamb.



Woolies Sheep Club members who received awards for Farm Show participation include, from left, Barbara Rohrer, reserve champion Southdown ewe; Gerald Rohrer, grand champion Southdown ewe; Phil Yeagley, first place market lamb; Diane Musser, first place market lamb; and Tim Engle, top showman.



Displaying their Lancaster County 4-H Beef round-up awards are, from left, Jan Waltz, grand champion steer and grand champion showman; Michelle Dean, reserve grand champion steer; and Fred Weaver, reserve champion showman.



The top 4-H Woolies Club award winners are, from left, Monica Esh, the 1982 Lancaster County Shepherd; Deb Martin, the 1983 Lancaster County Shepherd; and Gerald Rohrer, club president who received the president's award.



Lancaster County beef awards were also presented to, from left, Lori Good, Southeast District reserve grand champion steer and champion showman; Tracy Landis reserve grand champion trio; Michelle Nissley, Farm Show reserve champion lightweight steer; and Jimmy Landis, reserve grand champion trio.