

# Good quality evident at Bucks, Montgomery swine show

# Saul wins dairy blues

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QUAKERTOWN — The Bucks and Montgomery County swine 4-H clubs gathered at the Quakertown Livestock Auction on Wednesday, July 18th, for their annual show and sale.

"The over-all quality was real good, said Chet Hughes, Lancaster County extension agent who served as the judge. "The quality was deep all the way through," he added about the 71 pigs shown by the 23 4-H exhibitors.

Eleven-year-old Debbie Cass, Pineville, took the top honors with their 200-pound lightweight division winner. The daughter of Stan and Linda Cass, she is in her first year of the swine club and says that she enjoys showing pigs. "The pigs are easier to show," Debbie says and adds that hers "has a lot of meat on him."

Named Bucks County champion, the Cass entry was also named grand champion over the two counties. The reserve champion over the two counties went to John Mentzer, Royersford, Montgomery County.

The Mentzer entry took first place in the middleweight division before taking the second high spot. Thirteen-year-old John stated that his secret was to let his pigs get used to him. Mentzer said that his father and grandfather are both swine breeders and helped him get more experience for this year. He



The overall grand champion market swine went to the lightweight entry of Debbie Cass. Her entry was also named the Bucks County champion. Here Debbie poses with her entry and judge Chet Hughes. "The best as far as uniformity and completeness," Hughes said as he tagged the champion.

was also named the champion for Montgomery County.

Bucks County reserve champion went to Debbie Wiley, Buckingham. Eight-year-old Debbie is the daughter of Ben and Sarah Wiley and said, "I practiced at home." With an older and

younger sister also showing pigs, the Wiley family considers this a family hobby.

Montgomery County reserve champion honors went to 13-year-old Dan Cochran, Trappe. "I raise them on good feed", Dan said matter-of-factly. "I look for a long hog that doesn't have a lot of fat on it," he added. The son of Gary and Alice Cochran, Dan makes this the second year that he has captured this placing. "That's Dan's thing, it's his pigs," his father said, smiling.

Placings in the Market Show and Fitting and Showing classes were:

- Lightweight**  
1 Debbie Cass Bucks 2 Jesse Ruth Bucks 3 Shannon Lawley Bucks
- Mediumweight**  
1 John Mentzer Montgomery 2 Dan Cochran Montgomery 3 Bill Scott Bucks



Overall reserve champion of the show went to John Mentzer, Royersford. His entry was also named Montgomery County champion.

KIMBERTON — W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences had a successful debut in their first try in the competition at this year's Kimberton Community Fair Holstein Show.

In the open show Saul's animals, exhibited by seven Saul FFA Members, took home blue ribbons in the Junior Calf, Junior Two-year-old, Four-year-old, and Dairy Herd classes. Caryl Mosley, at the halter of the Saul bred Junior Two-year-old, W-B-S Penny Creek Cyndi, also took honors for Senior Champion female and Grand Champion female.

In addition, Saul's five competing FFA members took home a total of six second place, one third place, and one fourth place in the open show and comparable honors in the Junior Show. Other competing students were Darlene Kozlowski, Patti O'Donnell, Cyndi Keen, Bob Angell, Rodney Byrd, and Mary Piezowski, all of Philadelphia, as are all students at

Saul High School.

The mostly first time exhibitors were coached by Saul's resident farmer, Gary Schwetz. Schwetz maintains the school's twenty milking cow herd of Registered Holsteins. The farm on the school grounds also accomodates a 50-cow beef herd, a 40-ewe flock, 400 laying chickens, broilers, hogs, laboratory animals, two production greenhouses, and 200 acres of crop fields and pasture

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- Heavyweight**  
1 Debbie Wiley Bucks 2 Dan Mentzer Montgomery 3 Conrad Fisher Montgomery
- Grand Champion**  
Debbie Cass
- Reserve**  
John Mentzer
- Bucks Champion**  
Debbie Cass
- Reserve**  
Debbie Wiley
- Montgomery Champion**  
John Mentzer
- Reserve**  
Dan Cochran
- Pen of Three**  
Lightweight
- 1 Bill Scott Bucks 2 Jesse Ruth Bucks 3 Conrad Fisher Montgomery
- Heavyweight**  
1 Dan Cochran Montgomery 2 Rich Troxell Bucks 3 Mike Garis Bucks
- Champion**  
Bill Scott
- Reserve**  
Jesse Ruth
- Showmanship and Fitting**  
Senior
- 1 Mike Garis Bucks 2 Mindy Cass Bucks
- Junior**  
1 Ricky Troxell Bucks 2 Shannon Lawley

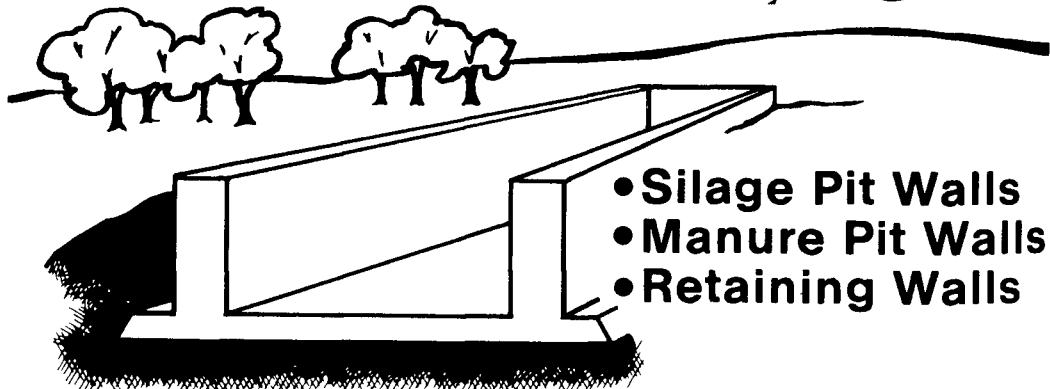
- Bucks**
- First Year**  
1 Renee Allbach Montgomery 2 Shawn Mentzer Montgomery
- Champion**  
Ricky Troxell
- Reserve**  
Renee Allbach

Extension Agent Mike Fournier said the sale following the show "was well above market price." The 71 head averaged 86 cents with the grand champion bringing the high price of \$3.65 a pound on the bid from Hatfield Packing.

The reserve champion brought \$2.25 on a bid from Leidy's Inc., Soudertown was the two county reserve winners sold for \$1.50 a pound to Landis Supermarket, Telford, and Leidy's, respectively.

Hatfield was the biggest supporter of the sale, selecting 11 head for their market.

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