

Bedford County

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Lamb Show

Two Everett teens, both introduced to shepherding by former-neighbor Kathy Weaver-Claycomb, scooped up banners in the Bedford County Fair's Junior Market Lamb Show.

Top prize went to Candace Crawford, 14, a four-year veteran of the show ring, while reserve

honors went to Tammy McCloskey, the county's reigning sheep and wool queen.

Weaver-Claycomb was on hand to watch her proteges capture the honor that eluded her in many years of FFA showing.

Crawford exhibited a long-loined, 116-pound, black-faced lamb to a blue ribbon, the heavy-weight championship, and finally

the grand. McCloskey's 113-pound Suffolk paced its class and was chosen middleweight champion before going on to the reserve title.

In the winner's circle, also seeking the purple banner, was Nanette Whitfield of Schellsburg with her lightweight champion, a 100-pound crossbred.

Don Witt of Champion evaluated the 90-head offering, also conveying these lavender prizes:

Rhett Funston of Buffalo Mills, reserve heavyweight; Ginger Kegg of Bedford, reserve middleweight; Sonja Harclerode of New Paris, reserve lightweight.

Both champions earned record prices at the Fair's Junior Market Livestock Sale, with American Outfitters of Bedford bidding \$9.72 a pound for Crawford's lamb, and Mid-State Bank and Trust Co. nodding \$7.50 per pound

for McCloskey's winner.

Fifty-one lambs sold averaged \$1.63 including the champions, and \$1.35 excluding them.

Hog Show

Showing homebred Yorkshire-Duroc crossbreds, John and Julie Bechtel of New Enterprise drove their hogs to market champion banners in junior livestock judging.

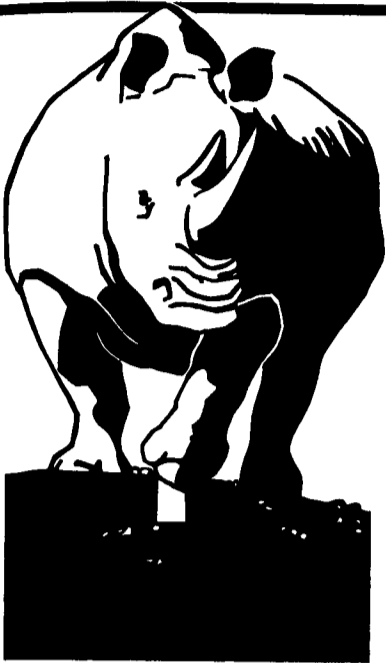
It was the first time they'd exhibited hogs bred on their own farm, the young people said.

John, 17, a June graduate of Northern Bedford County High School, displayed his 228-pound barrow to the grand championship while Julie, 16, a high school junior, took the next-highest prize with a 220-pound gilt.

Nelson Beam, commercial hog producer of Elverson, judged the 99-head show and awarded blue ribbons to these other class winners: Danielle Pepple of New Enterprise, Kim Claar of Woodbury, Mike Anderson and his sister Judy of Schellsburg, Ginger Kegg of Bedford, Kirk Diehl of Bedford.

Buyers bid record prices for the Bechtel entries as Everett Hardwood Lumber Co. of Everett paid \$11.30 per pound for the grand champion and Letrent's Pharmacy of Bedford gave \$9.25 a pound for the reserve.

Seventy individual hogs averaged \$1.38 a pound. The average, without the champions stood at \$1.11.



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