

Sister Teams Tie For Top Honors At Tioga Shows

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— Two pairs of sisters tied for the top awards of premier breeder and premier exhibitor amongst heavy competition at the Black and White Open Dairy Show during the Tioga County Fair held Saturday, Aug. 14.

Teresa and Trisha McIlwain, daughters of William and Diane McIlwain of Canton, and Olivia and Charity Courtney, daughters of Harold and Sherry Courtney of Mansfield, paraded their animals with professional pride numerous times around the arena, collecting ribbons and garnering the points which tied them for the premier awards.

Teresa showed five cows and two heifers, while Trisha showed one heifer. The McIlwain girls have been members of Country Warriors 4-H club 11 and 4 years respectively, and have showed animals every year. Teresa, 19, served as the 1992 Tioga County Fair Queen and attends Penn Tech at Williamsport, where she is majoring in occupational therapy. Trisha, 12 years old, attends school in Canton.

Olivia showed two milking cows, one dry cow, and a summer yearling. Charity showed two cows and a calf. Also participating in the Courtney family showing

were the girls' brother Hal with a calf and father Harold with a cow. Olivia, 14, and Charity, 12, both attend Mansfield High School while Hal, 9, is a student at the Warren L. Miller Elementary School. The three siblings are members of Classical Cows 4-H group and have been showing animals six, four, and one year, respectively.

Other top awards went to Herman Bishop of Roaring Branch, junior champion; Brenda Robson Hodder of Mansfield, reserve junior champion; Ty-Ly View Farms of Trout Run, senior champion; and Olivia Courtney, reserve senior champion.

Gordon Wood of Mansfield, whose own cows were well represented throughout the competition, spotted the senior and reserve senior champions well before the judge made his selections known. A respected cattle judge, Wood sat on the sidelines and mentally compared his animals to the others in the arena. Of the two cows which were later named senior champion and reserve senior champion, Wood said, "(Paul) Moyer's (of Ty-Ly View Farms) cow and Courtney's cow are both fine animals. There's no question in my mind that they are winners. Moyer's cow lacks the power up front that Courtney's cow has, and Courtney's cow has longer teats, which is good, but both animals deserve to win."



Matt Watkins of Little Marsh presents his grand champion market hog to Gilbert Harris, representing buyer Hatfield Quality Meats.



Paul Moyer, center, leads senior champion Holstein C Penlow Irma Jethro of Ty-Ly-View Farm in Roaring Branch while Olivia Courtney, right, holds her reserve senior champion Holstein Esbern Enhancer Bute Buddy. Both animals also took grand champion and reserve grand champion, respectively. Dairy Maid Jennifer Johnson, left, presented the awards.



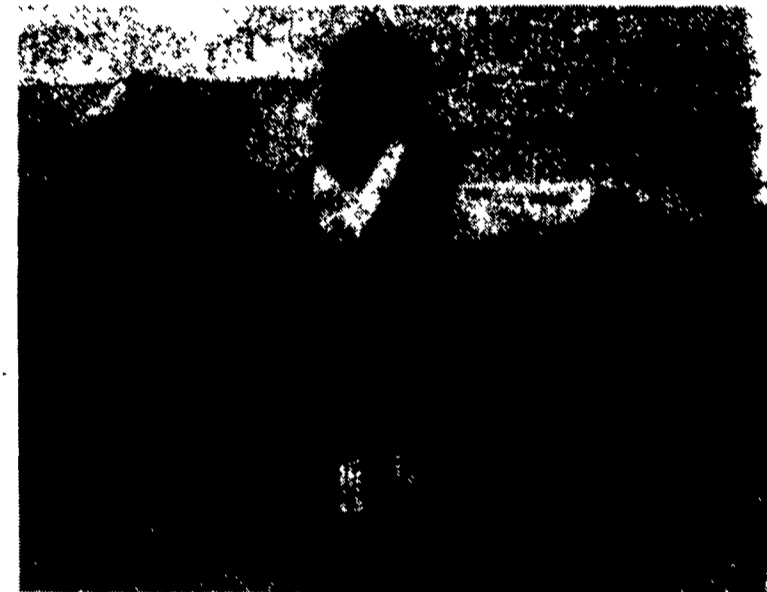
Brenda Robson Hodder of Mansfield led her Jersey Bren-Delite Daffodil, a junior 2-year-old, to grand champion in the open division.



The Henry Cooper Memorial Award was presented to Brett Glee of Knoxville for his supreme champion ewe.



Grand champion Ayrshire in the open division is Blue-Devils Star Buttercup, a four-year-old owned by Kevin E. Wales, Jr. of Millerton.



Tioga County Dairy Princess Rebecca Bechtel of Covington took grand champion Brown Swiss with her 6-year-old Shady Creek Ida Isabell K.



Matt Nickeson of Wellsboro holds his grand champion market lamb for buyer Clyde Beard of Cowanesque Valley Livestock Market.



Grand champion Guernsey in the 4-H and open divisions is Castles King Flash Gloria, owned by David L. Kriner of Mansfield.



Joseph Sweely's 3-year-old Jersey Stoney Knob Brigadier Valarie took grand champion in the 4-H and Vocational Dairy Show.



Stacey Graves of Little Marsh leads her grand champion market steer in the arena at the Junior Livestock Sale.