First-Year 4-H'er Is Grand Champ



Champion showman of the Franklin County 4-H Beef Show was Spencer Walk, left. Crystal Meyers, 15, was champion fitter. Judge Larry High is in center.

Showing the grand champion steer was Jodi Meyers, a first-year 4-H member. Spencer Walk, right, showed the reserve grand champion. At center is the judge, Larry High of Lititz.

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Franklin Co. Correspondent CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — A 9-year-old first-year 4-H member walked off with the grand champion award at the Franklin County 4-H Junior Steer

Jodi Meyers, the daughter of Dean and Nancy Meyers of Greencastle, led her 1,095-pound Angus to victory at the Chambersburg Rod and Gun Club. The August 17 show was held in conjunction with the Franklin County

Jodi, who will be a fourth grader at Greencastle Elementary School this fall, also placed first in her age group in fitting. Her formula for success with her steer, Slick, was simple. "I petted him and watered him and played with him a lot," she said.

The reserve champion steer, a 1,190-pound Angus, was shown by Spencer Walk of Chambersburg. Spencer, 17, son of Steven and Lois Walk, was also named champion shower.

Champion fitter of the show was Crystal Meyers, daughter of Dean and Nancy Meyers.

Judge for the event was Larry High, a 4-H leader and Angus breeder from Lititz. High said he was impressed with the quality of the steers. "This county can be proud of how their cattle look," he said after the show. "I haven't seen steers this good all the way through the class."

Following is a list of show plac-

FITTING Novice (Ages 8, 9, & 10): 1. Jodi Meyers, Greencastle; 2. Tim Mackey, Waynesboro; 3. Matt Hawbaker, Mercersburg. Intermediate (Ages 11, 12, 13): 1. Justin

Conner, Chambersburg; 2. David Grove,

Waynesboro; 3. Bradley Divelbiss, Green-

Junior (Ages 14 & 15): 1. Crystal Meyers, Greencastle, 2. Ariane Rife, Greencastle, 3.

Cheryl Hawbaker, Mercersburg. Senior (Ages 16 & Up): 1. Spencer Walk, Chambersburg; 2. Daren Statler, Greencas-

Champion Fitter: Crystal Meyers. SHOWING

Novice: 1. Matt Hawbaker; 2. Aaron Hartman, Chambersburg; 3. Tim Mackey. Intermediate: 1. Justin Conner; 2. Bradley Divelbiss; 3. Brad Rife, Greencastle. Junior: 1. Crystal Meyers; 2. Cheryl Hawbaker; 3. Ariane Rife.

Senior: 1. Spencer Walk; 2. Daren Statler. Champion Shower: Spencer Walk. relight: 1. Aaron Hartman; 2. Chad Grove, Waynesboro; 3. Cassie Lowans, Mer-

Medium Weight: 1. Bradley Divelbiss: 2. Cheryl Hawbaker; 3. Jimmy Clapsaddle,

Waynesboro. Light Heavyweight: 1. Jodi Meyers; 2.

Tim Meckey; 3. Justin Conner.

Medium Heavyweight: 1. Spencer Walk; 2. Crystal Meyers; 3. Matt Hawbaker.

Heavyweight: 1. Ariane Rife; 2. Daren Stater; 3. Micah Hawbaker, Mercersburg. Grand Champion: Jod: Meyers. Reserve Grand Champion: Spencer

Producer Leadership Approves Budget

CHICAGO, III. — Dave Reinecker, York Springs, Pa., was elected chairman of the Pork Industry Group of its annual meeting in Chicago recently.

Elected vice chairman was Kent Gansebom, Osmond, Neb. Joining Reinecker and and Gansebom on the Pork Industry Group Executive Committee are Wilbur Paulus, Lincoln, Ill., and Danita Rodibaugh, Rensselaer, Ind., representing the National Pork Producers Council.

During its meeting, held during the National Livestock and Meat Board Annual Meeting and Demand Conference '93, the Pork Industry Group approved a Fiscal Year 1993-1994 budget of \$4.3 million, including \$1.1 million for research/meat science and \$2.75 million for information programs. The major revenue source is from the pork checkoff administered by the National Pork Board, and from

voluntary investments to the Meat Board from packers and processors.

Retiring directors were honored for their dedication to the pork industry as a member of the Pork Industry Group. These directors are Jo Ann Brincks, Iowa (seated 1986); Gene Fogle, Indiana (sea-



David A. Reinecker

ted 1986); Pat Cooper, at-large (seated 1989), Stan Kerber, Hormel Foods (seated 1986); Larry Larson, Minnesota (seated 1985); Margaret Ledger, Iowa and National Pork Producers Council (seated 1988); and Sharon Schwartz, Kansas (seated 1986).

Seated as new directors were Helen Smith, Iowa; Dave Rodibaugh, Indiana; Duane Pearson, Minnesota; Danita Rodibaugh, National Pork Producers Council; Ken Stiverson, Ohio (replacing deceased director Carroll Shultz): Harry Simcox, at-large; and Wayne Walter, Kansas.

Robert Norris, Meat Board immediate past chairman from Michigan, also retired from the board. He was seated in 1982, and served as chairman of the Pork Industry Group. Norris was instrumental in taking advantage of economic situations to lower Meat Board costs. For his contributions during his 11-year tenure, the Meat Board directors elected him a lifetime honorary director.

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