

HAPPENINGS



Showman winners of Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Show. From left to right, reserve senior showman Drew Sterner of Bechtelsville; senior showman Amy Plummer of Chalfont; junior showman Zachary Quigley of Lansdale; and reserve junior showman Lizzie Moser of Gilbertsville.



1992 4-H Fair Costume Calf Contest, Adams County 4-H members Jonathan Murren (left) and Jesse Murren came up with the winning Dairy Calf Costume contest. They were assisted by County Commissioner Richard Waybright, holding the calf. Other dignitaries helping with the contest were: County Treasurer George Stock (center) and Congressman Bill Goodling (right).

Montgomery County Dairy 4-H'ers Compete

CREAMERY (Montgomery Co.) — The Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Show was held recently at the Montgomery County 4-H Center as part of the 4-H Fair.

A total of 44 animals with all six major dairy breeds represented were exhibited by 18 members of the Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Club.

The dairy cattle were judged for type (body structure) and fitting (how well the animal is groomed). In addition, each 4-H'er was judged on their ability to show their bovine during the contest.

This year, a supreme champion of all six breeds was named at the show. Receiving top honors was Amy Plummer of Chalfont who exhibited a junior 2-year-old Jersey. One gallon of milk from this Jersey was later auctioned off to the top bidder, Merrymead Farm, for \$600 as part of Montgomery County's Market Animal Sale.

Holsteins exhibited by Drew Sterner of Bechtelsville and Zachary Quigley of Lansdale were the Holstein grand champion and reserve, respectively. Grand and reserve grand champion for the 5 color breeds are as follows: Ayrshire, Seth Wolfgang of Bechtelsville; Brown Swiss, Jonathan and Katie Sterner of Bechtelsville; Guernsey, Rebecca Myers of Green Lane and Karen Wolfgang of Bechtelsville; Jersey, Amy and Paul Plummer of Chalfont; Milking Shorthorn, Danielle Breaux of Salfordville.

The fitting and showing portion of the dairy show was divided into two age groups, juniors ages of 8-13 and seniors ages 14-19. Zachary Quigley of Lansdale received junior fitting honors and Karen Wolfgang of Bechtelsville received reserve. Junior showman awards were won by Zach Quigley of Lansdale and Lizzie Moser of Gilbertsville. For the Senior 4-H'ers, Paul and Amy Plummer won first and second place in the fitting contest, and Amy Plummer and Drew Sterner of Bechtelsville won first and second place in the showman contest.

All blue ribbon animals were eligible for the Southeastern District Dairy Show, with participants representing nine counties. Montgomery County 4-H'ers fared well at the district dairy show held August 21 at Kutztown. Ayrshire grand champion was exhibited by Seth Wolfgang. Brown Swiss reserve junior champion was exhibited by Jonathan Sterner. Jersey grand champion was exhibited by Amy Plummer and the reserve junior champion animal was exhibited by Paul Plummer.

Ten Montgomery County 4-H'ers are eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, which will be held Monday, September 21 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Eligible 4-Hers include Danielle Breaux, Rebecca Myers, Amy Plummer, Paul Plummer, Zachary Quigley, Drew Sterner, Jonathan Sterner, Katie Sterner, Karen Wolfgang, and Seth Wolfgang.

All participants of the 4-H dairy show were required to complete a project book for each animal. The 4-H dairy experience helps teach the basics in how to care for animals and the economics involved with raising dairy animals. For more information on Montgomery County's 4-H dairy program, contact Tim Fritz at (215)489-4315.

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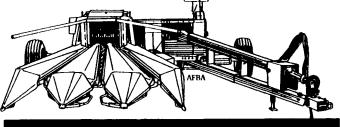
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