

Youths honored at Butler Fair

(Photos by Barbara Rader)

BUTLER — Thirty-six awards to Butler County 4-H and FFA members were presented July 27 at the Butler Fair's first Youth Awards Program.

The awards went to young people who had taken top honors in livestock and home and garden competition throughout the week of the fair. In the shape of a keystone, the awards bear a metal plate in the form of the state of Pennsylvania.

Rick Dunn, RD 3, Chicora, took away three of the plaques. He won the senior division in sheep fitting, and had both the grand champion

and reserve grand champion market lambs.

Scott Longdon of 741 Meridian Rd., Renfrew, was recognized as winner in the senior division of sheep showmanship and of swine showmanship. His brother James won the award for junior division in swine showmanship.

The Kennedys of RD 6, Butler, took four awards. Jeff won the senior division, dairy showmanship. John was winner in junior division, dairy showmanship, and had the reserve grand champion market hog. Jill had the dairy reserve supreme champion — all

breeds.

Wayne Schmidt, RD 3, Evans City, received the award for livestock judging, junior division, as well as the junior division for swine fitting. Tracy Schmidt took top honors in the senior division, swine fitting.

Buddy Greenert of Eau Claire was the senior division winner in beef showmanship, and he had the reserve grand champion market steer.

Sisters Mary and Becky Specht of RD 2, Mars, won the senior and junior divisions, respectively, in horse and pony grooming and



Woodside Farm, Waynesburg, showed the grand champion shorthorn at the Butler Fair. Posing with Woodside Cynthia Rose 8th are Woodside's show manager Corky Johnston at halter and show judge Greg McKean with the banner donated by Citizens National Bank.



Chestnut Lane Dancing Charm was named the supreme champion over all breeds in dairy cow competition at the Big Butler Fair. Holding the champion Brown Swiss is James Kennedy, father of the cow's owner, Jill Kennedy. Butler County dairy princess Janet Jones displays the banner presented by Agway Petroleum Corp.

showmanship.

Winning the senior division showmanship award for rabbits was Becca Merbach of RD 1, Saxenburg, who also had the grand champion for all breeds in rabbit competition.

Lisa Schultheis of Connoquenessing won the senior division for livestock judging. Craig Miller of Cabot and Amy Kline of Mars took awards for senior and junior division wins in dairy fitting. Tammy Lyons of Connoquenessing had the grand champion for all breeds, dairy cattle.

The beef fitting junior and senior division awards went to Wayne Hindman of RD 4, Butler, and

William Foertsch of RD 4, Butler, respectively.

Tom Bleicher of 427 Preston Dr., Butler, was recognized for his grand champion market steer. Winning the junior division in beef showmanship earned an award for Frank Granberry of RD 2, Zellenople.

Dan Felitsky of 271 Shannon Rd., Renfrew, won the junior division, sheep fitting, and William Price, RD 2, Mars, won the junior division, sheep showmanship.

Shawn Gilliland of 303 Reiber Rd., Renfrew, was awarded a plaque for having the Grand Champion market hog.

The plaque for junior division, (Turn to Page D29)

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