

# York Beef Club Honors Auctioneer

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— For his support as both a seller and a buyer, Blaine Rentzel has been named Citation Award winner for 1996 by the York County 4-H Beef Club.

The announcement of Rentzel's honor capped the beef club's annual dinner and awards program, held Jan. 27 at the Seven Valleys Fire Company Hall.

Through his Rentzel's Auction Service, Blaine Rentzel has helped to generate impressive financial and marketing support for members of the beef club over the past several years.

Not only does Rentzel help with the actual sales at livestock events, he bids and buys as well, including his purchase of the reserve grand champion steer at the 1995 York Fair roundup sale.

His involvement with 4-H club auction events actually began many years ago, when he invited the county's Capon Club to hold its roundup and sale at one of his

Thursday night auctions. The event was a rousing success and generated much interest and lively bidding for the birds.

In recent years, Rentzel's support of the 4-H club activities has expanded to include the annual Livestock Clubs' Sale, a highlight of the York Fair. Along with donating his auctioneering talents, he sets up his auction trailer as a work base for the sale's clerical staff.

Rentzel was only three years old when he attended his first sale with his dad. He attended the Reppert School of Auctioneering in Indiana and has been handling the sales gavel for 34 years. Rentzel's Auctioneer Service now handles sales in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and North Carolina. In 1995, Rentzel was honored at the Pennsylvania Farm Show as Auctioneer of the Year.

In addition to the on-site auction facility at his Manchester location, Rentzel owns Emigsville Self Storage and York County Farm and Industrial Equipment.

Last year, he donated an area of property to the Mt. Wolf and Manchester Fire Company to host its annual carnival. Rentzel's farm near Manchester is also a host site of the Old Tyme Days and the state plowing contest held in conjunction.

Rentzel and his wife Judy have three children and four grandchildren. Their son Nevin is involved part time with the Rentzel Auctioneer Service.

Several Beef Club members were honored during the banquet program for project and show accomplishments during 1995. Graduating members Wade Myers and Elizabeth Bishard were recognized for their years of leadership and participation in the beef club's activities.

Roll call awards are based on management presentations given at each club meeting by members. Suzanne Bishard was the first place winner, with Jason Baer, second and Tammi Grubb, third. A special category for rookies, age 11 and under, was tied with a pair of winners, April Daugherty and Marie Yost.

Steer of Merit awards went to two members whose entries met criteria based on carcass quality and yield for current market demands. The awards, presented by the South Central Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, went to Shawn Waltmyer, with a carcass yield grade of 2, choise, and a daily gain of 2.09, and to Cassandra Hake, with a yield grade of 2, average choice, and a daily gain of 2.01 pounds.

York 4-H Fair champions in the breeding heifer show were Angus, Tammi Grubb, champion and Bobbi Myers, reserve; Charolais, Wade Myers, champion; Simmental, Raymond Stough, champion and reserve, supreme champion, Raymond Stough, and best bred and owned, Tammi Grubb.

Steer division 4-H Fair winners were Shawn Waltmyer, champion and reserve in lightweight division; Tammi Grubb, champion and reserve in mediumweight division, and Kelly Myers, champion and Shawn Waltmyer, reserve, in the heavy weights. Steer champion award went to Kelly Myers, with Shawn Waltmyer the reserve champion winner. Showmanship awards in four age groups were shared by Beth Baer, Jennifer Flinchbaugh, Raymond Stough, and Shawn Waltmyer.

Heifer winners at the York Fair were, Angus, Suzanne Bishard, champion and best bred and owned, and Tammi Grubb, reserve champion and best bred and owned; Charolais, Wade Myers, champion and best bred and owned; Hereford, Amanda Daugherty, champion and reserve; and Simmental, Raymond Stough, champion and reserve; Travis Reid, best bred and owned, and Amy Trowbridge, reserve best bred and owned.

York Fair steer show winners were, lightweight, Jodi Dutrey, champion and Sara Hoke, reserve; mediumweight, Raymond Stough, champion, and Brett Bishard, reserve; light heavyweight, champion Kelly Myers and Wade Myers, reserve; heavyweight, Shawn Waltmyer, champion, and Tammi Grubb, reserve. Grand champion was the entry of Kelly Myers, over the reserve champion of Shawn Waltmyer.

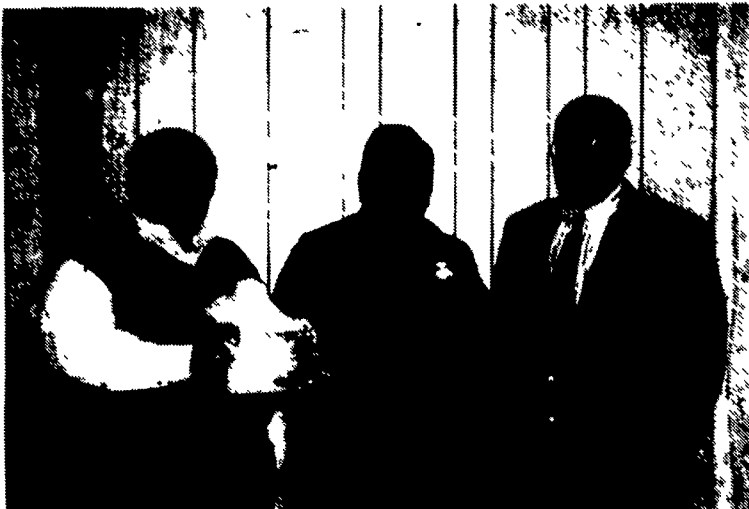
Tammi Grubb was the York Fair showmanship champion, with Shawn Waltmyer, reserve. Other



York Fair beef club winners included, from left, Jennifer Flinchbaugh, rookie fitter, Suzanne Bishard, senior fitter, Tammi Grubb, junior fitter and champion showman, and Kelly Myers, champion steer.



Steer of merit awards were presented to beef club members Cassandra Hake and Shawn Waltmyer.



Blaine Rentzel, center, was named the York 4-H Beef Club's Citation winner for 1996 for his auctioneering and purchase support for the livestock sales. On hand to congratulate Rentzel were Merrill Crone, left, and club president Jason Baer.



Graduating members of the York 4-H Beef Club are Elizabeth Bishard and Wade Myers.



York 4-H Beef Club roll call winners included, from left, Tammi Grubb, Marie Yost, Jason Baer, and Suzanne Bishard.

age division winners were Cassandra Hake and Marie Yost. Fitting champion was Jodi Dutrey, over reserve winner Jay Rishel. Also taking age category awards were Cassandra Hake and Marie Yost.

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