

Reading Fair

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"Tarzan" With three older brothers, an older sister who is in 4-H, and a supportive father, Rabenold credits her family and their background for many of her numerous showing and fitting honors this past year. Her sister, Karen, took the reserve grand champion market steer honors, while Michele Harley, R2, Douglassville, took the Grand.

In the swine show, Kirk Fisher

again took the purple rosettes with his champion pair of market swine. The grand champion swine went to the entry of Steve Rohrbach, Shoemakersville, and the reserve title to Greg Stricker, Bernville.

Fourteen-year-old Karen Stutzman, R1, Kutztown, dominated the sheep show at the Reading Fair. Karen exhibited the grand and reserve grand champion market lambs. She also captured the ribbons for the grand champion pen of lambs.

Demonstrating that she really knew what she was doing, Karen also took the grand champion showman honors in the sheep fitting and showing competition. She was also named reserve champion fitter.

Karen has been in the 4-H sheep club for three years and says this is the first year that she has done this well. "I walk them every day," she says about her two winners, which are the only sheep she has. "It gives them muscle," she adds.

The Stutzman sheep were featured at the annual Berks County 4-H Market Lamb Sale held the final day of the fair, Saturday, Sept. 29th. The 120-pound champion brought \$6.10 per pound on the bid from Weaver's Farm Market, Sinking Spring. The reserve champion sold for \$3.45 per pound to the Crystal Springs Restaurant, Sinking Spring.

"I'm gonna miss them," Karen commented after the sale. But the annual sale, which provides the 4-H'ers with money for their year-long efforts, gave Karen incentive for next year. "Besides," she adds, "I was thinking of buying a computer."

The market lamb sale included 49 head of the 4-H project sheep. Although the price for the grand champion was down from the \$7.50 that the champion brought last year, the sale average for this year was \$.15 higher than 1983 at \$1.29 per pound.

"The kids were quite pleased," commented the sale clerk. Also, according to the clerk, the buyers

really liked the meat after receiving it from the butcher.

Buyers included Lebanon Valley National Bank, Boscov's Department Stores, Rich Brandt Realtor, Shillington IGA, Farm Credit, Van Mar Feeds, Disel Inc., Peters Brothers Meats, All Star Real Estate, John O'Brian, C.P. Rhoads & Son, Reading Speedometer, Bank of Pennsylvania, Yellow House Hotel, Women's Clinic,

Leesport Agway, Farm Bureau of Souderton, Boyers Market, Manor Equipment, Hamilton Bank, Columbian Cutlery, Dr. Jim Diamond, Kantner Tire Service, and the National Bank of Boyertown.

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Heidi Schlegel fills in for her brother Kevin and holds the grand champion Brown Swiss of the Reading Fair.



Karen Stutzman had a winning week at the Reading Fair with her champion pair of market lambs.



Susan Hollenbach exhibited the reserve grand champion Guernsey in the Reading Fair dairy shows.



Karen and Lori Rabenold made a winning pair with their two project steers at the Reading Fair last week.

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