

Competition Heats Up At Lycoming Fair Dairy Show

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HUGHESVILLE — The sun shone on the 117th Lycoming County Fair held at the Hughesville fairgrounds from July 16 to 25. And it shone. And it shone. Last year it rained all but two days of the fair, but this year the whir of fans could be heard from the pizza stands to the cattle barns in an attempt to combat the week-long 90-degree-plus heat wave.

Officials blamed the hot humid air for a decrease in attendance but noted a total of 90,000 people passed through their gates this year. Even so, there was an increase in the number of livestock entries, with market hogs registering a 33 percent increase over last year.

This year for the first time the Open Dairy Show was held in two parts; the Holstein Open Show on Wednesday, July 22, and the Colored Breed Dairy Show on the following day, July 23.

Thirteen-year-old Cynthia Showers may be the youngest competitor to walk away with top honors at the Lycoming County Fair Open Show. Cynthia and her three-year-old registered Holstein, Try-Oaks Astro Jewel April won the grand championship trophy in the Holstein Open Dairy Show. Cynthia, who will be an eighth grader at the Warrior Run School, Watsonstown, lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Showers.

April, who had the best udder in the show, was sired by Knob-View Jewelmaker and is homebred. She is currently producing 15,101M with a 3.4 test, 520 pounds of fat and 495 pounds of protein.

A member of the Bald Eagle 4-H Club, Cynthia has been showing Holstein cattle for five years and is no stranger to the winner's circle. Showing April, Cynthia won the grand champion trophy at the last year's and this year's 4-H Dairy Show. Since she's been exhibiting cattle she also accumulated a reserve grand award along the way.

About winning, Cynthia notes, "It's kind of good but sometimes people get a little mad." Cynthia says she won because April is a "good animal. She's a good type animal. She doesn't have many faults," she explains.

To win, she says, you should have a good animal and show it to the best of your ability, but notes, "Even if you have an average animal and show it to the best of your ability you usually get somewhere."

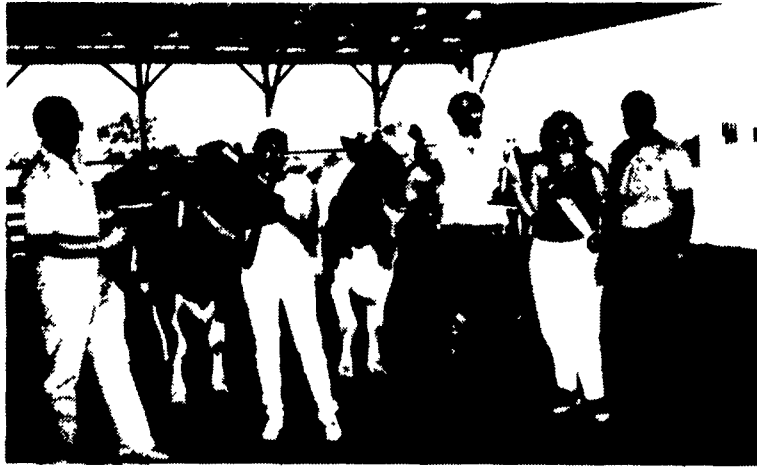
Cynthia's grandfather, George Showers, who is with the American Breeders Service, currently is milking 21 registered Holsteins.

Reserve grand champion Holstein went to a cow owned by Robert Cross, R.D. 1, Williamsport. Cross said his entry, Gar-Sher Penn Candy, a four-year-old, averaged 26,000M with a 4.1 fat test and 1084 pounds of fat as a two-year-old. She is out of a dam that averaged 22,000 pounds of milk with a 4.7 test. Candy was purchased at the New York State Bred Heifer Sale.

Cross has a herd of 33 registered Holsteins and entered the Lycoming County Fair for the first time. He said he was surprised to have taken second place in the show.

