

Bankert shows supreme barrow at Gratz

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GRATZ — A Hampshire barrow walked off with the Supreme Championship at last Wednesday's 4-H and Open Swine shows here at the fairgrounds. The overall winner was the entry of York County's Mike Bankert.

The Reserve Supreme Champion honor went to a Spotted barrow shown by Kevin Brown of Klingerstown, Northumberland County.

Twenty-one-year-old Brown also exhibited several breeding champs, including the champion and reserve champion Duroc sows, champion Yorkshire boar and champion Spotted boar.

Brown, a graduate of Line Mountain High School, has been showing swine for the past 10 years, both in 4-H and FFA. He is currently working with his parents, Harvey and Delphine, and brothers, Kyle and Kurt on their 100 sow Duroc, Spotted, and Yorkshire operation.

The Brown farm was formerly a dairy operation, however, Delphine explains, "we just got tired of being tied down seven days a week."

This week Kevin exhibited his hogs at the Bloomsburg Fair for the first time.

Gratz Fair swine show results are:

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| 4-H MARKET | Mediumweight | 1 Kyle Brown | 2 Kurt Brown |
| | Heavyweight | 1 Kyle Brown | |
| OPEN MARKET | Hampshire | 1,2 Mike Bankert, champion | Pair |
| | Lightweight | 1 Mike Bankert | |
| | Spots | 1,2 Clair Hartman | Lightweight |
| | Mediumweight | 1,2 Kevin Brown, champion, 3 Clair Hartman | Pair |
| | Yorkshire | 1 Kevin Brown, 2 Clair Hartman | Lightweight |
| | Lightweight | 1,2 Wayne Bankert, champion | Pair |
| | Landrace | 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | Pair |
| | Lightweight | 1 Preston Bankert | |
| OPEN BREEDING | Duroc | 1,2 Kevin Brown, champion and res champion | Jan. Sow |
| | Hampshire | 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | Feb. Sow |
| | Jan. Sow | 1,2 Mike Bankert, res champion | March Boar |
| | Feb. Sow | 1,2 Mike Bankert, res champion | March Boar |
| | March Boar | 1 Mike Bankert | |

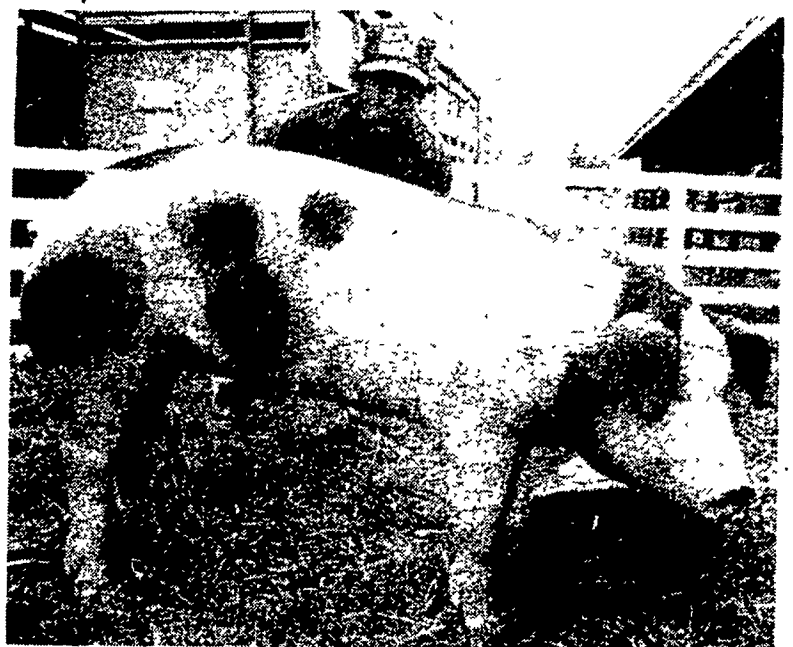


The Supreme Champion barrow at the Gratz Fair was this champion Hampshire barrow exhibited by York County's Mike Bankert. Helping get the hog ready for the camera was Harvey Brown.



Kevin Brown, Klingerstown, Northumberland County, exhibited both the champion and reserve champion Duroc sows. Here he poses with his champ.

