



Eleven-year-old Travis Werley of Shoemakersville, Pa. exhibited the grand champion heifer at the Empire Polled Hereford Association Junior Show on July 27. Pictured with Travis are Association president, Jerry Mickelson and the exhibitor's sister, Tricia.

Photo by Robert Dennis

Werley tops Empire Polled Hereford Show

WEEDSPORT, N.Y. — Two young cattlemen, Travis Werley of Shoemakersville, Pa. and Peter Marshall of Port Byron, N.Y. walked off with the top honors at the Empire Polled Hereford Association Junior Show July 27, at the Cayuga County Fair grounds, Weedsport, N.Y. Although both are only 11 years old, both are veteran showmen.

Travis who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Werley and who has been showing Polled Herefords for four years exhibited the grand champion heifer, SBF Royal Spec Miss 8303. This late junior yearling won her class and the senior champion title also.

Peter who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marshall Jr. and who has been showing Polled Herefords for three years exhibited the reserve grand champion heifer, MF Granita 3016. This early junior yearling won her class and the junior heifer championship.

Kevin Diehl of Fairfield Pa.

exhibited the bull calf champion, KJD Resoluion 8401, and Tara Mitchell of Skaneateles, N.Y. the reserve bull calf champion, TM Mr. Madiagn.

Melinda Marshall of Port Bryon, N.Y. exhibited the champion heifer calf, MF Victoria 2105-4010 and Dan Mickelson of Newfield, N.Y. the reserve heifer calf champion, Dunwalke High Voltage.

The reserve junior heifer champion was SWF MS Princess 103 R shown by Laura Thomson of Akron, N.Y. The reserve senior heifer champion was WHF Granite Gail shown by Vonda Haynes of Groton, N.Y.

Laura Thomson also exhibited the champion steer and Travis Werley the reserve champion steer. The cow/calf class was won by Melinda Marshall.

Laura Thomson was the junior showmanship contest with Tricia Werley of Shoemakersville, Pa. second. Others in the order of placings were Travis Wereley,

Scott Baker of Palmyra, N.Y. Tom Baker of Palmyra, Lisa Adams of Ontario, Peter Marshall, Dennis Birdsall of Homer, N.Y. and Brian Birdsall of Homer.

Stephen Card of McGraw won the highly competitive senior showmanship contest with John Kriese of Cato a close second. Others in the order of placings were Kevin Diel of Fairfield, Pa., Tara Mitchell, Dan Mickelson, Melinda Marshall, Tim Marland of Cazenovia, N.Y. Holly Mitchell of Skaneateles, Darrell Card of McGraw and Vonda Haynes.

Ted Wheeler, manager of Double M-B Ranch at Southwick, Mass. who judged the show, complimented the juniors on the quality of the cattle shown. He said any of the older youth could be competitive in a national show. He also complimented the Empire Polled Hereford Association on the management of the Junior Show and expressed appreciation to the parents for their support of the young people.

Livestock Ledger

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While our American athletes were collecting Olympic medals in Los Angeles, Lancaster County 4-H members were capturing championship awards in livestock and meats judging competition at State 4-H Achievement Days at Penn State University.

Winning individual gold medals for Lancaster County were Emily Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Roy Weaver, Ephrata in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest and Brian Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hess, Conestoga on the Senior Livestock Judging Contest. In team competition, Brian Hess led the senior team to gold honors in Livestock Judging. Team members included, Michelle Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dean, Strasburg; Jan Waltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Waltz, Manheim; and Fritz Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frey, Quarryville.

Emily Weaver anchored the Junior Livestock Team to a silver award in their judging competition. Team members included Ellen Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, Mount Joy; Tricia Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Musser, Elizabethtown; and Joe Garber, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Garber, Maytown who earned the highest score on his Junior Judging talk.

In meats judging competition,

Lancaster County captured the bronze medal.

Team members included Margaret Herr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon; Jennifer Wolgemuth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown; Jay Reiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Reiff, Lititz; and Bryan Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitman, Kirkwood.

These 4-H'ers performed admirably in competition and represented Lancaster County with pride and enthusiasm, much like our many USA medalists in the Summer Olympic Games. For the Senior Livestock Judging Team, there remains more practice and more contests. During September, October, and November, the team, representing Pennsylvania, will travel to competition in Springfield, MA; Richmond, VA; Timonium, MD; Harrisburg, PA and Louisville, KY, the National Contest.

This fall season will certainly be an exciting and educational experience for these gold medal winners. Congratulations to the champs and many thanks to local livestock producers who provided quality livestock and facilities to the team during their rigorous summer practice schedule.

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Western sheep suffer winter losses

DENVER, Co. — Winter-related sheep losses in the Rocky Mountain states could mean 17 percent fewer lambs will be available this fall, according to a survey completed last week by the Denver-based American Sheep Producers Council.

The study was launched to assess losses in the nation's largest sheep-producing area after a record-breaking winter. More than 2,000 producers responded, accounting for more than 20 percent of the sheep inventory in the six

states surveyed: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Hardest-hit, according to the survey, were Wyoming producers, who suffered high losses when a four-day spring blizzard ripped through the state on the heels of a severe winter. The state lost 22.2 percent of its breeding ewes, and Wyoming producers will send 11.7 percent fewer fat lambs (ready for slaughter) and 37.3 percent fewer feedlot-ready lambs to market.

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Maryland livestock dealer agrees to suspension

WASHINGTON — Thomas E. Kolb, Keymar, Md., has agreed to a suspension of his livestock dealer business for six months and thereafter until he files an adequate bond and shows he is no longer insolvent, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said today.

B.H. (Bill) Jones, head of USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration, said Kolb purchased livestock directly from producers and dealers and at public markets in northern Maryland, southern Pennsylvania and western New York.

In agreeing to the suspension and a cease and desist order, Kolb neither admitted nor denied the charges which were filed by USDA last March in an administrative complaint under authority of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

The cease and desist order, similar to a permanent injunction, was issued to ensure future compliance with the P&S Act.

The P&S Act is an antitrust, fair trade practice and payment protection law. It is designed to maintain integrity in the marketing of livestock, poultry and meat and in the marketplace.

Delaware State Fair Champions



Exhibiting Delaware's grand champion market hog is Anthony Joseph of Seaford. Hatfield Packing Company's Bill Serman (left) bought the hog for \$3.25 a pound. Delaware's Lieutenant Governor Mike Castle completes the picture.



Roger Collison of Harrington showed this year's grand champion market lamb at the Delaware State Fair. The lamb went to IGA Stores of Delmarva for \$4 a pound. Pictured with Roger and his lamb are (from left) IGA buyer Bob Gregor; Bill Jones, manager of Big G Foodliner in Dover; Del. Lamb and wool queen Martha Klair and Hockessin; and Lt. Gov. Mike Castle.