Ayrshire Show

In the Ayrshire division William and Carl Sandel of Danville won grand championship with their three-year-old cow, Frosty-Ayr



Grand champion Holstein was Try-Oaks Astro Jewel April (left) shown by Cynthia Showers. Robert Cross had reserve champion, Gar-Sher Penn Candy.



Ernie and Wanda Derr (second from right) took champion and reserve honors in Jersey show.

Mandy. The Sandels, who have shown Ayrshires for a number of years, took both the grand and reserve grand Ayrshire prizes last year. Mandy's dam, Delores Flashy Bird won first prize last year and Mandy took second.

The reserve grand Ayrshire trophy went to 15-year-old Todd Russell, son of Becky Lovell, Williamsport, for his four-year-old, Penn Spring A. Precious. Showing Precious and another entry, Todd took the grand champion and reserve grand champion trophies in the 4-H Dairy Show this year. He also was awarded top honors in the Ayrshire division in the 4-H competition last year.

A member of the State Road 4-H Club, Todd has been showing dairy animals for six years. Todd purchased Precious from Ronald Martin, Clinton County.

Jersey Show

Top honors in the Jersey breed went to Ernie and Wanda Derr, Muncy. Their entries, Silver Certificate Linda of Twin Tower, a five-year-old, and Swingles Saint Futti, a three-year-old, earned the grand and reserve grand trophies, respectively. Silver Certificate has a record of 13,320 pounds of milk, and 620 pounds of fat. She was purchased as a 4-H project from Barbara and Reynald Harkness, Gillett, Pa.

According to Wanda, Silver Certificate competed at the State Junior Dairy Show in 1983 and won the grand champion prize at the Lycoming County Fair the same year. After showing cattle for a combined total of 20 years as 4-H projects, the Derrs are now operating Heavens Blessins Farm and milking a herd of 37 Jerseys.

Guernsey Show

Grand and reserve grand trophies in the Guernsey division went to Rhonda Peterman, Muncy. With her entries, Alfa Mar Fayvor Blossom, a three-year-old, and one-year-old Peterman's Pride Fayette Amber, she also took top honors in the 4-H dairy show this year. A member of the Lairdsville Ag 4-H Club for five years, she was awarded the grand prizes in

the open and 4-H with Blossom last year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Peterman, Muncy.

Brown Swiss Show

Winner of the grand champion prize in the Brown Swiss division was Lori Rene Schultz, Muncy, with her junior heifer calf, DML Elegant Candy. Lori is a member of the 118 Ag 4-H Club.

For the premier breeder banner the Burton Staman Sr. family of Valley bell Farms, Montgomery, tied with Ritter-Ridge Farms, Muncy owned by the Hilda Ritter family. The premier exhibitor banner was awarded to the Staman family. Both families have been showing Holstein cattle at the fair for a number of years with the Ritters winning the premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards for the past eight years. This is the first time the Staman family has tied or won the premier breeder and exhibitor awards at the Lycoming County Fair.

Judge for the Holstein Open Show was Bob Kauffman, Elizabeth, Pa., and for the Colored Breed Dairy Show, Earl Keefer, Millersburg, Pa.

4-H Dairy Show

Thirteen-year-old Cynthia Showers mentioned above in the Open Holstein Show took home the grand championship Holstein trophy for the second year in a row in the 4-H Dairy Show with her cow, Try-Oaks Astro Jewel April.

Beth Cooley, 16-year-old daughter of Dale and Sharon Cooley, Allenwood, won the reserve grand champion Holstein award in the 4-H Dairy Show with her entry, Bald Eagle Creek Wanda. The four-year-old took the 4-H grand champion trophy two years ago. She was purchased from Franklin Finck of Montgomery.

A member of the Bald Eagle 4-H Club, Beth has been showing dairy cattle for the past eight years. She says she won reserve champion because there wasn't a lot of competition, the judge liked her cow, and she spent two weeks beforehand grooming Wanda to compete.



Rhonda Peterman (second from right) had both champion and reserve Guernseys. Joy Evans (second from left) exhibited reserve.



