

Lancaster Swine Club Honors Outstanding 4-H'ers

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— Holding the trophy close to her heart, Lancaster County 4-H

Swine Club Rookie of the Year Allison Hughes smiled and made this promise:

"Tomorrow I'll bring this into the classroom and thank them for

letting me get it," she said.

Why? Because after showing the grand champion hog at the West Lampeter Community Fair this year, she asked her Hans Herr Elementary fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Faith Martin, if her classmates could walk down to the fair to see her hogs. Mrs. Martin agreed. And by the way — along with Martin's class came the fourth grade class of Mr. Shoff.

Allison admitted the class really had a fun time when one hog got away — until her father, Lancaster County livestock agent and 4-H adviser Chet Hughes, could round it up.

The 9-year-old daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes, Lancaster, said that when she realized all the shows in which she won championships this year, she couldn't believe "I did all that stuff."

Allison participated in a variety of championships the past year, including winning reserve champion overall at the Southeast Pennsylvania market hog derby.

The 4-H member was honored along with several others at the annual 4-H Swine Banquet on



Allison Hughes, right, was honored as Rookie of the Year at the annual 4-H Swine Banquet on Thursday night at the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy. Outstanding 4-H Member was awarded to nine-year 4-H member Melissa Becker, 17, president of the swine club. A special appreciation award was presented to Keystone Farm Credit, ACA for support of the 4-H club projects. Gerald H. Phillips, senior loan officer, left, accepted the award.

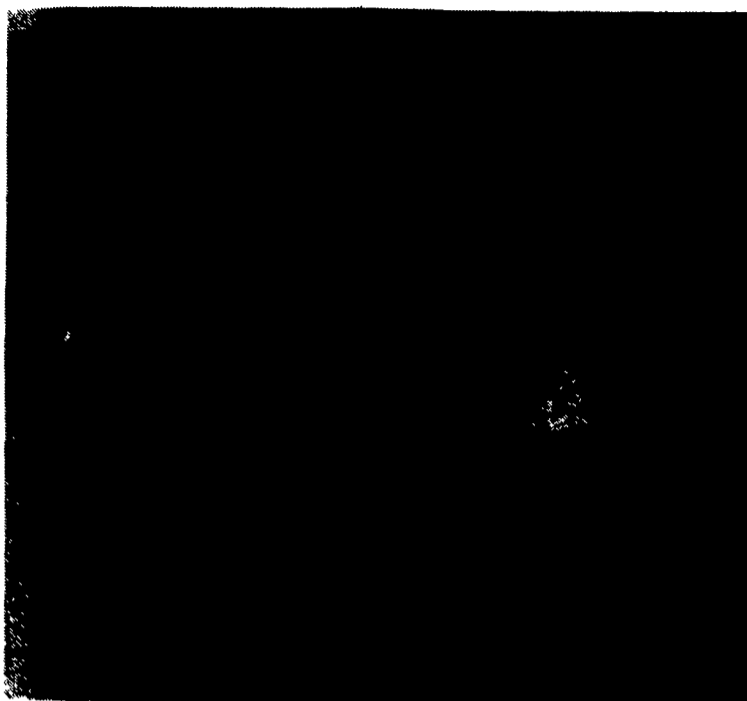
Thursday night at the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy.

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Top three project books went to Gerald Boyd, first place; Sarah Boyd, second; and Andy Weaver, third.

Chet Hughes thanked the 4-H leaders and parents for their support of the club. He said this is the 8th year of the county club. This year marked the 10th show and sale at Manheim Fairgrounds and the seventh carcass show. Membership in the club stands at 83. Twenty-five members of the club will be attending the 1996 Farm Show.



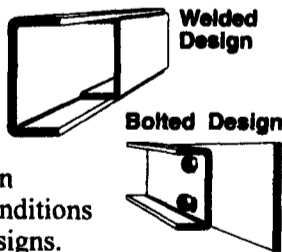
Top three project books went to, from left, Gerald Boyd, first place and Sarah Boyd, second. Not pictured is Andy Weaver, third.

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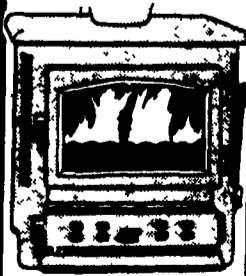
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