

Stephanie Wagner Shows Third Lebanon Supreme Dairy Animal

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Stephanie Wagner, daughter of Vince and Julie Wagner, Myerstown, on Tuesday took home the trophy for showing the supreme dairy animal at the Lebanon Area Fair. It was her third supreme title and the second in a row.

The Lebanon Area Fair was held this week with youth and open dairy shows being held Tuesday for all breeds, except for Holsteins. The Holstein open class show was held yesterday, past newspaper deadline.

The competition for supreme dairy animal is the final event of the day, held among the FFA and 4-H contestants who showed grand champion animals in the five respective dairy breeds.

There is a maximum of 10 animals that can be in the ring for the final selection. On Tuesday there were seven grand champions, since there were no FFA entries in three of the colored breeds.

Wagner not only took home the top trophy for her aged cow, Ju-Vindale Tradition Bobbie, born September 1984, but she also won

the fair's Best Bred and Owned competition, winning a savings bond from Lebanon Agway Inc.

The Best Bred and Owned competition is perhaps the most demanding for the youth since it is based on a compilation of points derived from several efforts — the bred and owned 4-H project animal itself, the project book, showmanship and fitting.

The maximum points possible is 50, broken down to 20 for the project book, and 10 points each for the other three areas.

Stephanie won with 48 points, edging out Jesse Bomgardner who had 47.5 points, and Kevin Bomgardner with 47 points.

Each received a savings bond from Agway.

Stephanie said her aged cow, dam to Wagner's last year supreme champion, "has always done well by me. I don't know what else to say. I'm very, very happy."

The final two competitions were held Tuesday evening and judged by Holstein judge David Castrogiavanni, of Montrose, who also farms more than 500 acres and milk 250 registered Holsteins.

"This was a big show and the qualify ran real deep. The big thing



From the left, the best bred and owned dairy cattle of the Lebanon Area Fair are, from third place to first, Kevin Hostetter, Jesse Hostetter, and Stephanie Wagner. Joining are the Lebanon Area Fair royalty — from the left, Amy Burkhart, Jamie Irwin (fair queen), Jenny Maulfair (little miss), Stacy Krall, and Jennifer Bashore. Wagner also showed the supreme dairy animal of the 4-H and FFA entries.

is the quality running real deep at the show. It's not that commone at county 4-H shows to have classes with more than 30 entries," he said. "Those are really big classes. There may be one or two other counties with (show of a similar stature), but it is very atypical," Castrogiavanni said.

The judge also commented on the new facilities at the Lebanon

fairgrounds. "It is by far the nicest (show facility) I ever judged at."

The colored breed shows were judged by John Morris.

Wagner's Holstein was also 4-H grand champion of the Holstein show followed by reserve grand champion Loving Meadows Lover Girl, shown by Jay Bomgardner, of Ono.

The FFA grand champion Hols-

tein was 4-year-old Loving Meadows Persimmon, bred, owned and shown by Kevin Bomgardner, also of Ono. The FFA reserve grand champion was Kathy Mase's Ken-Ire Isaac Corrin, a 3-year-old owned and bred cow.

In the Ayrshire breed, the Hernley family — Merrit, Heather and Amber — showed the grand
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Garrett Mase holds the halter of his reserve grand champion Brown Swiss.



From the left, Jamie Irwin, Lebanon fair queen, stands with Brent Shuey and Jesse Bomgardner who hold the halter of their junior champions, with



Alicia Mase, holds her trophy and the halter of her 4-H and open class grand champion Brown Swiss.



From the left, Merrit Hernley and friend Neil Kittle show the Ayrshire grand and reserve grand champion cows.