

Manheim winds up local fair season

Brubakers win dairy honors

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champion, the Brubakers took first place ribbons in most of the cow and group classes. They don't do much other showing, but being from Manheim, they like to support the local fair.

The reserve grand champion Holstein was shown by another Manheim couple, Darryl and Ruby Bollinger. The judge selected their aged cow, El-Lyndo Elevation Ladybug, as the reserve champ. They also were pleased to finally show a champion after a number of years at the fair.

"I guess it is a good day," said Ruby, "We had a heifer calf at home and we took reserve champion at the fair."

They wouldn't mind a few more heifers out of Ladybug — the 10-year-old has only dropped two heifer calves so far. But she is a good producer, with a 21,000 pound record on her last lactation. She's milking 98 pounds a day now, and still getting better.

The junior champion Holstein, the first place intermediate yearling heifer, was shown by an Ephrata student, Jim Zimmerman, from the Ephrata Cloister FFA Chapter. The intermediate yearling, Zim-Ridge Hollow Rocket Grace, has earned championships for Zimmerman before, at the Ephrata Fair and the Kutztown regional show. She was

also first in her class at the state championship Holstein show.

The judge admired Grace's strength and dairyness. Apparently he also liked Zimmerman's showing and fitting skills. The Ephrata FFA'er also earned the champion showman award and the senior division fitting title.

The junior division showing award went to Michelle Kerdeeman, who exhibited the junior and reserve grand champion Ayrshire. A 4-H'er from Manheim, Michelle is the daughter of Jules and Barbara Kerdeeman. She also showed the reserve grand champion Ayrshire at last year's

Manheim Farm Show.

Grand champion Ayrshire was Champs Yardley of Penn-Bell, the junior two-year-old of Ronald Groff, another junior exhibitor. Ronald is the son of Robert and Esther Groff of Ephrata.

Competition in the other colored breeds was really slim, with only

one entry each of Jerseys and Brown Swiss.

The junior champion Jersey was a calf shown by 4-H'er Robert Fox. The Brown Swiss entry of Daniel Martin also earned a junior champion title.

Judge of the day's show was

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4-H entries top Manheim Baby Beef Show

BY JACK HUBLEY

MANHEIM — After showing 4-H project steers for five years, John Kettering of Manheim went all the way to the top at the Manheim Community Farm Show's Baby Beef show on Tuesday evening.

"Everybody told me I had a good

steer, and he had a chance, but I didn't really expect to win," said the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kettering, after his 1,075-pound middleweight 4-H champion was named number-one over all 24 FFA and 4-H entries.

A purebred Angus, Eberly's

steer was chosen by his father and Glenn Eberly from Eberly's Elizabethtown herd.

Next stop for the Centerville Junior High School student will be the county roundup, and then, hopefully, on to the Farm Show.

The year was 1964 when a young Lititz 4-H'er by the name of Barry Longenecker exhibited the champion steer at the Manheim Farm Show. And now, 20 years later, Longenecker's son, Jeremy, continued a family tradition by taking reserve champion honors in both the 4-H show and the overall event.

In his first year of competition, the Manheim Christian Day School fourth grader was also the event's top junior showman.

And as a full brother to last year's FFA champion, Longenecker's steer, named Benji, upheld a livestock "family" tradition, as well. Purchased from Jim Foreman of Hershey, the 1,075-pound Angus-Chianina cross began his own winning tradition earlier this year by being named first in his class at the Northeastern Region Chianina Field Day.

At the other end of his show career, was veteran showman Barry Geib, who had his 1,265-pound Angus Chianina cross steer at "just the right finish" to catch judge Steve Upperman's eye.

This was Geib's fifth time in the winner's circle as the exhibitor of Manheim's champion FFA steer. In his final year of competition, the 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Geib of Manheim, has logged a combined total of 16 years of 4-H and FFA participation.

A second 1,265-pound Angus-Chianina steer was tapped for the reserve FFA position, as well. This one was shown by Darvin Myer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Myer of Manheim.

Following are the show results:

- FFA STEERS**
Mediumweight
 1 Jan Waltz 2 Chad Rohrer 3 Rhonda Gible
Heavyweight
 1 Barry Geib 2 Darvin Myer 3 Kerry Myer
Champion FFA Steer
 Barry Geib
Reserve Champion
 Darvin Myer
4 H STEERS
Lightweight
 1 Greg Harnish 2 Angie Longenecker 3 Trevor Hershey
Middleweight
 1 John Kettering 2 Jeremy Longenecker 3 John Hess
Lt Heavyweight
 1 Kelly Rohrer 2 Kelly Eckert 3 Phil Nissley
Heavyweight
 1 Alida Farrington 2 Greg Hoover 3 Elizabeth Hess
- Champion 4 H Steer**
 John Kettering
Reserve Champion
 Jeremy Longenecker
Grand Champion
 John Kettering
Reserve Grand Champion
 Jeremy Longenecker
SHOWMANSHIP
Junior Div
 1 Jeremy Longenecker 2 Greg Harnish 3 Elizabeth Hess
Intermediate Div
 1 Kelly Eckert 2 Gini Nissley 3 John Hess
Senior Div
 1 Kelly Rohrer 2 Barry Geib 3 Phil Nissley



John Kettering chalked up his first Manheim grand champion win on Tuesday night with this purebred Angus.



Jeremy Longenecker and "Benji" teamed up to take reserve grand champion honors and first place in junior showmanship.



Barry Geib winds up FFA showing career with grand champion market hog at Manheim Fair.

Geib & gilt come in under wire

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

MANHEIM — Barry Geib and his coal-black gilt both came in just under the wire at the Manheim Fair.

For Geib, of R4 Manheim, it was his last show in junior competition as a 21-year-old FFA'er. A multiple winner in steer competition, Geib had never come close to a grand championship in the hog arena.

And his 250-lb. gilt just made weight in the final class of the heavyweight competition. A pound more and she would have been out of contention.

Last weekend, Geib was washing his steer for competition and the gilt jumped out of her pen. The extra running and exercise before she was rounded up may have taken off just enough that she made weight for the Fair.

"That may just have done it," Geib remarked after the shining ebony gilt was named grand champion Monday night by judge Mark Nestleroth, hog breeder

from R5 Manheim.

"She caught my eye as soon as she came into the ring," Nestleroth said. "She's well-muscled, yet moves so easily."

Her coal-black bristles gleamed even in the fading light of the overcast evening.

The grand champion's ancestry will have to remain anonymous. Geib remembers buying her in a batch of feeders at Lancaster Stockyards and thinks she may have come out of Western Pa. Geib feeds out about 300 hogs a year — a project he began as an FFA'er.

And the gleaming gilt will come in handy as Geib winds up his active FFA years. Former chapter and state officer, Geib will be traveling to National Convention next month to receive his American Degree. And the gilt will help to pay the way.

Reserve grand championship went to another heavyweight shown by 17-year-old Chris Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, R5 Manheim.



Manheim Fair's reserve grand champion market hog is exhibited by Chris Chapman, of R5 Manheim.