

# Allen Hill Farm Wins Big At Fayette Show

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— At the conclusion of the 10-day Fayette County Fair, a diversified family partnership carried home a load of trophies.

The Allen Hill Dairy, Smock, won the premier exhibitor award, and showed the open grand champion, the 4-H grand champion, and 4-H reserve champion in the Black and White show recently.

According to Jay Espenshade, Fayette County extension agent, entries for the show were up about 10 percent from last year. He attributes the rise to an increased interest in the 4-H program of the county.

Fayette County 4-H membership is up about 20 percent this year. "We had the 4-H show separate this year to give recognition to the work put into the program," said Espenshade. Judge for the show was Holstein breeder Jim Burdette, Wind Noll View Holstein Farms, Mercersburg.

The Allen Hill Farm is a partnership between brothers Ron and Rick Allen and their families. In addition to the approximately 250-acre farm, with a dairy herd of about 125, the Allens have a retail outlet located on Rt. 51 and host Halloween hayrides during the month of October.

The next district Holstein exhibition will be the Mon Valley Area Show on September 6. Call Jay Espenshade, extension agent for Fayette County, at (412) 438-0111 for more information.

## FAYETTE BLACK AND WHITE SHOW RESULTS

### FIRST PLACE WINNERS LISTING FAYETTE COUNTY BLACK AND WHITE SHOW 4-H

4-H Class: Spring Heifer Calf - Owner Shelby Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Raider Gabby Gem.

4-H Class: Winter Heifer Calf - Owner Taylor Aline, Entry Allen-Hill Raider Dash Gem.

4-H Class: Fall Heifer Calf - Owner Charles E. Marietta, Entry East-Vue Mascot Molly.

4-H Class: Summer Yearling Heifer - Owner Charles E. Marietta, Entry East-Vue Trendy Trish.

4-H Class: Spring Yearling Heifer - Owner Taylor A. Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Voltage Daneka.

4-H Class: Winter Yearling Heifer - Owner Courtney L. Allen, Entry Allen-Hill StarBuck Sasha.

4-H Class: Fall Yearling Heifer - Owner Derek Harvey, Entry Jackson-Farm Leadman Patty.

4-H Class: Junior Two-Year-Old - Owner Taylor Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Mark Ellie D, 4-H Grand Champion.

4-H Class: Senior Two-Year-Old - Owner Jill E. Jackson, Entry Jackson-Farm Boutonniere Jo.

4-H Class: Senior Three-Year-Old - Owner Taylor Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Valor Daneen, Reserve Champion.

4-H Class: Five-Year-Old - Owner Kim Thomas, Entry Jackson-Farm Kasper Ginger.

### OPEN CLASS

Open Class: Spring Heifer Calf - Owner Shelby Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Raider Gabby Gem.

Open Class: Winter Heifer Calf - Owner Rankin Farm, Entry Rankin Dixiecrat Lassie, Junior Reserve Champion.

Open Class: Fall Heifer Calf - Owner Charles E. Marietta, Entry East-Vue Mascot Molly.

Open Class: Summer Yearling Heifer - Owner Charles E. Marietta, Entry East-Vue Trendy Trish.

Open Class: Spring Yearling Heifer - Owner Taylor A. Allen, Entry Allen-Hill Voltage Daneka, Junior Champion.

Open Class: Winter Yearling Heifer - Owner Courtney L. Allen, Entry, Allen-Hill StarBuck Sasha.

Open Class: Fall Yearling Heifer - Owner Derek Harvey, Entry Jackson-Farm Leadman Patty.

Open Class: Junior Best Three Females - Owner Allen Hill Dairy.

Open Class: Dry Cow Four Years & Under - Owner Allen & Terry Kuehn, Entry Diamond-Cut Mike Eclipse-E.T.

Open Class: Dry Cow Five Years & Older - Owner Rankin Farms.



Premier exhibitors in the Fayette County Fair Black and White Show went to Ron and Rick Allen of Allen Hill Farms as premier exhibitors and to Bill Jackson as premier breeder. Joyce Strong, 1993 Fayette County Fair Queen, separates the competitors. Photos by David Hiebert.

Open Class: Junior Two-Year-Old - Owner Jason L. Rankin, Entry Rankin-Kitten Astro Jet Kitty.

