# Grand Champion Swine Brings \$1,235

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PORT ROYAL FAIR-GROUNDS (Juniata Co.) — Although all events and project displays were important at the 1994 Juniata County Youth (4-H and FFA) Fair from Monday, July 25, through Thursday, July 28, the swine sale on Wednesday night seemed to cause the greatest excitement and interest.

Ray Long of Long's Auction Service donated his time in selling 87 swine by the head rather than the pound. The "packer bid" method was used which means that more people can support the sale without actually taking possession of the animal, thus bringing more income for the youth.

The swine listings show the market value of each hog which is the amount of money that a commercial packer has agreed to pay for the animal, if the highest bidder decides not to take possession of the animal. In that case, the commercial packer would pay to the youth the market value of the animal, and the highest bidder would pay the number of dollars that his bid was over the market value.

The 247-pound grand champion listed a market value of \$106.21, but the highest bid was \$1,235, made by Rick Berrier of Mifflintown IGA Store. The exhibitor was Gregory Luther Imes, son of Barry and Bonnie Imes of Port Royal.

The 222-pound reserve grand champion listed a market value of \$95.46, but the highest bid was \$500, also made by Rick Berrier. The exhibitor was Aaron Nearhood, son of Teresa Nearhood of Mifflintown.

The 242-pound champion light heavyweight listed a market value of \$104.06, but the highest bid was \$310, made by Dressler Brothers Construction. The exhibitor was Ted Miller, son of Taylor Miller of Mifflintown, but the wog was shown by Ted's sister, Ali Miller.

The 234-pound champion nediumweight listed a market value of \$100.62, but the highest bid was \$300, made by Bryan D. mes, auctioneer. The exhibitor vas Kevin Bryner, son of William 3ryner of Port Royal.

The 208-pound champion lightweight listed a market value of \$83.20, but the highest bid was \$320, made by Dutch Country Meats of Richfield. The exhibitor was Clark R. Simonton, Jr., son of Clark Simonton of Port Royal.

Also evident in every project throughout the Fair was that work can be fun when you are in 4-H or FFA and get to meet all of the other exhibitors who have the same interests that you have.

To those in the grandparents/ great-grandparents age, it is amazing to see the number of clubs and projects from which today's 4-H youth can choose. From the garden, sewing and cooking clubs of those generations, the choice of clubs and projects has exploded in number. Who would have thought that there would be a 4-H computer club? But why not? One of the most important tools of today's farm or business is the computer.

Other clubs are dairy, beef, sheep, goats, horses, dogs, seeing-



On left, Ryan Pellman, grand champion fitter with his 4-H lamb. On right, Eric Brubaker, grand champion showman with his 4-H lamb.

eye puppies, rabbits, rocket launch, shooting sports and archery, food and nutrition, folk art, forestry, quilting, painting, crafts, embryology, cake decorating, embroidery, herbs, indoor and

landscape gardening and leadership/careers/self-esteem, etc. And if you have an interest for which a club has not been formed, it is even possible to "designyour-own" and get a leader to start • it.

In addition to all of the great individual project books, club exhibits and showing of animals, and everything else that goes with the typical Youth Fair, a unique event was held at the fairgrounds. The Juniata Cultural Arts Committee rents a building where an amazing number of events take place during the fair, as the youth and parents and friends take a treak from the fair-related activites. The arts committee has a real desire to promote talent that is so evident in Juniata County, and the rady-made crowd at the fair gets to see the demonstrations of such talent. On Tuesday they presented "The Festival of the Arts" which included all types of singing, instruments, storytelling, gymnastic tumbling exhibition and many more events every half-hour from 10 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. This program is a perfect complement to the fair and was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

In addition to the usual farm animals, dogs and their owners/ handlers were of real interest to the onlookers. They were judged

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### Pork Council Gives Notice Of Delegate Election

KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — The Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council give public notice the election of Pork Producer Delegate Candidates for the 1995 Pork Producers Delegate Body will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 1984, in conjunction with a board of directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council at the region VI office of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Summerdale, Pa. All Pennsylvania pork producers are invited to attend. Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessment dues under the national 100% checkoff may be considered as a delegate candidate and participate in voting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of election. For more information contact the Pennsylvania Pork Producer Council, 1631 Grim Road, Kutztown, PA 19530. Phone (610) 285-6519.

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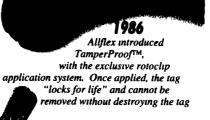
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