

Kline's Aged Cow Named Supreme Champion

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LEBANON — Youthful exhibitors led their 4-H and FFA project animals into the showing for junior dairy competition at Lebanon Area Fair Tuesday.

For Sharon Kline of Myerstown and her 9-year-old Holstein cow C Midland Mardi Judy, the walk around the ring was worth the effort. Judy was first named champion FFA Holstein and was later selected supreme champion of the junior show. Classified EX 90, Judy was sired by Little River Mardi Gras. She was bred by Bliss Johnson.

"She's got the most age to her, and she has held together well," judge Dean Daubert said in selecting the supreme champion.

A member of the Elco FFA Chapter, Sharon also claimed the FFA reserve champion honors with her 3-year-old entry, C Almet Northern Gertie. Gertie is classified VG 85 and has been a member of the Kline Herd for several years.

This year's champion was supreme reserve champion at the Lebanon Fair last year.

The 4-H Holstein championship went to four-year-old Sher-Don Rorae Valiant Holly, owned by Kent Hoffer.

"She's dairy from one end to the other," judge Billy Joe Heath of Westminster, Md., said.

Classified VG 85 as an early 3-year-old, Holly boasts a production record of nearly 22,000 pounds milk and 750 fat as a three-year-old. She was reserve grand champion at last year's fair.

Kent, the 16-year-old son of Donald and Sherry Hoffer of R4 Lebanon, is a member of the NoSoAnn Dairy Club.

For his 4-H reserve champion, Heath turned to a two-year-old homebred cow owned by Kynel Bomgardner. Sired by Birch-

Hollow Royalty, Loving-Meadows, Sandra was junior champion at the Fair last year.

Kynel, the 14-year-old daughter of John and Margaret Bomgardner, is a member of the Norlebc Dairy Club.

The 4-H junior championship belonged to Stephanie Wagner and her homebred senior yearling heifer, Ju-Vindale Tradition Bobbie. Sired by Sweet-Haven Tradition, Bobbie was first-place senior calf at last year's Lebanon Fair.

Stephanie, the 12-year-old daughter of Vincent and Juliet Wagner of Myerstown, is a member of the Elco 4-H Club.

Dale Weaver showed his homebred intermediate yearling heifer Beach Wood Starfire Sylvia to the FFA junior championship. Sired by Thumb-Pride Starfire, Sylvia was first-place intermediate calf at the Fair last year and won a blue ribbon at district competition.

Dale, the 20-year-old son of John Weaver, Myerstown, is no newcomer to the showing. He claimed the 4-H championship at last year's show.

Becky Sonnen took the 4-H reserve junior champion place with her senior heifer calf Sonnen-Acres Saul Cherish. Becky was both pleased and surprised with her placing. "I've never been first here before," she beamed.

Becky, the 16-year-old daughter of Paul and Marilyn Sonnen, Richland, is a member of the Elco Dairy Club.

The FFA reserve junior champion was an intermediate heifer calf owned by Sherry Donmoyer of Annville. Sired by Swampy-Hollow Valiant Rick-ET, Sherry's entry was junior champion at FFA district competition last year.

Sherry said she purchased her heifer from John Bomgardner. She



Sharon Kline garnered supreme champion honors at the conclusion of the Lebanon 4-H and FFA shows. Earlier in the day she captured the grand champion title of the FFA Holstein show. Dale Maulfair, left, presented the supreme champion trophy while judge Dean Daubert looks on.

is a member of Northern Lebanon FFA.

COLORED BREED SHOW

All four colored breeds registered strong competition, possibly the strongest they will face all summer, in the 4-H and FFA shows.

The Ayrshire show started the Tuesday evening competition. Wesley Harding Jr. of Lebanon dominated the Ayrshire youth show, stepping into eight champion spots in both the 4-H and FFA competitions. He claimed the 4-H grand championship with his aged cow, Penn-Bell King Vue's Penny, sired by Ardrossan King Vue.

Harding claimed the reserve position with his junior 2-year-old cow, Green Brae Pudges Stancey.

Jesse Maulfair, Fredericksburg, edged Harding's homebred entry for the junior championship crown. Maulfair showed his junior heifer calf, Maulfair-Acres Barry Sugar, a daughter of Burr-Ayr-Farms H.K. Barry. Harding's reserve junior champion, a homebred intermediate yearling, was sired by Heb-Ayr Major.

During the FFA contest, Harding returned to the ring and stood in the grand champion position again, this time with his junior 2-year-old, Chestnut Ridge Starboy Pandora. Heather Hernley captured the reserve grand position with her dry cow, Ann Ayr Fortune Valerie. A daughter of Oak Ridge Flashy Fortune, she was scheduled to freshen within the week.

Veteran showman Hernley reversed the placings in the junior championship claiming the champion position with her senior yearling, Timberlawn Squire's Annie. Harding stepped into the reserve place with his senior yearling, Palace Sunflower.

In the 4-H Brown Swiss competition, the grand and reserve grand champion placings went to Judy Mase, Lebanon. She took the grand champion spot with her homebred 3-year-old cow, Meadow Hill Prospect Lauren, a daughter of V B Great Prospect. Reserve grand went to Mase's aged cow, Jessie Improver Lena.

Michael Kunkle, Jonestown, topped the junior Swiss competition, winning both junior and reserve junior champion titles.

His junior heifer, Shady-Creek Karen Kelli-Twin, placed over his intermediate heifer calf, Shady-Creek Westley Betty based on an advantage in dairy character. Richard Wenger, Manheim, bred both animals.

Bruce Heilinger garnered the grand champion rosettes for the FFA competition with a pair of homebred entries. Heilinger's



Stephanie Wagner, right, showed the 4-H junior champion while Becky Sonnen, left, had the junior reserve.

junior 2-year-old entry, Nutty Jubilation Nic-Twin, edged out his junior yearling heifer, Blueberry Telstar Becky, for the grand champion position. Becky received the junior champion ribbon earlier in the show.

A third homebred animal owned by Heilinger stepped into the junior champion spot, giving him a sweep of all the major ribbons with the exception of the reserve senior champion.

Judy Shade, Myerstown, copped the reserve senior placing with her junior 2-year-old daughter of Meadow View Streachy Signal.

Thomas Hostetter, a second-

year 4-H member, grabbed the grand champion with his junior yearling heifer, a Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette daughter bred by Jacob Smith and Son of Annville. Last year this animal placed in the reserve grand position.

Charity Hostetter stood next to her brother with the reserve grand champion of the show. She placed with her junior heifer calf by Raemelon Deacons Fashion.

The grand and reserve grand championship of the 4-H Jersey show went to a pair of 3-year-old cows. Brenda Dice, Palmyra, walked to the grand champion spot.

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Both the grand and reserve grand FFA honors went to Sharon Kline. Here she gets a hand showing them from her husband, John.



Kent Hoffer, left, captured the 4-H grand champion rosette, while the reserve championship went to Kynel Bomgardner.



The FFA junior champion belonged to Dale Weaver.