

# Caught By The Camera At Schnecksville Community Fair

SCHNECKSVILLE (Lehigh Co.) — The Schnecksville Community Fair was held June 19-24 on the fire company grounds in Lehigh County. The overall week had exceptional weather with only one day of rain. A total of 795 exhibitors entered in the various competitive exhibit contests.

Daily entertainment for the

week included pig races by Ham-bone Express, the Farm Experience by Animal Specialties, Masters of the Chain Saw, Tall Tex, Lollipop The Clown, and the Popular "Wanna Be A Farmer" for 3-7 year olds.

Nightly musical entertainment included bands on fair nights plus Linda Lou and the Lucky

Four from Virginia and the Marquees, a high energy fifties group on Saturday evening. The fireworks were held on Friday night before a record crowd.

Each year the fair board chooses five individuals to receive the Friends of the Fair Award. This year's honorees include:

- Steve Fetherolf, Fleetwood. There are many volunteers for whom the fair never ends. Steve is one of them. During the cold months of the year, Steve could be found at the fair, assisting in the manufacturing of new animal pens. He is one of the behind the scenes people who works hard each year to ensure that everything is ready and working on opening day. And, when it's time to put the fair to bed, Steve knows from experience, where everything goes.

- Henry Gruber, New Tripoli. As the fair has grown, so has the Premium Book. When the fair needed a larger Premium Book, it was Henry who took it upon himself to find advertisers to help pay the expense of printing the book. With the beginning of each new year, Henry is busy talking with his old friends, and making new ones, to ensure an



Junior champion dairy heifer is shown by Jessica Dietrich, New Tripoli.



Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, shows the grand champion market lamb. Holding the banner is Lance Lazarus, Breinigsville.

informative and appealing Premium Book. Thanks to Henry, and his friends the advertisers, this book is possible.

- Herman Handwerk, Schnecksville. Herman wasn't able to help in 1999, but in appreciation of the many hours Herman spent in the ticket booths, this award is presented posthumously. The award was accepted by his wife.

- L. Thomas Kern, Schnecksville. For one week each year, 20 acres of grass becomes a small city with streets, water and electric. It's a task made easier through the generosity of Tommy Kerns and his business NKI. Tommy provides the lifting and material handling equipment that turn an otherwise back-breaking job into one we can handle. During the fair, Tommy can be found working as a volunteer in the Lion's food trailer.

- Keith Stahley, Schnecksville. Keith has been a volunteer at the fair since the beginning. He can be counted on to be first on the scene for setting up and last leaving after everything is torn down and put away. In between he spends all his time running the fire company's dunk tank. Incidentally, this is the second dunk tank at the fair, and Keith built both of them.



Jennifer Rassler, New Tripoli, shows the supreme champion dairy animal.



Cathy Lavon, Hamburg, shows the supreme champion market beef animal.



Lorissa Lazarus, Breinigsville, shows the supreme champion rabbit.



John Strawbridge, Whitehall, wins trophies for the grand champion showman and the supreme champion ewe.



Lee Lichtenwalner shows the supreme champion breeding beef heifer. He is pictured with Travis Werley, judge.



Recipients of the Friends of the Fair Awards, standing from left, PA Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes; Keith Stahley; Steve Fetherolf; Ron Miller, PA Fair Fund Administrator; County Commissioner, Sterling Raber and Fair President Paul Schwarz. Front row are Henry Gruber, Mary Handwerk, Tom Kern, and Jane Ervin.