

Colored Breeds Shine

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — A drizzling rain may have kept Ronnie Milsap fans away from the Kutztown Fair Tuesday night but it couldn't slow the area's farm families down. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins lined the show ring to watch the youngsters compete in the fair's Colored Breeds Show.

Randy Balthaser, Bernville R.D. 1, had a banner evening. His Brown Swiss aged cows Windmill Balison Gilda and Victory Acres Wesley Nadie were named the Grand and Reserve champions for the breed. His senior calf, Northkill Creek N-Oreo was the reserve junior champion for the open show with Northkill Creek Custom Hazel, an intermediate calf, getting the reserve honors in the youth division.

While Randy took home the ribbons it was his younger brother Jason that got the real prize. His junior two-year-old Northkill Creek ESP Nifty gave birth to a heifer named Nexus just an hour after the show had ended. It was quite a birthday present for Jason who turned 14 the same day.

Pinesedge Farm had the junior champion of the open show. Sam Yoder, better known as a promoter of the Milking Shorthorn breed, was very pleased with the honor. "It's the first Brown Swiss we ever bred. She's kind of spoiled," he explained.

The Vail family of Myerstown also had a good day at the fair but instead of ending with a calf it began that way as daughter Jill's three-year-old Brown Swiss also gave birth to a heifer named Lindsey. Later in the evening Jill's mom, Karen exhibited her 4-year-old, Ayrshire, Timberlawn Starbright's Roxy who was honored as the breed's grand champion. Son Jed had the junior champion, a junior calf.

Chris Blatt was also busy picking up ribbons with his reserve grand champion, and reserve junior champion in the open show as well as the grand and reserve champion in the youth show.

The Hoch Family was waiting for a calf but Blossom, a perky little Jersey, waited until the next day to arrive. In the meantime Denise Hoch won the Jersey grand championship with her aged cow, Irish Creek Deni M. Giggles. John Koinski followed with his junior two-year-old, Irish Creek Stone Chocolate.

Junior honors went to Jennifer Neiman and her junior yearling, while Suzanne Dietrich's intermediate calf was the reserve.

Susan, Amy and Daniel Hollenbach dominated the Guernsey breed. Susan's 9-year-old, Almira of Mountview, was the grand champion while her dry cow Blue Mtn. View Admiral Angie, was chosen as the reserve. Amy's junior yearling was the junior champion followed by brother Dan's intermediate calf.

Pinesedge Farm also had a number of Milking Shorthorn winners including all the champions and reserves of the open show. Pinesedge Lassy Nilla, a dry cow, was named the champion of the event.

In the youth division Dwayne Brensinger's junior calf took top honors followed by an intermediate yearling belonging to Eliot Reimert. Both animals were bred by Pinesedge Farms.



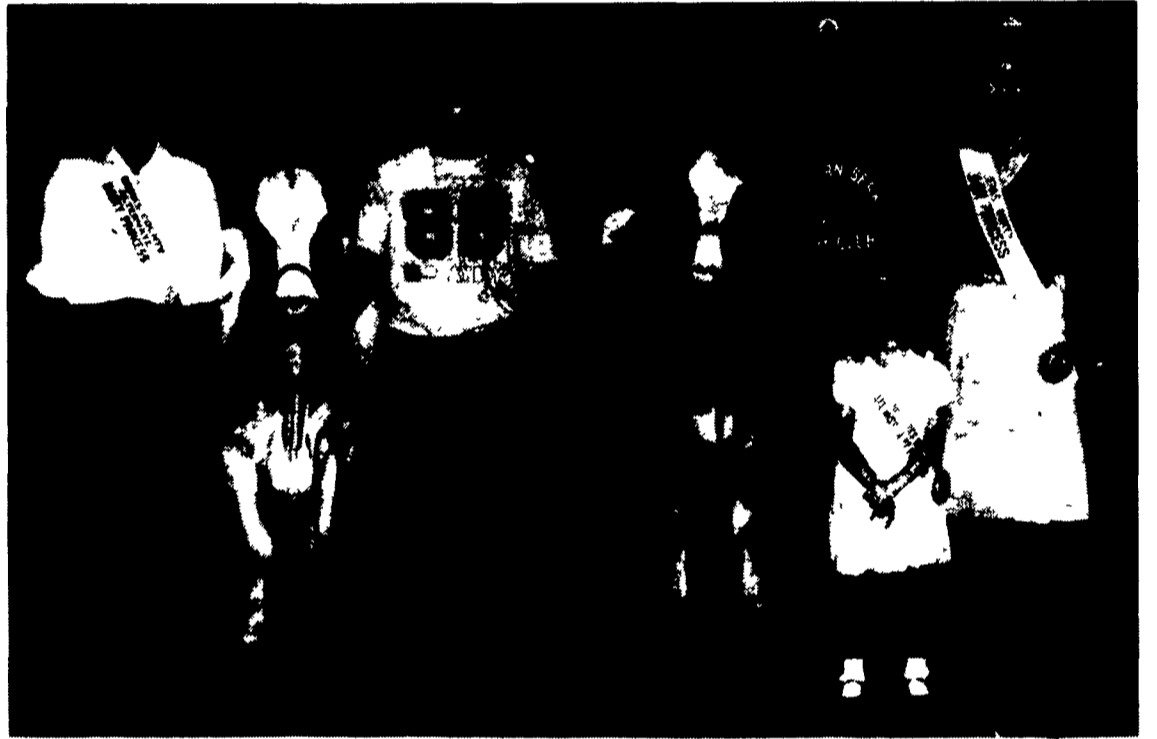
Denise Hoch's aged cow, Irish Creek Deni M. Giggles, topped the Jersey breed at the Kutztown Fair. John Koinski owned the reserve, a junior 2-year-old named Irish Creek Stone Chocolate.



