

Solanco

Fair



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QUARRYVILLE — Two outstanding Welk-Crest entries copped the top honors in Thursday's Holstein competition at the Solanco Fair.

Paul Welk, Holstein breeder from Peach Bottom, exhibited Welk-Crest Jemini Belinda to the grand championship, while his son Matt showed his two-year-old, Welk-Crest Locust Leanne, for the reserve grand champion open honors as well as the champion youth division award.

This is the fourth year in a row that Welk and his sons have shown the grand champions. However, Welk said he wasn't overly confident going into the show, having sold last year's grand champion at the prestigious All-American Sale.

"It will be different now that we sold our champion cow," Welk had told some fellow exhibitors prior to Thursday's show-ring activities. But his homebred show string came through, giving him the championships as well as Solanco's premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners.

The Belinda cow is a four-year-old sired by Shardale Arlinda Chief Jemini. Judge Steve Shaw of Linden-Loch Holsteins, Oley Valley, described her as having "no faults," and a super fancy udder.

The Welk-Crest entry was also reserve grand champion and best-bred-and-owned at this summer's Lancaster County show.

Belinda is scored VG-85, although she will be classified for her second time in December. Also to her credit is a production record of 21,000 pounds of 4 percent milk and 810 pounds fat.

Eleven-year-old Matthew Welk's reserve grand champion is a Locust-Glen Ivanhoe Elevation daughter. Leanne was also reserve grand champion in the county 4-H show this year.

The Little Britain fifth-grader also earned the champion showing and fitting award in Thursday's competition.

Welks return to winners' circle at Solanco Holstein Show

Junior Champions

While Welk-Crest entries dominated the cow classes, animals carrying the Sukavin prefix took the Holstein show junior championships.

Karen Kauffman's favorite Sukavin Persuader Holly easily earned the junior champion rosette and much praise from the judge.

"Whenever a heifer like this walks into the ring, the judge just has to be happy," said Shaw. "She shows correctness from her nose to her toes."

Holly is a senior yearling sired by Plushanski Persuader. Karen, the daughter of Robert and Susan Kauffman Jr., Peach Bottom, has shown the heifer to some previous wins, including the junior championships at the county Holstein and 4-H shows and last year's reserve youth championship at Solanco.

In the reserve junior champion position stood Sukavin Wiseman Rhea. This intermediate calf was shown by Mike Mellott, an FFA student who works for the Kauffmans.

This is the first time the Killdee Astrochief Wiseman daughter had entered a show ring, so Mellott was pleased to earn the reserve title.

Other winners in Thursday's Holstein show included Diane Hershberger, who showed her aged cow to the reserve youth championship, and Rodney Griest, who was named champion showman and fitter amidst stiff competition in the age 13 and over category.

Colored breeds

Wednesday's dairy competition at the Solanco Fair included quality Jersey, Ayrshire and Guernsey shows.

The Arrowsmith family made a comeback with their Hillacres Jerseys, taking three open championships and the premier breeder banner for the colored breeds.

Seventeen-year-old Tom Arrowsmith had the grand champion, Hillacres Jeweler Scotch, and the reserve grand champion, Hillacres Denu Jodi. Tom bred the Scotch cow, while older brother Matt bred the four-year-old Jodi.

The son of William and Geraldine Arrowsmith of Peach Bottom, Tom also showed the junior champion, Hillacres Samson Delilah. On hand to help Tom, and show some of their own first-place winners during the show, were sisters Sarah, age 18, and Helen, 15.

Jenny Harnish showed the reserve junior champion of the



Paul Welk and sons Matt and Mark exhibited the grand champion Holsteins for the fourth year in a row at Solanco.

Jersey show, Valley U Muffin, an intermediate calf sired by Wilderness Deninger ET.

In the Solanco Ayrshire show, Robert and Sharon Nolan, Parkesburg, Chester County, returned with a winner. Tower View Jerry's Candice, reserve grand champion in last year's show, earned the grand champion trophy on Wednesday.

This Tower View Jeremy three-year-old is a daughter of last year's grand champion and one of Sharon's former FFA project animals.

Another Tower View Jeremy daughter, Dreamnol Jeremy's Catarina, earned the junior championship for the Nolan's. This entry was a homebred senior yearling.

Karen Hambrick showed her homebred Pinelane Star Megan, a four-year-old, to the reserve grand championship.

Karen, a sister to Warren Schmuck, helped earn him the premier exhibitor award of the colored breed shows.

Max Brommer showed the reserve junior champion Ayrshire in open competition and the reserve champion in youth competition. Fred Esbenshade picked up the youth division championship with his Unicorn H.K. Diamond.

With only a few entries in the Solanco Guernsey show, Steven Wagner showed his two-year-old to the senior and grand championship and his senior calf to the reserve junior championship. Elam W. Mull had the junior and reserve

grand champion, the senior yearling.

Judging the colored breed shows on Wednesday was Peter Witmer, Guernsey breeder from Willow Street.

Following are the top three placings in each class of the Solanco dairy shows.

- HOLSTEIN**
Junior Calf
 1 Sandra Kauffman 2 Pennstar Farms 3 Kelly Miller
Junior Calf - Youth
 1 Kauffman 2 Miller 3 Sheri Bollinger
Intermediate Calf
 1 Mike Mellott 2 Maurice Welk 3 Beth Kauffman
Intermediate Calf Youth
 1 Mellott 2 Kauffman 3 Andrew Welk

- Senior Calf**
 1 Joe Delong 2 Keith Miller 3 Rodney Griest
Senior Calf Youth
 1 Delong 2 Miller 3 Griest
Junior Yearling
 1 Pennstar Farms 2 Sandra Kauffman 3 Michael Peifer
Junior Yearling Youth
 1 Kauffman 2 Peifer 3 Joe Delong
Intermediate Yearling
 1 Mark Hess 2 Duane and Marilyn Hershey 3 Diane Hershberger
Intermediate Yearling Youth
 1 Hess 2 Hershberger
Senior Yearling
 1 Karen Kauffman 2 Diane Hershberger 3 Joe Delong
Senior Yearling Youth
 1 Kauffman 2 Hershberger 3 Delong
Junior Champion
 Karen Kauffman
Res Junior Champion
 Mike Mellott

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Karen Kauffman and Mike Mellott showed these Sukavin heifers to the Holstein junior championships at Solanco.



Steven Wagner easily picked up the Guernsey championship Wednesday at Solanco.



Sarah (left), Helen, and Tom Arrowsmith shared the premier breeder honors for the colored breeds at Solanco. Tom showed three of the open Jersey champions.