

Littermate Champion Brings In Reading Fair Trophy

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READING (Berks Co.)—A littermate of the grand champion hog at the Oley Fair picked up supreme champion swine at the Reading Fair Swine Show last week.

The hog, a 213-pound York/Duroc/Hampshire cross from the medium weight division, was a littermate of the grand champion

hog exhibited by Richard Kerper, Jr., at Oley Fair recently. Richard, 18, is the son of Richard and Kay Kerper, Oley.

Richard, an Oley Valley High School senior, is a member of the Berks County 4-H Swine Club. The hog was obtained from the Oscar Manbeck herd in Bethel. This is the second year in a row for a champion hog at the Reading

Fair for Richard, who said another littermate may also be going to the state Farm Show in January.

Reserve champion went to Jen Rabenold, 16, daughter of Brenda and Carl Rabenold, Kutztown, exhibited a 212-pound hog from the middle weight division to a reserve championship. She will be showing hogs at the county round-up and the state Farm Show in January.

Judge for the show was Grant Lazarus, Busy Acres Farm, White Hall.

In all, there were a total of 31 hogs and 15 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

READING FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

MARKET SWINE

Lightweight: Class 1: 1. Paula Hunter. 2. Paula Hunter. 3. Christine Hunter. Class 2: 1. Brian Eschbach. 2. John Mason. 3. Leon Hunter. Champion: Paula Hunter. Reserve: Brian Eschbach.

Middle Weight: Class 3: 1. Jen Rabenold. 2. Todd Rabenold. 3. Christine Hunter. Class 4: 1. Richard Kerper. 2. Jen Rabenold. 3. Brian Hartman. Champion: Richard Kerper. Reserve: Jen Rabenold.

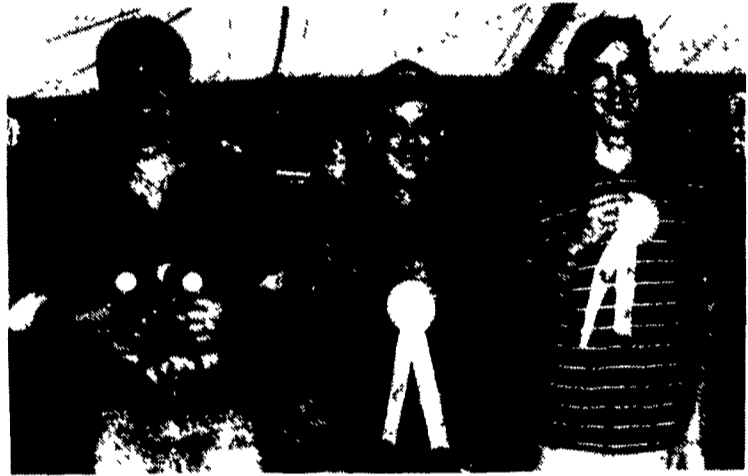
Heavyweight: Class 5: 1. Jason Keller. 2. John Hartman. 3. Richard Kerper. Class 6: 1. Todd Rabenold. 2. Ben Weist. 3. Timothy Eschbach. Champion: Jason Keller. Reserve: Todd Rabenold.

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG

Richard Kerper
RESERVE
Jen Rabenold



Jen Rabenold won grand champion pair and reserve grand champion swine at the Reading Fair. The reserve swine is at the left.



Swine showmanship grand and reserve went to Jason Keller, left. In center is Richard Kerper, reserve showman and Leon Hunter, right, reserve fitter at Reading Fair.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

FITTING
Juniors (8-11 Years): 1. Brian Hartman. 2. Corey Eschbach. 3. John Hartman. Intermediates (12-14 Years): 1. Leon Hunter. Seniors (15 and Over): 1. Jason Keller. 2. Jen Rabenold. 3. Eric Keller.

GRAND CHAMPION FITTER
Jason Keller

RESERVE

Leon Hunter

SHOWMANSHIP

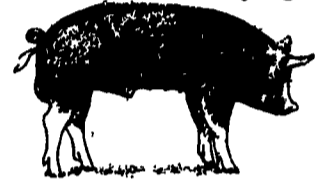
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GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN

Jason Keller
RESERVE
Richard Kerper

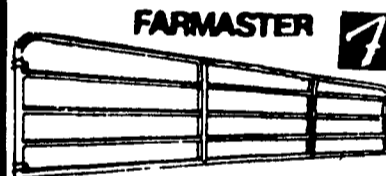


Richard Kerper, right, won grand champion hog at Reading Fair last week. At left is show judge Grant Lazarus.



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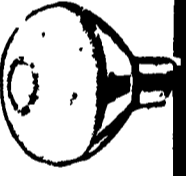
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