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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — A 5-year-old Holstein owned by Delaware Valley College was named supreme dairy cow Wednesday at the Allentown Fair, while a Jersey bull owned by Mildred Seeds, of Hill-Top Farm, Downingtown, was named supreme dairy bull of the show.

The show was judged by Steve Neely, manager of sire procurement at Sire Power Inc., Tunkhannock.

Delaware Valley College is a traditional exhibitor at the fair, with dairy science students exhibiting some of the college's animals. The large framed Holstein showed the most overall balance, strength in legs and feet and correctness in mammary system, according to Neely.

To win the title, Seeds showed her Jersey bull calf to beat out a Brown Swiss calf shown by Jonathon Sterner, and a Holstein yearling calf shown by Steven Dietrich.

Seeds, who showed last year's supreme champion cow, is a well-known Jersey breeder using her Top-O-Hill Farm name as a registration prefix. She is also known for her years of work encouraging and enabling youth to participate in dairy shows, and learn how to care, handle and exhibit dairy animals.

Jonathon Sterner and sister Katie Sterner, were first year exhibitors at the Allentown Fair, according to show officials.

A total of six new exhibitors were added to the lineup of annual exhibitors, according to show officials, mostly adding some animals to the colored breed shows.

New to the show, Lizzie Moser showed the only Milking Shorthorn, an intermediate calf, to win the grand championship of that breed. She also entered animals which finished in at least the top three of a class in the Holstein and Guernsey breeds.

Tarik Gaffney and Christine Michalik showed Jerseys. Others, whose animals didn't fare well in the showing, also participated in the showmanship and fitting contests, such as Katie Harwick and Michalik and Jolene Compagnone.

In the 4-H fitting show, first year champion was Katie Harwick, followed by Christine Michalik.

In the intermediate-age level, Tarik Gaffney was top fitter, followed by Karen Wolfgang and Lizzie Moser.

Among the senior aged 4-H youth, Amy Plummer was the top fitter, while Shannon Semmel and Katie Sterner followed.

In 4-H showmanship, Christine Michalik was first among the first year contestants, followed by Katie Harwick.

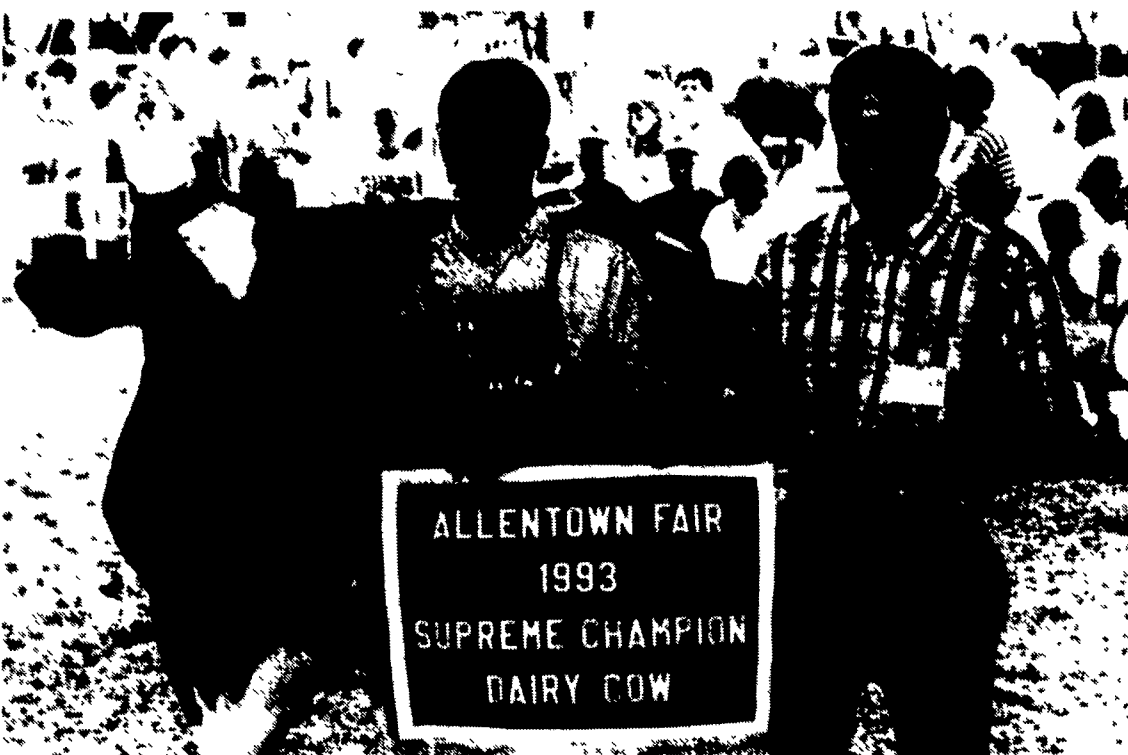
In the intermediate age group, Tarik Gaffney was the top showman, followed by Karen Wolfgang.

In the senior age showmanship contest, Plummer was first, followed by Katie Sterner and Jonathon Sterner.

The Allentown dairy show also holds an FFA division competition, although entries are light. Steven Dietrich was both the top FFA showman and fitter. Dietrich also swept the other FFA competition with his five Holsteins entered as both open and FFA show contenders.

In the Ayrshire breed open show, Delaware Valley College showed the grand champion, while Seth Wolfgang showed the reserve grand champion and the reserve

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Scott Youse and show judge Steve Neely both hold up the banner proclaiming this 5-year-old Delaware Valley College Holstein to be the supreme dairy cow of the Allentown Fair.



Carl Miller shows his grand champion rosette awarded his Guernsey in the open show at Allentown Fair.



From the left, show judge Steve Neely holds the banner while Mildred Seeds holds the halter of her supreme champion dairy bull, her Jersey calf.



From the left, Mildred Seeds holds the halter of her reserve grand champion Jersey of the open show at Allentown Fair, while Amy Plummer shows her grand champion.



Heidi Miller shows off Carl Miller's reserve grand champion.

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