Amy Hollenbach's junior yearling, Blue Mtn. View Ronda Mandy, was named the junior champion of the Guernsey breed at the Kutztown Fair. Her brother Don's intermediate calf was the reserve champion.

Dave Smith of Annville judged the event:

- Show Results**
Open and Youth
Ayrshire
 Grand Champion, open - Karen Vail
 Reserve, open - Chris Blatt
 Grand Champion, youth - Chris Blatt
 Reserve, youth - Chris Blatt
 Junior Champion, open and youth - Jed Vail
 Reserve, open and youth - Chris Blatt
 Jr. Calf - Jed Vail
 Sr. Calf, open - Andrea Koinski
 Junior Yearling - Chris Blatt
 Sr. Yearling - Chris Blatt
 3 Year Old, Chris Blatt
 4 Year Old Open
 1. Karen Vail, 2. Chris Blatt, Youth - Chris Blatt.
- Dam and Daughter**
 1. Karen Vail
- Best Udder**
 1. Karen Vail, 2. Chris Blatt.
- Club Herd**
 1. Western Berks.
- Brown Swiss**
 Grand Champion, Randy Balthaser
 Reserve, Randy Balthaser
 Junior Champion, Pinesedge Farm
 Reserve, Randy Balthaser
 Jr. Champion, youth, Randy Balthaser
 Reserve, Randy Balthaser
 Intermediate calf, Randy Balthaser
 Sr. Calf, Randy Balthaser
 Summer Yearling, Tammy Balthaser
 Jr. Yearling, open, Pinesedge Farm
 Dry Cow, open
 1. Randy Balthaser, 2. Jennifer Hoffman, 3. Pinesedge Farm.
- Dry Cow Youth**
 1. Randy Balthaser, 2. Jennifer Hoffman.
- Jr. Two Year Old**
 1. Jason Balthaser, 2. Randy Balthaser, 3. Jason Balthaser.
- 3 Year Olds**
 1. Jason Balthaser, 2. Jill Vail.
- 4 Year Old**
 1. Randy Balthaser.



Chris Blatt (right) owned and exhibited both the grand and reserve grand champion Ayrshire in the youth division. Jimmy Blatt (left) is at the halter of the reserve champion.

- 5 Years And Older**
 1. and 2. Randy Balthaser.
- Best Udder**
 1. and 2. Randy Balthaser.
 Sr. Get of Sire, Randy Balthaser
 Dairy Herd, Randy Balthaser
 Produce of Dam, Jason Balthaser

- Dam and Daughter**
 1. Randy Balthaser, 2. Randy Balthaser, 3. Pinesedge Farm.
- Club Herd, Western Berks**
 Best Three Females, Jason Balthaser
Guernsey
 Grand Champion, Susan Hollenbach

- Reserve, Susan Hollenbach**
 Junior Champion, Amy Hollenbach
 Reserve, Daniel Hollenbach
- Jr. Calf**
 1. Becky Snyder, 2 and 3. Amy Hollenbach.