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## Holsteins dominate Lancaster dairy show

LAMPETER - The dairy judging at the West Lampeter Community Fair on Thursday was mainly dominated by Holsteins. Only two other breeds were entered - Guernsey and Ayrshire - with six animals in the Guernsey breed and one animal in the Ayrshire.

In Holstein competition, Tom Denlinger, Gap, took the grand champion honors. His animal was a three-year-old who had won reserve champion honors just the week before at the Solanco Fair.

Judge Ray Seidel, Kutztown, explained that he chose the animal on her general dairy appearance, and that her udder was her outstanding characteristic. "She was the most balanced animal of the show," said Seidel, "and her udder was extremely well balanced. She was firmer in the four attachment and was higher and wider in the rear than the reserve champion."

The reserve champion belonged to the Mowery Frey family, Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster.

Denlinger's champion was his 4-H calf that he has raised. This was the first

time he had taken any awards at West Lampeter, so he was pleased with the outcome.

The three-year-old's record is 17,000 pounds of milk with 3.6 per cent butterfat. She's also classified 86.

Denlinger, who is 20 years old, has been showing for about five years now. He has no set plans to take the animal to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, but he knows for certain that he's done showing in county fairs for the season. Besides grand champion, she was also senior champion and best udder of the show.

The junior champion was a junior heifer calf owned by Rhonda Balmer, 1551 Mentzer Road, Lampeter. Although she's been showing for three years now, this was Rhonda's first title. Rhonda, who is 12 years old, lives on the neighboring farm to the fair grounds and walked her calf to the show last year. This year she brought her animal in a truck just like everybody else, since the corn had not been harvested.

Reserve junior champion also went to Tom Denlinger.

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Pennsylvania's new dairy princess is Peggy Staub, 19-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Staub, Newville. The former Cumberland County Dairy Princess, Miss Staub was crowned late Wednesday night during a recognition banquet which featured all 40 contestants and 10 of the 19 previous Pennsylvania Dairy Princesses. Held in the ballroom of the Penn-Harris Motor Inn, the event was attended by several hundred guests. First runner-up in the pageant was Corinne Dunlap, 18, from Indiana County. Placing third was Wanda Sue Herman, 18-year old dairy princess from Bradford County.

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They started from scratch - see page 69.

## Dairy show spectacular held in Harrisburg

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG - A total of 1768 dairy animals, representing six breeds, filled the barns and exhibit halls of the Farm Show complex, here, this week. The occasion was the 13th annual Pennsylvania All-America, one of the biggest dairy shows in the country.

A highlight of the off-the-premises All-American activities was the crowning of the new Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, pictured at left.

The week-long affair included the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, coverage of which begins on pages 60-61 and beyond. Results of four of the six breed shows for the All-American are also contained within these 120 pages. The Ayrshire and Holstein shows, which were completed on Friday, will be featured in next week's issue.

Twenty-two states plus two Canadian provinces were represented in the big event, which attracted the finest cows, heifers, and calves from as far west as Nebraska and as far south as South Carolina.

By breeds there were 207 Ayrshires entered, 311 Brown Swiss, 226 Guernseys, 749 Holsteins, 159 Jerseys, and 116 Milking Shorthorns.

Participants and visitors to the Farm Show complex this week were in full agreement that there were a lot of high quality cows represented in the shows. With colorful banners suspended from above, and countless attractive displays and booths at nearly every corner, visitors were treated with more than an eyeful for every day the All-American was in town.

Aside from the cattle shows, there were also related events going on. Two boys from Solanco High School checked in with the highest honors in the dairy judging forum for 4-H and

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## Invitational Holstein sale averages \$2897

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG - Forty-two head of top Holsteins were sold in the Pennsylvania Invitational All-American Holstein Sale on Thursday night for an average of \$2897 per animal.

William C. Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, State College, commented:

"The sale this year was a strong one all the way through. The range of our cattle would show this in the prices paid. We had cows with lots of potential . . . mostly younger cows, 3 and 4 year olds . . . a really milky group of cattle with strong pedigrees."

Topping the sale was "Mun-Cre Elevation Misty," a 2½ year old daughter of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. Consigned by Lester M. Poust of Muncy, she sold for \$6000 to James R. Hunter and Lester M. Poust of Muncy. Poust retained half interest in the cow, which has a projected DHIA record of 17,145 pounds of milk and 843 of fat in 305 days. She freshened for the first time on June 7 of this year.

The sale featured 11 Elevation daughters, five each from Kingpin, Apollo Ivanhoe and Astronaut, four by Ivanhoe Star, three from Bootmaker, and two each from Fond Matt, Gay Ideal, and R Maple.

Buyers represented Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio and New Jersey.

Marlu Farms of Lincroft, N.J. consigned a 3½ year old daughter of Elevation which sold for \$4950 to S and H Acres of Williamsburg. Her as yet incomplected first lactation reads 8060 of milk and 270 of fat. She freshened on March 1.

Earl Stauffer and Associates of Ephrata paid \$4200 for a 5 year old daughter of Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe, consigned by James and Susan Howes of Warriors Mark. Her most

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## Tony Eberly shows grand champion steer

EPHRATA - Last week was Tony Eberly's week to shine at the Ephrata Fair. The 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Eberly, Denver R2, Tony had the grand champion steer of the 4-H and FFA steer show on Thursday evening, and two days prior to that he and his brother had the grand champion market hog. To add the finishing touches to his success, Tony also had the reserve champion lightweight FFA steer.

Tony's grand champion steer was a Simmental-Hereford cross. "Simon" (Tony tried to choose a name as close to the word "Simmental" as possible) weighed in at 1230 pounds and was Tony's first big win in beef, although he's been showing for four years. Last year he took third.

Tony's FFA steer was a Charolais-Angus-Limousine cross, and while he really had worked with the animal, he hadn't expected to go quite as far with it as he did.

"The 4-H steer is a more modern type steer than the FFA," Tony commented, referring to the Simmental-

Hereford's bigger size, muscling, and meat content. Plus, the grand champion was a better calf to start with - it was trimmer than the FFA steer.

Tony is planning to keep the 4-H grand champion to go onto bigger and better contests. One major competition he is looking forward to is the Keystone Exposition in Harrisburg beginning in November. Then, of course, there is the Farm Show in January.

Asked which animals he prefers - swine or beef - Tony replied, "It depends. For pets, I like steers, and for show I like hogs." Pigs take less time overall to prepare for a show, although Tony feels "its worth it in the end when you work really hard" on the grooming and care of a steer.

His choice of animal to go with in the future is the swine.

"Right now I'd like to have a farrowing operation," he commented. For the rest of the season, however, he is going to have his hands full with working on his two champions.

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