

Pansy Blooms At Somerset County Holstein Show

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MEYERSDALE — In her first show ring outing, senior 2-year-old Hillmont Chairman Pansy earned grand championship honors, best animal bred and owned, best udder in her class, and helped her owners, Hillmont Farm, to be premier exhibitor banner at the Somerset County Holstein Show here July 22.

Tom Dum III, Perry County Holstein breeder, placed over 110 head in the evening event.

Hillmont Farm is a father and son partnership owned by Jay L. and Kirk A. Hillegass. Kirk noted that their grand champion, sired by Rockalli Son of Bova and out of Hillmont Glendell Pinky, had been scored officially just the day before the show and classified 88 with an Excellent mammary system. The Hillegasses plan to show the female across the state in coming months.

While Hillmont Farm has operated as a partnership since 1980, it is one of Pennsylvania's Century Farms. Father Jay said the operation always has been dairy, always Holsteins, and the last seven to eight years has accomplished a 100-percent registered herd with 120 cows in milk.

Leonard Maust of Meyersdale exhibited the reserve grand champion, Vonderbar Bell Amber, a 4-year-old cow showing dry. She is sired by Carlin-M Ivanhoe Bell and out of Vonderbar Magic Andrea.

Junior champion honors in the open and junior divisions went to Ryan L. Weimer of Boswell for his senior calf, Quaker-Farm Simon Treasure sired by Harmony-Corners Simon out of Quaker-Farm Thunder Storm.

Stepping into the winner's circle with the reserve junior champion of the open show were Paul and Sharon Fox of Rockwood RD. The senior yearling heifer, Golden-Circle TT Sallie, is by Hanover-Hill Triple Threat out of C-

Hanover-Hill Fond Sallie.

Premier breeder honors went to Sec-Win Farm of Somerset, owned by James W. Sechler and Bradwin C. Winters.

Paul Carr of Somerset ranged without a peer in the junior division judging as he marched his senior champion female to the grand championship, a summer yearling heifer to the reserve junior championship and captured the honors as premier breeder and premier exhibitor.

Pacing Carr's wins was 6-year-old Carrdale-P Triple Threat Marcy, the result of his own mating of Hanover-Hill Triple Threat to Carrdale-P Pete Misty. She also earned best udder in her class. Carr's reserve junior rosette was awarded to Carrdale-P Valiant Michelle by S-W-D Valiant out of Carrdale-P Pete Misty.

Paul, 19, is the son of Gerald and Patty Carr, and farms full time with his parents and assistance of brothers Dan and Mike. Paul is in charge of showing the Carrdale Holsteins.

The remaining purple honor, reserve grand champion in the junior division, went to Daniel Kimmel of Berlin with his junior 2-year-old Red and White cow. The entry, by Kimder Sophia out of Kimder Houdini Snowball, also earned first place and best udder in the open show as well as the junior judging.

Entries in this year's show, according to Somerset County Extension agent Robert Brown, were less than usual. He attributed it to the fact that Garret County, Md., from where the Somerset event traditionally draws exhibitors, had scheduled its own show just a day later.

County Dairy Princess Jenny Bennett presented ribbons to winners, including the following, listed in descending order of placing:

Open Division
Junior Bull Calf
1 Hillmont Farm



Dairy Princess Jenny Bennett, left, presents premier exhibitor banner to Hillmont Farm owners, from left, Jay Hillegass, Kirk and Tine Hillegass.

