

Lehigh County 4-H'ers receive livestock awards

ALLENTOWN — Members of Lehigh County's 4-H beef, sheep and swine clubs were honored on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Germansville Fire Hall. Following a beef and ham dinner, approximately 50 commercial and private sponsors presented trophies to 4-H'ers in recognition of their successes in the show ring, in leadership, and in livestock selection and management.

A special presentation was made to Mrs. John Fretz in memory of her husband, who served as a 4-H Beef Club leader for 20 years. The final activity of the evening was square dancing to the music of the Majestics.

The following 4-H members and their awards are listed by clubs:

Beef Club

Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, reserve champion fitter, senior showman, champion steer; Gavin Grim, Mertztown, best rate of gain, junior livestock judging; Ruth Grim, Breinigsville, senior livestock judging team; Rhonda Hartman, Mertztown, 1985 Champion trio; Debra Krause, Slatington, champion fitter, intermediate showman, outstanding project book, senior livestock judging team; Karen Rabenold, Kutztown, 1985 champion trio, reserve champion fitter, senior reserve showman; Lori Rabenold, Kutztown, reserve intermediate showman; and Lewis Trexler, New Ringgold, 1985 champion trio, senior livestock judging team.

Sheep Club

Juliann Breininger, New Tripoli, junior fitter; Stephen Breininger, New Tripoli, reserve junior showman; Joshua F. Grim, Breinigsville, reserve senior showman, reserve senior fitter, shepherd; Ruth Grim, Breinigsville, senior showman, senior fitter, most helpful member; Benjamin Lazarus, Germansville, reserve junior fitter; Brian Lazarus, Germansville, reserve junior showman; Laura Lazarus, Germansville; 1st year showman, 1st year reserve fitter.

Other award winners were: Scott Lazarus, Germansville, intermediate showman, intermediate fitter; Bruce Snyder, Kutztown, 1st year reserve showman; Lori Tyson Kempton, 1st year showman, 1st year fitter; Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli, reserve senior fitter; Stephen Wessner, New Tripoli, junior showman, junior fitter.

Swine Club

Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, lightweight champion market hog, reserve senior showman; Bonnie Dietrich, New Tripoli, 1st year showman; Seth Gruber, New Tripoli, grand champion market hog; Kurt Haas, Orefield, junior showman; Daniel Hartman, Mertztown, intermediate fitter; Rhonda Hartman, Mertztown, senior fitter; April Lazarus, Germansville, junior fitter; Brian Lazarus, Germansville, reserve junior fitter, reserve junior showman; Laura Lazarus, Germansville, 1st year fitter; Mark Lazarus, Germansville, reserve intermediate showman; Scott Lazarus, Germansville, reserve grand champion market hog, reserve intermediate fitter, intermediate showman, most helpful member; Tracy Lazarus, Germansville, reserve 1st year fitter, reserve 1st year showman; Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli, reserve senior fitter, senior showman.

The following persons and businesses sponsored awards: Agway Farm and Home Center, Agway Inc., Berks-Lehigh Valley Farm Credit Service, Ernest B. Clauser, Clover Hill Vineyard and Winery, The Compass Farm—Henry Gruber & Son, Crop Production Services, Erb & Henry Farm Equipment Inc., N.H. Flicker & Sons, John Fretz Memorial Trophy, Harmony Egg

Factory, Terry Hartman Roofing Contractor, Hartman's Butcher Shop, James Heintzelman New Idea Equipment, Ronald J. Heintzelman Pioneer Seeds, Paul F. Held Inc., Gunther Heussman Inc., and Kemp's Gulf Service Center.

Also giving awards were: Earl Kocher Electric, Krause Farms, Kutztown Western Auto, Lazarus Farm Market, Leesport Market and Auction, K.&R. Loch Milk Hauling, Charles Mertz Insurance, Mertztown Medical Center

Miller's Sanitary Service, Elton Muth, National Bank of Boyertown, Neffs National Bank, Newton Auto Body Shop, New Tripoli National Bank, Phillips Feed Service Inc., John S. Riegel & Youngs Inc., C.H. Rohrbach Farms, Rose Valley Farm, Schochary Ridge Farm, Charles S. Snyder Inc., Stettler Equipment, Marilyn Stroh, Wayne's Dry Goods, Wayne Wessner Grain, Willow Brook Farms, Wolgemuth Bros. Inc., Ralph Zettlemoyer Auction Company Inc.



Members of the Lehigh County 4-H judging team are from left, rear, Lewis Trexler and Gavin Grim; front, Debra Krause and Ruth Grim.



Beef Club award recipients are from left, rear, Lewis Trexler, Gavin Grim, Todd Bennecoff; and front, Debra Krause, Lori Rabenold, and Rhonda Hartman.



Lehigh County Sheep Club award winners were from left, rear, Scott Lazarus, Ruth Grim, Bonnie Wessner, Joshua Grim; middle, Stephen Wessner, Brian Lazarus, Juliann Breininger, and Stephen Breininger; front, Ben Lazarus, Laura Lazarus, Lori Tyson and Bruce Snyder.



Lehigh County Swine Club award winners were from left, rear, Todd Bennecoff, Daniel Hartman, Mark Lazarus, Seth Gruber and Scott Lazarus; middle, April Lazarus, Brian Lazarus, Rhonda Hartman, and Bonnie Wessner; front, Kurt Haas, Tracy Lazarus, Laura Lazarus and Bonnie Wessner

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