

4-H HAPPENINGS

Berks County Livestock Banquets

The members of the Berks County 4-H Swine, Sheep, and Beef Clubs met last month in celebration. The Swine and Beef Clubs held their annual awards banquet on November 5, while the Sheep & Lamb Club held their banquet one week later.

The Swine Club members recognized for their accomplishments were: Jason Keller, grand champion hog; Eric Keller, reserve grand champion hog; Tammy Balthaser, senior fitter, senior project book, and senior blue form; Christine Hunter, intermediate fitter; Jennifer Rabenold, junior fitter; James Blatt, senior showman; Randy Balthaser, intermediate showman; Benji Leatherman, junior showman; Paula Hunter, intermediate project book; Jason Manwiller, junior project book; Valerie Hunter, intermediate blue form; Leon Hunter, junior blue form and champion carcass; Bryan Cooper, reserve champion carcass.

The Beef Club members honored were Amy Eshelman, grand champion steer and intermediate fitter, intermediate project book, and intermediate blue form; Alice Strause, reserve champion steer and intermediate showman; Traci Gelsinger, champion heifer and senior showman, senior fitter, and senior project book; Tammy Gelsinger, reserve grand champion heifer and weight gain steer; Travis Werley, most helpful member; Jennifer Rabenold, junior showman, junior fitter, and junior project book; Jason Manwiller, junior blue form.

The Sheep Club members recognized were Glenn Heffner,



Recognized for their beef cattle fitting skills were, from left, Alice Strause, Traci Gelsinger, Jennifer Rabenold, and Amy Eshelman.

grand champion market lamb and senior showman; Joyce Heffner, reserve grand champion market lamb and intermediate showman; Amy Eshelman, champion market pair and intermediate fitter; Valerie Hunter, best fleece, Travis Werley, senior fitter and senior project book; Stephanie Bowman, junior fitter, junior showman, junior blue form, and junior project book; Gwen Perry, senior blue form; Paula Hunter, intermediate project book.

Trophies for the three clubs were provided by Albright's Mill, First National Bank of Fleetwood, Eastern Pork Producers Association, Hamilton Bank, First National Bank of Leesport, Hillside Acres, Bank of Pennsylvania,

Shartlesville Farm Supply, Penfield Feeds, Agway Inc. of Shoemakersville, Anthony's Mill, Berks-Lehigh Farm Credit, F.M. Brown's Sons, Furst-McNess, Lebanon Valley National Bank, Bernville Bank, Adams Hotel, Peter D'Angeli, Pikeville Equipment, Hamburg Savings & Trust, Leesport Market & Auction, Chris Kistler Hauling, DESCCO Inc., Heritage Valley Farm, National Bank of Boyertown, Agway Inc. of Leesport, Denver Bank, Ben Weist, Booncroft Farms, Manor Equipment, County Plumbing & Heating, Farmer Brown's, Dairy Queen of Temple, 222 Food Mart, Clark's Video, Marty Mager, and Maiden Creek TV & Appliance.



The top Berks County 4-H'ers in swine fitting are, from left, back row: Tammy Balthaser, James Blatt, Randy Balthaser; front row: Benji Leatherman, Christine Hunter, and Jennifer Rabenold.

Bucks Achievement Night

At the Bucks County 4-H Achievement Night three outstanding 4-H'ers received the Clover Award for personal development and citizenship. These winners were: Richard Schofield of Morrisville, Jim Wabals of Springtown and Ann-Marie Dickson of Richboro.

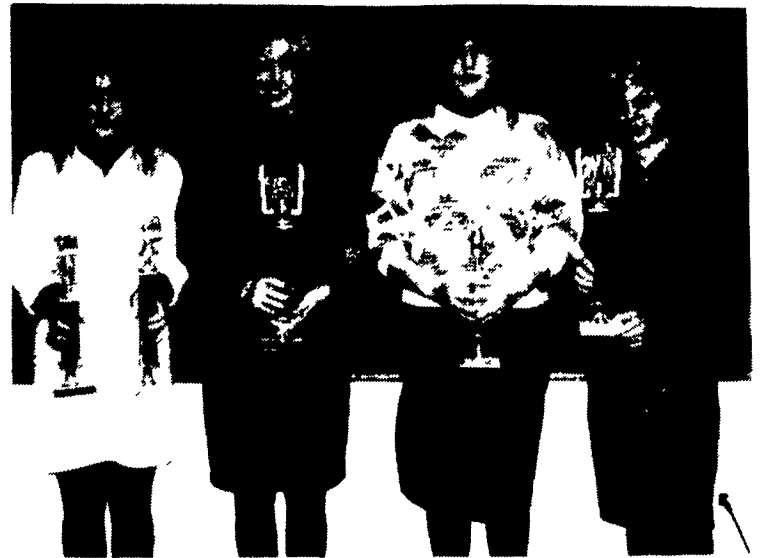
Younger 4-H members received the Jr. Cloverleaf Award for their enthusiasm, responsibility,

leadership and club involvement. In the 8-11 year old group, winners were: Cory Stephenson, Doylestown; Elizabeth Taylor, Hulmeville; Philip Lecte, Warrington; Amber Epstein, Doylestown. In the 12-13 year old group, winners were: Paul Plummer, Chalfont; Heather Platt, Springtown; Jennifer Lecte, Warrington; and Jeff Smith, Warminster.

The 1988 Bucks County Friend

of 4-H was awarded to retired Bucks County Extension Director, Richard A. Bailey.

The 1989 Officers for the Bucks County 4-H Teen Council were installed. The 1989 officers are: President — Jennifer Fisher; Vice President — Becky Fox; Secretary — Stacy Kinderman; Treasurer — Meg Montgomery and News Reporter — Ann-Marie Dickson.



Winning championship honors at the county's beef competition were, from left, Tammy Gelsinger, reserve grand champion heifer; Traci Gelsinger, champion heifer; Alice Strause, reserve grand champion steer; and Amy Eshelman, grand champion steer.



These four 4-H'ers were honored for showing championship swine. They are, from left, Leon Hunter, champion carcass; Eric Keller, reserve grand champion hog; Jason Keller, grand champion hog; and Bryan Cooper, reserve champion carcass.



The champion sheep fitters and showmen are, from left, Travis Werley, Amy Eshelman, Joyce Heffner, Glenn Heffner, and Stephanie Bowman.



Receiving trophies for their championship sheep honors were, from left, Valerie Hunter, best fleece; Glenn Heffner, champion market lamb; Amy Eshelman, champion market pair of lambs; and Joyce Heffner, reserve champion market lamb.