Jennifer Cromis (second from right) accepts champion Ayrshire trophy for owners William and Carl Sandel. Dale Lovell showed reserve champion for owner Todd Russell.

"Keep trying, eventually everybody should win," is Beth's advice to beginners.

Todd Russell, who won the reserve grand champion trophy for showing his Ayrshire, Precious, in the open dairy show was also awarded the grand and reserve grand trophies for his entries in the 4-H Dairy Show.

According to Todd, one of the best things about 4-H competition is winning money. Todd tells novices not to get discouraged. "If you don't win the first time, it's no big deal. You gotta be patient with animals. Winning is not really important but to have a good time is the important thing."

Top honors in the Jersey competition went to Shannon Peterman, Muncy, with her dry three-year-old, Deers Ginger. Shannon is a member of the Lairdsville Ag 4-H Club. Carolyn Cline of Linden captured the Reserve grand champion trophy in the Jersey Breed with her intermediate calf. Carolyn is a member of the State Road 4-H Club.

Rhonda K. Peterman who took grand and reserve grand Guernsey trophies in the open dairy show, won grand and reserve awards in the 4-H Guernsey competition with her entries Blossom and Amber.

In the Brown Swiss division Lori Rene Schultz, Muncy, of the 118 Ag 4-H Club won junior champion and grand champion trophies with her junior calf.

Winners of the Club Herd Class were: Bald Eagle, first; Lairdsville, second; and State Road, third.

Jim Burdette, Mercersburg, Pa. was type judge for the event; Joe Hartle, Bellefonte, Pa., showing judge; and Mary House, Spring Mills served as fitting judge.

Ayrshires

- 1 Todd Russell Senior Calf
- 1 Todd Russell, 2 Todd Russell Junior Yearling
- 1 Marilyn Kiess Summer Yearling
- 1 Marilyn Kiess

- Intermediate Yearling
- 1 Todd Russell Senior Yearling
- 1 Marilyn Kiess Junior Champion Ayrshire Todd Russell
- Reserve Junior Champion Ayrshire Marilyn Kiess
- Junior 2-year-olds
- 1 Marilyn Kiess Senior 2-year-olds
- 1 Todd Russell Dry Cow 3 years and over
- 1 Todd Russell, 2 Todd Russell Dam/Daughter
- 1 Todd Russell, 2 Todd Russell Senior and Grand Champion Ayrshire Todd Russell
- Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Todd Russell
- Brown Swiss Junior Calf
- 1 Lori Renee Schultz Junior Champion and Grand Champion Brown Swiss Lori Renee Schultz
- Guernsey Summer Yearling
- 1 Rhonda K Peterman Dry Cow 3 years and over
- 1 Rhonda K Peterman Senior and Grand Champion Guernsey Rhonda Peterman
- Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Guernsey Rhonda Peterman
- Jersey Intermediate Calf Class
- 1 Carolyn Cline Junior Yearling
- 1 Shannon Peterman, 2 Jennifer Schultz Junior Champion Jersey Carolyn Cline
- Reserve Junior Champion Jersey Yvonne Peterman
- 3-year-old
- 1 Shannon Peterman 4-year-old
- 1 Shannon Peterman Grand Champion Jersey Shannon Peterman
- Reserve Grand Champion Jersey Carolyn Cline
- Holstein Junior Calf
- 1 Melanie Jarrett, 2 Kristine Kulp, 3 Shannon Peterman Intermediate Calf
- 1 Jennifer Schultz, 2 Shannon Peterman, 3 Kathryn Jarrett Senior Calf
- 1 Dean R Showers, Jr., 2 Amanda Fraley, 3 Adam Fraley Junior Yearling
- 1 Yvonne K Peterman, 2 Cynthia Showers, 3 Seth Ulmer Jr Summer Yearling
- 1 Wayne Showers 2 Fay Jordan, 3 Beth Ann Cooley Intermediate Yearling
- 1 Brian L Snyder Junior Holstein Champion Jennifer Schultz
- Reserve Junior Holstein Champion Melanie Jarrett