



Mandy Hilbert was honored as champion 4-H showman at the South Mountain Fair recently.



South Mountain Fair
The South Mountain Fair recently boasted a wide range of champions.

Champion 4-H steer went to Ben Stine, East Berlin. He was also selected champion fitter and received a plaque from the fair.

Reserve 4-H steer was Sarah Grim, East Berlin. Champion 4-H Showman honors went to Mandy Hilbert, Littlestown.



Ben Stine was awarded champion 4-H steer at the South Mountain Fair recently. He was also selected champion fitter.



Sarah Grim, East Berlin, showed the reserve champion 4-H steer at the South Mountain Fair.

Elegant Holiday Decorations Can Be Fun, Inexpensive To Make

- Create a Victorian Cookie Tree. Bake your own special holiday cookies, using special cookie cutters; decorate with colorful frostings, candy, etc., and tie to the branches of a small pine tree which can be set on a tabletop for a festive air.

- Big baskets of fruit on dining tables are always an appropriate "edible" decoration.

- Have the kids help make a festive tablecloth for holidays: Using a star, holly-shaped or other stencil, spray paint in gold or silver on a clean white bedsheet.

- Use garnishes liberally to dress up dining plates and platters. A pork roast centered on a serving plate will look even more appetizing if surrounded by an attractive "garden" of curly green, kum-

quats, red radishes or grapes placed around the roast.

- For party favors, wrap inexpensive little gifts in a miniature boxes and place at each place setting.

- If friends and relatives are coming to your party, create a scrapbook of photos, newspaper clippings, etc., as a conversation piece.

- Use candles liberally for holiday gatherings. Small candleholders can be placed at each table setting or clustered together to create a special warm holiday effect.

- Luminarias — small candles placed in paper bags — are always

a holiday hit. Light the way to your house by placing a row of luminarias on either side of your driveway along the sidewalk leading to your front door. Be sure to put enough sand or loose dirt in the bottoms of the bags to hold them down against the wind.

- Something for kids too — string together dried cranberries, popcorn (colored if you prefer), breads, and handcut paper snowflakes to make table runners or hanging decorations for the dining room or other areas of the house. Get the kids involved in designing their own snowflakes (no two are ever alike), helping with the stringing activities and arranging the table.

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