

Troy Fair Offers Numerous Dairy Events

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TROY (Bradford Co.) — A number of dairy events were held at the Troy Fair, held July 26 through July 31.

Throughout the week the schedule was full with the 4-H and FFA Dairy Show followed by a sale of milk from the breed and supreme champions of those youth shows, dairy promotions, open class colored breed shows and a Holstein show.

Judging the shows were Jim Shaw, Mercersburg; Paul Anderson, State College; David Resse, Pine City, N.Y.; and James Burnett, Pine City, N.Y.

In the youth shows, the grand champion Brown Swiss was shown by John Yurkanin, son of Blair and Cammy Yurkanin, of Columbia Cross Roads. The reserve grand champion was shown by Melissa Hillyard, daughter of Ben and Kathy Hillyard, of Ulster.

The Ayrshire grand champion was shown by Karen Neville, daughter of Debbie and Vince Neville, of Little Meadows. The reserve grand champion Ayrshire was shown by Samantha Hillyard, daughter of Ben and Kathy.

Janie Cole, daughter of Larry and Mikkie Cole, Milan, showed the grand champion Jersey. Samantha Hillyard showed the reserve grand champion.

In the youth Holstein show, the grand champion was shown by Danielle Sparling, daughter of Al and Mary Sparling, of Troy. Sparling's 4-year-old Allegen Dixiecraft Barbara also was named supreme champion dairy animal of all the youth shows.

The reserve grand champion Holstein was shown by Amy Packard, daughter of Richard and Marilyn Packard, of Troy.

As part of a local dairy promotion, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, the organizers of the fair hold an auction of milk from the champions of the breeds, in milk, of course. In the case of the Jersey champion which was dry, a large jar of Hershey Kisses was auctioned off.

For the sale, a quart of milk from each breed champion and a gallon of milk from the supreme champion is auctioned off and purchased with the intention of overpaying in order to support the youths' efforts to improving themselves, either

directly through practical application or through further education.

Auctioneer for the sale was Bob Shaylor, of Troy.

Milk from the champion Brown Swiss was bought for \$170 by Pelton Trucking; the reserve champion's milk was purchased for \$150 by Crossroads Equipment.

The milk from the champion Ayrshire was bought by Cortland Tires for \$250. The reserve champion's milk was bought for \$170 by Pelton Trucking.

Sunnydale Farms bought the Hershey Kisses for the Jersey champion and paid \$180. The reserve champion Jersey's milk brought a price of \$180 from Wilbur Croch, of Columbia Crossroads.

Hickok Veal Farm paid \$800 for the gallon jug of milk from the Supreme champion of the fair, while Crossroads Equipment paid \$160 for the reserve champion Holstein's milk.

In addition to milk sold, three baskets were offered for sale, donated by Nancy Hettich, of Sylvania, Spring Creek Collection, of Troy, and Barnyard Bazaar, in Milan.

The baskets were bought by Milk Way for \$120, Pelton Trucking for \$130 and Judson's Inc. for \$130.

In addition, during the auction there was an ice cream sundae eating contest and a "celebrity" dairy judging contest, in addition to operating a milk shake booth, sponsored by the Bradford County Dairy Association.

During the open shows, in the Brown Swiss competition, Elm Brook Proud Blenna, owned by John Yirkanin Jr., of Columbia Crossroads, was named grand champion. A Johan Proud Matthew daughter, her dam was Elm Brook King Glenda.

In the Holstein competition, senior and grand champion was 3-year-old Splendor Ridge Afton, bred and owned by Richard and Wilbur Wheeler, of Gillett.

The reserve senior and reserve grand champion Holstein was Wesauking R Man Mary Jo-red, owned by Gen-Rich Farms and Reed.

Dale Olver, of State College and a Penn State University dairy extension specialist, judged the Ayrshire and Jersey shows.

In the Ayrshire breed, the senior

and grand champion was Sycamore Mead Champs Renie, an 8-year-old showed by Doug and Donna Stewart, who also showed the reserve grand champion, senior 3-year-old Perrowmont Claire's Topsy.

The junior champion was Maple Flat Ares Rosie, an intermediate winter yearling owned and bred by

Danielle Sparling.

The reserve junior champion Holstein was Royal Haven Inspire Quill, a junior spring yearling, owned and bred by Lynn and Bonnie Miller. Quill is a Hanover Hill Inspiration daughter.

Supreme champion cow of the open division competition of all dairy breeds was the grand champ-

ion Holstein, owned by Richard and Wilbur Wheeler.

It is the first supreme champion for the Wheelers. Richard Wheeler has been showing 30 years and it was their fourth try at the Troy Fair. According to Wheeler, he had previously shown a junior champion Holstein and a champion Jersey.



From the left, Amy VanBlarcum, Bradford County dairy princess, holds a gallon of milk from the supreme champion dairy animal of the Troy Fair youth dairy cattle shows, this 4-year-old Holstein Allegen Dixiecraft Barbara, being led by Danielle Sparling, owner.



From the left, Kristen McBride and Samantha Hillyard present a trophy for reserve grand and senior champion to the leadman of Wesauking R Man Mary Jo-red, while Wilbur Wheeler receives the trophy for owning (in partnership) the grand champion Holstein and supreme champion dairy animal of the Troy Fair, Splendor Ridge Afton. Helping to present the trophy is Amy VanBlarcum and Angel Butcher.

State FFA Officers Visit Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. — FFA student leaders from across the nation were welcomed by Senator Richard Lugar during the 1993 FFA State Presidents' Conference.

The six-day conference, which began Monday, July 26, prepared the state leaders for their responsibilities as delegates and committee chairs for the 66th National FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., in November. They also spent time at the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Va., to learn about organizational programs, activities, awards and publications in order to provide leadership in their home states. State officers are responsible for working with local chapter officer teams.

On Thursday, a congressional luncheon featured remarks from Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana and from Kurt Ritter, truck mar-

keting manager, Chevrolet Motor Division. The conference schedule also included a visit with USDA Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger and visits to the congressional offices of the students' senators and representatives.

Conference workshop sessions were led by the national FFA officer team. Travis Park, national president from Franklin, Ind., said, "This conference exposes student leaders to new ways of motivating members, to new ideas on how to increase participation and to practical suggestions on being a better leader."

The FFA State Presidents' Conference is sponsored by Chevy Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. In addition to the youth leaders' conference, national meetings were also held for FFA Alumni state leaders.



From the left, Amy VanBlarcum, Bradford County dairy princess, stands with Lynn Miller, who holds the halter of his reserve junior champion Holstein, and Danielle Sparling, who holds the halter of her junior champion. Also pictured is Samantha Hillyard, Ayrshire princess.