

Strawberry Roundup Champions Reap Benefits Of Hard Work, Patience

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—Diana Erb knows patience. She waited for the strawberries to ripen on the vine. The darker, the better and tastier.

Diana knows perseverance. The four-year 4-H'er said she did a "lot of weeding" of her supreme champion strawberries right after planting.

Diana, CV Community 4-H Club member, knows hard work. She sat with her brother on a two-row transplanter and put in 100 of the plants on her parents' farm, Jim and Romaine Erb, at the Brooklawn Farm Market on Route 501.

Diana was up at 5 in the morning on Wednesday, picking the finest berries, which netted her supreme champion and \$225 for her two quarts at the annual Rotary Club 4-H Strawberry Roundup at noon at the Farm and Home Center.

Diana, 13, who was supreme champion last year, knows how to plan. Diana, an eighth grader at Locust Grove Mennonite School,

will invest the money in a savings account for college.

At the auction following the luncheon, long-time 4-H supporter and Pennfield Chairman Donald Horn purchased the award-winning strawberries for \$225.

For Jeff, following the example set by his sister paid off when he reaped \$80 for his reserve grand champion strawberries. William C. Heyn, Lancaster, purchased the berries. Jeff, 10, is in the fifth grade at Locust Grove Mennonite.

Ted Shenk, Donegal Gardens, Mount Joy, served as show judge. Shenk said that the champion "Earlyglow" strawberries had good size, uniformity, and quality.

In all, there were a total of 14 entries.

John Schwartz, extension director, told the Rotarians that the entries provide evidence that "this is one of the best years in county strawberry growing history."

Harold Keller, auctioneer, marked the 35th time he has auctioned strawberries at the roundup in the county, according to

Schwartz.

Kandi Mullen, Peach Bottom, spoke to the Rotarians about her experience as a 4-H ambassador and the "importance of patience and importance of hard work." A strawberry roundup contestant, Kandi was part of a state delegation that attended the 4-H Congress in Orlando, Fla. She is enrolled at Lockhaven University, preparing for a career in secondary education.

Zoann Parker, 4-H agent, thanked the Rotarians for their support and in the donations

received to help 4-H'ers with projects. One Rotarian donation to the county's 4,000-member 4-H organization is the \$100 that goes toward record books.

Each 4-H member is allowed to enter two quarts to be auctioned after the luncheon.

Following is a listing of placings and amounts paid for the berries:

Stephen Leaman, Lancaster, CV Community Club, third, \$85; Lynn Ressler, Solanco, fourth, \$85; Lee Ressler, Solanco, fifth, \$75; Collette Adams, Lancaster, CV Com-

munity Club, sixth, \$85; Janene Leaman, Lancaster, CV Community Club, seventh, \$45; Derek Stoner, Lancaster, CV Community Club, eighth, \$30; Kandi Mullen, Peach Bottom, Solanco, ninth, \$90; Allison Hughes, Lancaster, Woolies, 10th, \$55; Megan Holloway, Peach Bottom, Solanco, 11th, \$55; Melissa Holloway, Peach Bottom, Solanco, 12th, \$50; Durelle Leaman, Lancaster, CV Community Club, 13th, \$55; and Jimmy Mullen, Peach Bottom, Solanco, 14th, \$57.50.



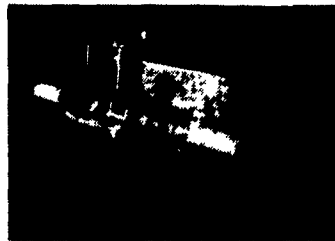
Strawberry roundup supreme champion is Diana Erb, front left. Her brother Jeff picked up reserve at the Rotary Club 4-H Strawberry Roundup on Wednesday. In back, from left is Donald Horn, Pennfield Corp. chairman, who purchased the supreme champion berries for \$225 and Ted Shenk, show judge. Photo by Andy Andrews

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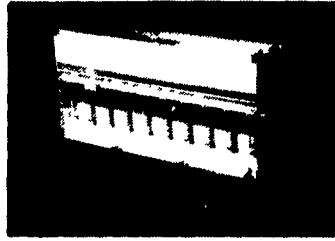
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