

Morrison Cove Dairy Show Attracts Top Quality Entries

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MARTINSBURG — Despite hot, humid temperatures, a record number of dairy cattle were exhibited at the Morrisons Cove Dairy Show last week. Exhibitors brought over 400 entries to Memorial Park in Martinsburg to compete for the top honors. Quality was also high at the show, judges said.

FFA members from four counties started down the tanbark trail Tuesday.

In the Holstein breed Ken Diebold of Tyrone captured grand champion honors with a stylish, black 3 year old. A Burket Falls Grandee daughter, the champion repeated last year's performance, much to her owner's pleasure.

John Andrew Foster III of Petersburg received reserve champion honors with another 3 year old. She is a Leadfield Columbus daughter. Foster also had the first place junior herd and

was named champion fitter.

Paul Carr of Somerset exhibited his junior yearling, a SWD Valiant daughter, to the junior champion spot. Carr was also named champion showman.

Winning reserve junior champion was Ross Hershberger of Martinsburg with his senior calf.

Amy Brant of Mt. Union dominated the Ayrshire competition. She captured grand and reserve grand and reserve junior champion awards.

Amy's 11-year-old cow, a daughter of Elk-Ayr Faithful was named grand champion. Amy also had the first place junior herd.

Linette Diehl of Bedford had the junior champion with an intermediate calf that is a daughter of Highview Larry.

Amy Brant was the only exhibitor in the Milking Shorthorn competition and therefore, won all the top honors. Judge Ray "Jake" Emig of Shippensburg commended her on the quality of her entries.



Grand champions in the open colored breeds show include, from left, Marty Brumbaugh, Swiss; Beth Clark, Guernsey; Amy Brant, Milking Shorthorn and Ayrshire; and Jerome Hardy, Jersey.



Russell Wyles presents Mr. Ruth with a plaque for 31 years of service to the Morrison Cove Dairy Show.

Richard Chesney of Martinsburg went away with most of the top honors in the Brown Swiss competition. He had the grand champion with a 3-year-old daughter of West Lawn Stretch Improver. Rich also had the first place junior herd.

Robert Fritz of Garrett had the reserve honors in both the grand and junior champion competitions.

John Grove, Jr. of Mt. Union had junior champion.

Galen McDonald II of Imler had junior champion Guernsey, while his sister, Angelique, had grand champion with her 5 year old. Another sister, Melissa, captured the reserve honors. A third sister, Alicia, had the first-place junior herd.

Another family, the Hardy's of Petersburg, dominated the Jersey show. Jerome had grand champion with his 3 year old and junior champion with his yearling.

James Heeter from Shade Gap



Heidi O'Neal, left, Bedford County Dairy Princess, and Blair County alternate Jenny Bigelow, congratulates John Burket, left, owner of grand champion, and John A. Foster III, reserve champion.

won the reserve championships for both the grand and junior competitions. He also had the first place junior herd.

4-H Show

4-H members were up and at it early Wednesday morning readying their animals for the competition later that day.

The effort paid off for Christie Booher of Blairs Mills, who dominated the Brown Swiss competition. She placed first in all the senior classes and received the grand and reserve champion honors. She also had reserve junior champion.

Jeannine Chesney of Martinsburg had junior champion with her senior calf.

Beth Clark of Bedford took many of the honors in the Guernsey show. She had grand champion with her 4 year old, reserve grand with her 2 year old and reserve junior champion with her summer yearling.

Melissa Morrow had junior champion with her junior yearling.

The Hardy family again dominated the Jersey show in 4-H. Janice had grand champion with her senior yearling. Her brother James had reserve grand champion and sister Jill had reserve junior champion.

Blair County 4-H members reaped many of the top awards in the Holstein show.

Stacy Forsht had junior champion with her senior calf.

Sisters Rebecca and Miriam Kelly of Sinking Valley won the reserve honors in both the junior and senior divisions.

Huntingdon countian John A. Foster III won the grand champion honor with his senior 2 year old.

Although competition in the Milking Shorthorn show was scarce, Monica Goshorn exhibited quality animals, show judge Ray "Jake" Emig said. Monica captured all of the championships.

Michele Burket of Martinsburg and Rachel McCutcheon of Tyrone were the sole Ayrshire exhibitors, but they definitely had quality animals. Michele had grand champion and Rachel had reserve.

Blair County 4-H members also came out on top of the showing and fitting competition.

In the junior division Miriam Kelly was named master fitter while Kristin Metzker was named master showman.

In the senior division, master fitter went to Mike Burket and master showman to Stacy Forsht

Open Colored Breed Show

Competition in the open Jersey show was pretty stiff with two exhibitors coming out on top. Ralaine Jerseys, owned by the Ray Sollenberger family of Everett, won the grand champion honors. The Dennis Hardy family of Twix Jerseys, located in Petersburg, had junior champion.

In the Guernsey show, Misty Meadows Farm of Bedford saw most of the action in the show ring. Either Beth Clark or her grandfather, Robert Smith, was at the halter of the animals paraded before judge Ginger Myers of Adams County. Between the two they won all the championships and the group classes.

The Brown Swiss show was also topped by two showmen.

J. Buck and Associates received grand champion honors with their stylish 3 year old.

Jeannine Chesney had junior champion, while her brother Rich won the group classes.

Although numbers were down in the Ayrshire show, the quality wasn't. Amy Brant won the championships and all the group classes. Michelle Burket showed the junior champion.

Amy Brant also had grand champion Milking Shorthorn. Monica Goshorn, claimed junior

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Grand champions at the 4-H show were, from left, Michele Burket, Ayrshire; Jerome Hardy, Jersey; Monica Goshorn, Milking Shorthorn; Beth Clark, Guernsey; John A. Foster III, Holstein; and Christie Booher, Swiss.



Grand champions in the district FFA show, include, from left, Jerome Hardy, Jersey; John Grove, Jr. for Amy Brant, Milking Shorthorn; Amy Brant, Ayrshire; Angie McDonald, Guernsey; Jennine Chesney for her brother Rich, Swiss; and Ken Diebold, Holstein.