- Grand Champion Bull**
Hillmont Farm
- Junior Heifer Calf**
1 Jonathan Smiley, 2 Raymond Brown, 3 Craig Glessner
- Intermediate Heifer Calf**
1 Paul and Sharon Fox, 2 Daniel Ream, 3 Sarah Schwarm
- Senior Heifer Calf**
1 Ryan Weimer, 2 Magic Partners, 3 Paul and Sharon Fox
- Summer Yearling Heifer**
1. Paul Carr, 2 Brett Sechler, 3 Suzy Stutzman
- Junior Yearling Heifer**
1 Hillmont Farm, 2. Raymond Brown, 3 Ryan Weimer
- Intermediate Yearling Heifer**
1 Matthew Brown, 2 Lewis and Barbara Berkley, 3 Jennifer Ringler
- Senior Yearling Heifer**
1 Paul and Sharon Fox, 2 Brett Sechler, 3 Corey Will
- Best Three Junior Females**
1 Paul and Sharon Fox, 2 Hillmont Farm
- Dry Cow 4 Years and Under**
1 Leonard Maust, 2 Nancy E Berkley
- Dry Cow 5 Years and Over**
1 Laura Hillegass
- Junior 2 Year Old**
1 Daniel Kimmel, 2 Christopher Winters, 3 Ronald P. Kimmel
- Senior 2 Year Old**
1 Hillmont Farm, 2 Hillmont Farm, 3 Paul and Sharon Fox
- 3 Year Old**
1 Gina Berkley, 2 Helen Knepper, 3 Jennifer Brown
- 4 Year Old**
1 Sec Win Farm, 2 Michael Walker, Doug Sheeler
- 5 Year Old**
1 Lewis and Barbara Berkley, 2 Paul Carr
- 6 Years and Over**
1 Paul Carr, 2 Sec-Win
- Best Three Females**
1 Hillmont Farm
- Produce of Dam**
1 Nancy Berkley, 2 Paul Carr, 3 Terry Wayne Landis
- Dam and Daughter**
1 Hillmont Farm, 2 Helen Knepper, 3 Jennifer Brown
- Junior Division Junior Heifer Calf**
1 Jonathan Smiley, 2 Raymond Brown, 3 Craig Glessner
- Intermediate Heifer Calf**
1 Daniel Ream, 2 Sarah Schwarm, 3 James Glessner
- Senior Heifer Calf**
1 Ryan Weimer, 2 Jennifer Brown, 3 Celia Ott
- Summer Yearling Heifer**
1 Paul Carr, 2 Brett Sechler, 3 Suzy Stutzman
- Junior Yearling Heifer**
1 Raymond Brown
- Intermediate Yearling Heifer**
1 Matthew Brown, 2 Jennifer Ringler, 3 Christopher Winters
- Senior Yearling Heifer**
1 Brett Sechler, 2 Corey Will, 3 Scott College
- Junior 2 Year Old**
1 Daniel Kimmel, 2 Christopher Winters, 3 Ronald Kimmel
- Senior 2 Year Old**
1 Ryan Weimer
- 3 Year Old**
1 Jennifer Brown, 2 Andrew Lynch, 3 Michael Lynch
- 4 Year Old**
1 Michael Walker, 2 Doug Sheeler
- 5 Year Old**
1 Paul Carr
- 6 Years and Over**
1 Paul Carr



Paul Carr exhibited the senior champion of the junior division show.



Ryan L. Weimer showed the junior champion in both the open and junior divisions at Somerset County Holstein Show.

Manure Management Book Released

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has released an eight-booklet Manure Management Manual for use by farmers, DER personnel and others concerned with environmentally-sound agricultural practices.

"The publication of the manual is especially important in light of Pennsylvania's focus on the Chesapeake Bay," according to Paul Swartz, director of DER's Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, which assisted the Agricultural Advisory Committee to DER in the development of the manual. "Such a manure management program provides guidance to control excessive application of soil nutrients, a key to a cleaner Bay."

The manual explains how to use livestock manure to provide crop nutrients, improve soil structure, minimize fertilizer costs, and

reduce soil erosion potential. Additionally, such a program supports beneficial soil organisms, provides compost for nurseries, gardens or cropland, serves as a fuel substitute and functions as part of a refeeding program.

"A well-run program will provide economic benefits and protect the environment at the same time," Swartz explained:

Several methods of manure management have been developed to handle, store, use or dispose of manure. The approaches involve returning the manure to cropland as part of a crop management program. A manure-handling system can improve labor and equipment use and reduce costs, Swartz said.

The publication consists of a series of booklets, which can be ordered separately from DER. They are:

— "Manure Management for

Environmental Protection" includes information on legal and management aspects, safety, construction, operation and fly control for manure systems.

—"Field Application of Manure" discusses the use of manure for improving crop growth while protecting environmental quality.

—"Dairy Manure Management" provides information on basic handling and storage systems, odor control, system sizing, and milking center wastewater and runoff control.

—"Swine Manure Management" considers management alternatives, methane gas production and odor control.

—"Beef Manure Management"

—"Veal Calf Manure Management"

—"Horse, Sheep, Goat and Small Animal Management"