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| 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | Jan. Sow | Hartman | Feb. Sow |
| 1,2 Mike Bankert, res champion | Feb. Sow | 1,2 Clair Hartman, champion | March Sow |
| 1,2 Clair Hartman, res champion | Jan. Boar | 1,2 Kevin Brown, res champion, 3,4 Clair Hartman | Yorkshire |
| 1 Kevin Brown, champion, 2,3 Clair Hartman | Feb. Boar | 1 Kevin Brown, champion, 2,3 Mike Bankert | March Boar |
| 1,2 Clair Hartman | March Boar | 1,2 Wayne Bankert, res champion | April Boar |
| 1 Clair Hartman, 2,3 Kevin Brown, 4 Clair | Jan. Sow | 1 Wayne Bankert | |



The Reserve Supreme Champion Barrow was this Spotted entry of Kevin Brown.



Clair Hartman, Gratz, exhibited the champion Spotted gilt in the Open Breeding Swine show.

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| 1,2 Kevin Brown, res champion | Jan. Sow | 1 Shelley Bankert, res champion | March Boar |
| 1,3 Mike Bankert, champion, 2,4,5 Kevin Brown | Feb. Sow | 1,2 Shelley Bankert | April Boar |
| 1,2 Wayne Bankert | March Sow | 1,2 Preston Bankert | Jan. Sow |
| 1 Wayne Bankert | April Sow | 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | Feb. Sow |
| 1,2 Preston Bankert | Landrace | 1,2 Shelley Bankert, res champion | March Sow |
| 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | Jan. Boar | 1,2 Shelley Bankert, res champion | April Sow |
| | Feb. Boar | 1,2 Shelley Bankert | |
| | | 1,2 Preston Bankert, champion | |

Gratz Fair picks sheep winners

GRATZ — The breeding sheep competition at last Wednesday's Gratz Fair found championships going to both local and out-of-county entries.

In the Suffolk show, Lynn Laudenslager, Dalmatia, exhibited both the champion ram and ewe. The champs were both yearlings and winners in the 1 Year and Under 2 Class.

Tracey Buffington, Millersburg, took the championship ribbon with her yearling Shropshire ewe.

In the Dorset competition, brothers Kyle and Kurt Brown, Klingerstown, exhibited the champion ram and ewe, respectively.

York County's Bankert family took the championships in the Hampshire and Southdown shows. Wayne Bankert exhibited the champion Hampshire ram and ewe, while sister Shelley's entries took both ram and ewe Southdown championships.

Show results are:

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| HAMPSHIRE | Ram, under 1 yr. | 1,2 Wayne Bankert, champion and res champion, 3,4 Shelley Bankert |
| | Ewe, 1 yr. and under 2 | 1,2 Wayne Bankert, champion and res champion, 3,4 Shelley Bankert |
| | Ewe, under 1 yr. | 1,2 Wayne Bankert |
| SOUTHDOWN | Ram, under 1 yr. | 1,2 Shelley Bankert, champion and res champion |




The champion Suffolk ram and ewe at the Gratz Fair were exhibited by Lynn Laudenslager, Dalmatia. Holding the champs are Kyle, left, and Harvey Brown.

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| champion, 3,4 Wayne Bankert | Ewe, 1 yr. and under 2 | 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager |
| 1,2 Shelley Bankert, champion and res champion, 3,4 Wayne Bankert | Ewe, under 1 yr. | 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, champion and res champion |
| 1,2 Shelley Bankert, 3,4 Wayne Bankert | SUFFOLK | Ram, 1 yr. and under 2 |
| 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, champion and res champion | Ram, under 2 yrs. | 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, 3 Tracy Buffington |
| 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, 3 Tracy Buffington | Ewe, 1 yr. and under 2 | 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, champion and res champion, 3 Harvey Brown |
| 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, champion and res champion, 3,4 Kyle Brown | SHROPSHIRE | Ewe, 1 yr. and under 2 |
| 1 Kyle Brown, 2 Kurt Brown | Ewe, under 1 yr. | 1 Tracy Buffington, champion |
| 1,2 Tracy Buffington, res champion | | |



Tracy Buffington gives her champion Shropshire ewe a loving hug.

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