

Solanco Fair



BY JACK HUBLEY

QUARRYVILLE — If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right. That about sums up the philosophy of Atglen's MacCauley family when it comes to raising sheep.

And the Solanco Fair's sheep breeding show was yet another opportunity for 14-year-old Donna MacCauley to emphasize that the family does indeed do things right.

When the fair's three breeding shows had come to a close, the daughter of Joan and Bill MacCauley had captured top honors in two-thirds of them, exhibiting the grand champion Suffolk and Cheviot ewes as well as the show's top Suffolk ram. All of the winning entries were bred at home where the family maintains a flock of about 75 sheep.

Though the MacCauleys are best known for producing prize-winning Suffolks, Donna added Cheviots to the flock a few years ago. "They're easier to handle," said the Oc-

toraro ninth grader, whose petite, all-white Cheviots are a counterpoint to the lanky black-faced Suffolks.

In Shropshire competition, the show belonged to Leonard Brown III of Kirkwood. Winning the show has become an annual event for this Solanco High School junior, the son of Leonard and Mary Jane Brown.

With no grand champion being named in the fair's market lamb competition, 18-year-old Deb Martin of Conestoga became the show's undeclared double champion by winning both the lightweight and heavyweight divisions with a pair of purebred Suffolks.

A recent graduate of Penn Manor, the daughter of Melvin and Dorothy Martin admits that keeping her 15 Suffolks in groceries is no small task. "It's an expensive hobby," she says "I work two jobs just to feed my sheep."

Judging this year's sheep events was York County Extension agent Johanna Geiger.

Listed below are sheep show results.

Breedy Sheep
Shropshire
All Classes
Leonard Brown
Champion Ram
Leonard Brown
Champion Ewe
Leonard Brown

MacCauleys win twice in sheep show

- Suffolk Ram Lamb**
1 Donna MacCauley 1st
Champion Ram
Donna MacCauley
Reserve Champion
Deb Martin
Yearly Ewe
1 Cindy Harnish 2 Donna MacCauley 3 Ann Herr
- Ewe Lamb**
1 Donna MacCauley 2 Deb Martin 3 Ann Herr
- Champion Ewe**
Donna MacCauley
Reserve Champion
Cindy Harnish
Pair of Lambs
1 Donna MacCauley 2 Deb Martin 3 Ellen Herr
- Flock**
Donna MacCauley
Get of Sire
Ann Herr
Cheviot
Ewe Lamb
1 Donna MacCauley 2 Curt Barrett
- Champion Ewe**
Donna MacCauley
Reserve Champion
Curt Barrett
Get of Sire
Donna MacCauley
Market Lambs
Light Weight
1 Deb Martin 2 Tom Arrowsmith
Heavy Weight
1 Deb Martin 2 Donna MacCauley 3 Tom Arrowsmith
- Showmanship Senior Division**
1 Cindy Harnish 2 Leonard Brown 3 Donna MacCauley
- Junior Division**
1 Ellen Herr 2 Tom Arrowsmith
Champion Showman
Cindy Harnish
Reserve Champion
Leonard Brown
- Fitting**
Junior Division
1 Tom Arrowsmith 2 Ellen Herr
Senior Division
1 Leonard Brown 2 Donna MacCauley
Champion Fitter
Leonard Brown
Reserve Champion
Donna MacCauley



Donna MacCauley's Suffolk (left) and Cheviot ewe lambs took top honors in their respective breed shows Wednesday.



Deb Martin proved that 11 years of 4-H experience is hard to beat by showing the top lightweight and heavyweight market lambs.

4-H steer is Solanco grand champion

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QUARRYVILLE — Lancaster County Extension livestock agent Chet Hughes ought to be flattered. His namesake is tall, dark and good-looking. And, to top it off, he was named grand champion market steer during the Solanco Fair's final round of beef judging that saw the cream of the FFA and 4-H shows vying for the overall title.

Named "Chetty", the fair's top beef was shown by Tracey Landis, daughter James and Linda Landis of Quarryville. The name can hardly be considered coincidental, since Tracey bought her purebred Angus steer from Hughes last fall.

"He caught my eye—he had a lot of style," said the exhibitor, recalling her reasons for choosing the March steer. Sired by Independence, the 1,330-pound steer was out of a Power Play daughter that happened to be the first heifer that Hughes ever raised.

Judge Bill Holloway, of GH2 Angus Associates, put Chetty at the top of his heavyweight class before naming him champion 4-H steer, and finally grand champion

of the show.

The grand champion title turned out to be one of only a few beef titles that eluded Quarryville's Frey family on Thursday night. Fritz Frey, 18, collected champion honors in the 4-H heifer show and FFA steer show earlier in the evening, before earning the reserve overall spot behind Landis.

Anna Marie Frey shared the spotlight with her brother by showing her heifer to reserve champion honors, and capped the evening by placing first in the showmanship contest's senior division.

A homegrown steer, Fritz Frey's 1,265-pound reserve grand champion was the product of one of the family's fullblood Chianina bulls and an Angus cow.

In the heifer show, which serves as the county's 4-H Heifer Roundup, the brother-sister Frey team took both champion and reserve honors.

At the top was Twin Oak Blackbird 2004, an April, 1984 Foolish Pride daughter bred and owned by Fritz. At reserve was



Twin Oak Georgia 1184, a High Pockets daughter born March, 1984 out of one of the family's first-calf heifers, and shown by Anna Marie. Show results follow

- FFA STEERS**
Lightweight
1 Fritz Frey 2 Sandy Dearolf 3 Brian Harnish
Middlweight
1 Jeff Craig 2 Marjean Smith 3 Tracey Landis
Heavyweight
1 Fritz Frey 2 Bryan Whitman 3 Randy Risser
- FFA Champion**
Fritz Frey
FFA Reserve
Jeff Craig
4 H STEERS
Lightweight
1 Stacey Linton 2 Jeff Craig 3 Chris Little
Middlweight
1 Brad Linton 2 Heidi Frey 3 Fritz Frey
Heavyweight
1 Tracey Landis 2 Anna Marie Frey 3 Bryan Whitman
- 4 H Champion**
Tracey Landis
4 H Reserve
Anna Marie Frey
Grand Champion Steer
Tracey Landis
Reserve Grand Champion
Fritz Frey
4 H HEIFERS
Summer Yearling
1 Heidi Frey
Junior Yearling
1 Fritz Frey 2 Anna Marie Frey
Early Junior Yearling
1 Emily Weaver 2 Fred Weaver
Champion Heifer
Fritz Frey
Reserve Champion
Anna Marie Frey
SHOWMANSHIP
Junior Division
1 Sandy Dearolf 2 Jimmy Landis 3 Roy Aument
Senior Division
1 Anna Marie Frey 2 Jeff Craig 3 Marjean Smith



Fritz Frey's champion FFA steer was named overall reserve grand champion in competition that followed the FFA and 4-H steer shows.



The Frey family scored twice in the county's 4-H Heifer Roundup. Twin Oak Blackbird earned champion honors for Fritz and Twin Oak Georgia took reserve for Anna Marie.



Tracey Landis and "Chetty" were the proud owners of the grand championship trophy after winning Solanco's FFA steer show.