Open Class: Senior Two-Year-Old - Owner Jill E. Jackson, Entry Jackson-Farm Boutonniere Jo.

Open Class: Junior Three-Year-Old - Owner Trent Steyer, Entry Steyer Farm Tornado Courtney.

Open Class: Senior Three-Year-Old - Owner Lisa J. Rankin, Entry Rankin Barb Hi-Lo Twinkle, Reserve Champion Senior Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female.

Open Class: Four-Year-Old - Owner Allen Hill Dairy, Entry Allen-Hill Very Dusk, Senior Champion Female and Grand Champion Female.

Open Class: Five-Year-Old - Owner Jackson Farms, Entry Jackson-Farm Kasper Bianca.

Open Class: 100,000 - Owner Rankin Farm, Entry Rankin Kay Kitten Sexation.

Open Class: Six Years & Older - Owner Allen Hill Dairy, Entry Allen-Hill Carmine Gene Gem.

Open Class: Best Udder - Owner Allen Hill Dairy.

Open Class: Best Three Females - Owner Rankin Farm.

Open Class: Produce of Dam - Owner Rankin Farm.

Open Class: Dam and Daughter - Owner Allen Hill Dairy.



In the 4-H competition at the Fayette County Fair Black and White Show, the winner had to call for help from his cousin, since two of his animals won. On the left, Taylor Allen holds the 4-H grand champion, the junior 2-year-old entry from Allen Hill Farms. Cousin Danielle Allen helps out with the reserve champion, the senior 3-year-old entry from Allen Hill Farms. Both young people have been a part of 4-H for six years.



Fayette County Fair Black and White (Holstein) winners are senior reserve and reserve champion female shown by Rodney Rankin, Rankin Farm and the senior champion and grand champion female with Ron and Rick Allen of Allen Hill Farms.



On the left, Jill Rankin holds the ribbons and trophies for the junior reserve champion at the Fayette County Black and White Show. On the right is junior champion held by Taylor A. Allen of Allen Hill Farms.

## Witmer Honored

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The American Guernsey Association has recently honored Raymond F. Witmer, of Willow Street, for his distinguished service to the breed at the National Guernsey Convention in Dubuque, Iowa.

Witmer's dairy career began in 1937 when he bought his first registered Guernsey as a 4-H calf. In 1952, with the help of his wife Louise, he purchased the home farm from his parents. The couple raised four children.

With his herd of Guernseys at Penn Del Farm, Witmer owned the high herd for fat in his county and the nation as well as developing two gold star sires, Golden Harvest King Cole, and Lake Louise Kings Reliable, both of which went into artificial insemination (A.I.) use.

The Penn Del herd was on official test from its formation in 1952, until it was dispersed in 1988.

From 1961 forward, Penn Del Farm was a regular recipient of the Gold Star Breeder Award. Their milk was sold under the Golden Guernsey label to a local dairy until bought out by a larger regional dairy.

Witmer paid close attention to

production and type to develop a herd with uniformity and longevity.

Witmer has strong ties in the dairy community. Elsie Wolff, a fellow Pennsylvania Guernsey breeder, said Witmer has "always been a strong supporter of the Guernsey cow and (the breed's) potential to be a leader among the dairy breeds."

"Raymond is respected in his community as a leader and willing to lend a helping hand," she said.

Witmer was certified as an approved judge for all breeds in Pennsylvania by the state's Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) and judged cattle for nearly 20 years.

He was also active showing cattle in Maryland, Harrisburg, Madison, Wis., and Louisville, Ky.

Penn Del Farm hosted the Pennsylvania PDCA judging school twice, along with numerous 4-H, FFA and college judging teams

over the years.

In 1987, Witmer received the Charles Cowen Memorial Award for leadership contributing to the improvement and promotion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry from the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association.

He received a certificate of appreciation in 1975 from the American Guernsey Cattle Club for sincere dedication and leadership in the Guernsey industry while serving as a member of the board of directors from 1965 to 1975. In 1964, the American Grassland Council named him recipient of their Outstanding Pennsylvania Farmer Award.

A member of National Dairy Shrine, a past chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Guernsey Sires, past president of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association, and a director and class sponsor of the Pennsylvania All-American Show, he has also been the president for Guernsey Restaurants Inc. for six years.

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