

Burdette Reaps South-Central Championship Honors

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CARLISLE — Numbers were up and the quality impressive at the South-Central Championship Holstein Show, held Monday at the Carlisle Fairgrounds.

"It was one of the best district shows I've ever seen," commented judge Dennis Patrick, Kempton, who praised both the high quality of the 150 head entered as well as the show's well-run organization.

Big winners of the day were the Jim and Nina Burdette family, Mercersburg, and Elizabethtown youth exhibitor Tom McCauley.

Parading a string of 10 strong, high-placing homebreds, the Burdettes snagged the coveted Best Bred and Owned trophy, and garnered enough class points to earn both the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners.

Their Windy Knoll View Justa Wonder got the nod as best bred and owned, and reserve senior and grand of the show, after heading up a 3-year-old class showing quality clear to the other end of the lineup. Judge Patrick praised the MD-Sunset-View RA Wonder daughter for her spring of rib and openness, and complimented her on "how she tracks."

Accepting their first-ever pair of purple premier banners capped a day of highlights for the Burdette family, who also took firsts in the summer yearling, junior yearling, and the dam-daughter classes. Sweetening the victory was the fact that Monday was Nina Burdette's birthday, Sunday was their anniversary, and both flowers and balloons for Nina from her husband came by delivery to the show barn to complement their

herd display.

Originally starting in the dairy business on their own at Mercersburg in 1974, with a herd of primarily Ayrshires, the Burdettes have been part of the local and state showing scene for about eight years. Their Windy Knoll milking string of 62 head has a herd average of 18,500 milk and 690 fat, with a classification BAA of 105.8.

Tom McCauley claimed the grand champion honors in both the open class and the youth division shows, at the halter of his ribby, deep-bodied, five-year Queen Star Sexy. The Sexation daughter is well-known on the Holstein tanbark circuit and has earned the Elizabethtown youth a roomful of trophies, including several championships.

He made a clean sweep of the youth division championship, also claiming the reserve champion rosette with his 3-year-old, Met-calfs Valiant Beauty.

New Cumberland youth showman C. E. Hubbard III took both open and youth division junior championship with his winning senior yearling, C. Phillipail Warden Sterling. Since her debut this year on the state show circuit, the Hilltopper Elevation Warden has snagged five junior championships and a reserve, including topping the youth division heifer classes of the state Spring Holstein Show.

Taking the reserve junior champion placing in the open class was Lockway Rosette, the first intermediate yearling by Willmont Glendell Plato-ET.

She was bred and exhibited by C. Richard and Georgianna Locke,

Lockway Farms, and part of a powerful heifer trio that earned the Mercersburg farm the best three junior female award.

In the youth division, Chambersburg 4-H'er Beverly Myers took the reserve junior championship with her homebred intermediate heifer, Aldina Magic Gigi, by Romandale Magic.

A homebred Valiant son walked off with the top spot in the bull classes. Le-Ida Valiant Mr. Nate was bred and exhibited by Cindy Showaker Fisher, Mt. Joy, and is housed at her family's Shoacres Farm at Newville.

No stranger either to Holstein tanbark circles, the senior yearling bull was All-Pennsylvania bull calf for 1985, and took the reserve bull honors at the 1986 Spring state show. He's from an EX-92 Elevation dam, with over 1,000 pounds fat, and his first calves are due on the ground in September.

In a powerful Best Three Females class, Justa-Beauty Holsteins, Creedin and Steve Cornman, claimed the first place, over the trio from the Burdettes' Windy Knoll string.

Brazilian visitors were among the special guests ringside at the Carlisle show. Gilberto and Maria Helena Meirelles are part of a heifer-purchasing team spending a few weeks in Pennsylvania, and working through the Pennsylvania Holstein Association to put together a shipment of top-quality young stock.

Keeping last minute details pulled together ringside were the show chairmen, Mark and Gretchen Naugle. Local dairy princesses on hand to make awards

included Jenny Weimer, Adams County, Sherry Gregor, Cumberland County, and Fran Palm, Perry County.

The Carlisle show is one of the five regional Holstein shows in the state, culminating in the annual Fall Championship show. This year's fall show on September 4

will be the first major dairy show held in the new Ag Arena facilities recently completed at Penn State University. According to Ken Raney, membership director with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, both washing and milking facilities are available at (Turn to Page A22)

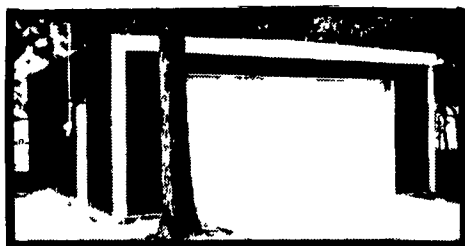


Monday was a "banner day" for Jim and Nina Burdette, sons Justin, 7, and Kyle 4, and their homebred 3-year-old named Best Bred and Owned and reserve senior and grand.

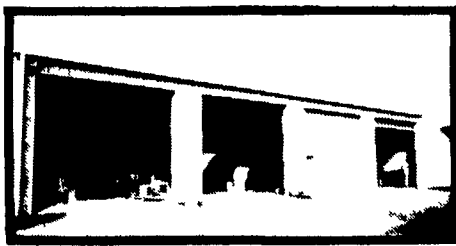
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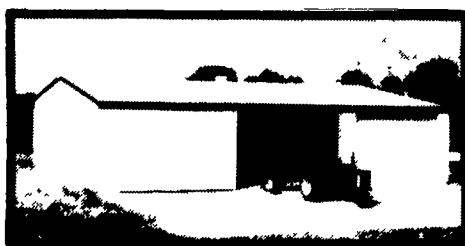
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