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Hostetter Holstein continues winning streak



Dale-Pride Boots Ruthie, the 4-year-old champion of the Lebanon Area Fair Open Dairy Holstein owned by Dale, right, and Thelma Show, held at the fairgrounds Thursday. She Hostetter, Annville, was pinned grand was shown by son Alan, at halter.

BY SHEILA MILLER

LEBANON — For the second time this week, Dale-Pride Boots Ruthie, a 4-year-old Holstein owned and bred by Dale E. Hostetter, Annville, wore a champion's ribbon on her show halter.

Her first pin came during the Eastern Pennsylvania Holstein Show held at Kutztown on Monday — she was selected for reserve grand champion by Judge William Etgen.

Then on Thursday, Judge James Shaw of Oley, Berks County chose this Paclamar Bootmaker daughter for grand champion of the Lebanon Area Fair Open Holstein Show.

With son Alan at halter, Ruthie topped her class before going on to be named senior champion of the show. She also received the second place Best Udder honors.

Ruthie, who's scored EX-90, was the reserve grand champion at the Lebanon show two years ago. And

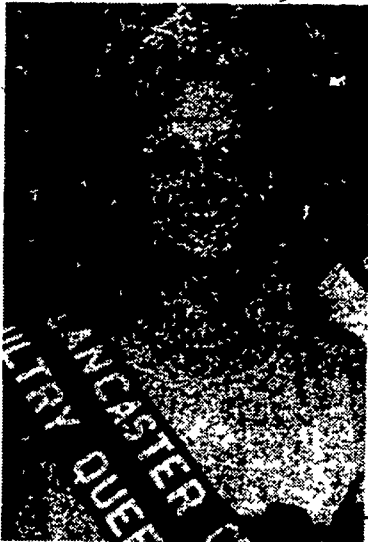
last year she won a blue ribbon in her class of 3-year-olds. As a 2-year-old, this tremendous cow was given honorable mention recognition in the All-Pennsylvania ranking.

Back home on the Hostetter farm in Annville, Ruthie's record as a 2-year-old stands at 22,700 pounds milk. She is one of the family's 85 registered milking Holsteins.

And, Ruthie has some young prospects following in her footsteps. She has a full sister in the yearling barn and another which is still a calf. Unfortunately, says Alan, Ruthie has only produced bull calves. But they haven't given up hope on her yet.

Judge Shaw went to the first place 3-year-old for his reserve senior and reserve grand champion to the delight of 9-year-old David Lentz, the son of Robert and Sandy Lentz, Mount Zion.

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Lancaster County has a new poultry queen. She is pretty LaVon Fuhrman. Read all about LaVon on page C13.

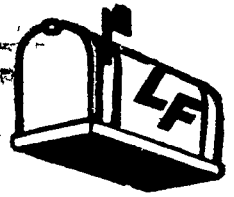
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Maplebound Farm sweeps Eastern show

BY DONNA TOMMELEO
 KUTZTOWN — Although the program read, Eastern Pennsylvania Championship Holstein Show, by the end of the evening, it could easily have read, The Donald M. Hostetter Championship Show. The Parkesburg dairyman and his family compiled several awards including Grand Champion Female, Premier Exhibitor and Breeder, Produce of Dam, Best Three Females and Dam — Daughter, not to mention individual class ribbons.

Hostetter's aged cow entry, Maplebound Kate Ben Sun bested more than 200 Holsteins and was named Grand Champion Female and Senior Champion.

The 7-year-old cow is sired by a bull that carries the Hostetter prefix, Maplebound Kate Gentle Ben, and out of Car-Mont Happy Sharon.

With more than 30 years of judging experience, show judge William Etgen summed up the

event, which kicked off the Annual Kutztown Fair, with a short, accurate reply.

"Super... especially the top end."

Etgen used the words 'tremendous and marvelous' throughout the evening when describing class after class.

"This keeps getting better and better," he proclaimed as the competition shifted from the dry cows to the lactating classes.

Etgen, a dairy science professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg, coaches the University's Dairy Judging Team, which took first place in national competition this year.

Reserve Grand Champion honors went to Dale-Pride Boots Ruthie owned by Annville dairyman, Dale E. Hostetter.

His 4-year-old entry, a Bootmaker daughter, was also named Reserve Senior Champion.

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The Donald M. Hostetter family of Maplebound Farm, Parkesburg, display some of the many awards they received at the Eastern Pennsylvania Championship Holstein Show which kicked off the Kutztown Fair, Monday evening. From left to right the group

includes: Judge William Etgen, Show Chairman Harvey Stoltzfus and the Hostetter Family, Bev, 18, Missy, 8, (holding trophy), Kim, 12, Dorcas, Donald, Jay, 19 and Susy, 15.