

# Mifflin County Holds Youth Fair

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LEWISTOWN (Mifflin Co.) — A snow and ice disaster crushed the roof of the "green building" at the Mifflin County Youth Park this past March but did little to dampen the ever-growing youth programs at the Mifflin County Youth Fair.

Community support and the spirit of volunteerism kicked into action soon after the weather broke and workers raised the roof in plenty of time for the August Youth Fair. Funding goal for the structure reached \$80,000 but once again the community sent a strong message of support and encouragement to area youth by making the 4-H and FFA livestock sale the best in years.

Held Friday evening of fair week, the record-setting livestock sale brought in \$69,772.94 for 4-H'ers and FFA'ers who auctioned off their goat, sheep, swine, beef, and, for the first time ever, market rabbit projects.

Several swine, goats, and lambs were sent back to the auction block for resale with proceeds, totaling \$2,152.25, donated to the Youth Park Disaster Fund. The Mifflin County 4-H Junior Lead-

ers earned \$518.70 through resale for their exchange program.

A gallon of milk from the grand champion dairy cow sold at auction for \$195. Steele's Rental in Lewistown purchased the milk. Belleville's Agway donated the stainless steel milk can and proceeds will benefit the Youth Park Fair Board.

First year Beef Club member Jonas Glick saw his grand champion animal sell to Hoss's Steak and Seahouse for \$3 per pound, bringing a total of \$3,435 for the 1,145-pound animal. Last year's champion sold for \$2.25 per pound. The reserve grand champion steer, owned by Josh Bowen, went to the Camelot Restaurant for \$1,440, bringing \$1.20 per pound for a 1,200-pound steer.

Matt Kline's grand champion swine sold for \$3.90 per pound. Ed Lash bought the 239-pound pig. The reserve grand champion swine, owned by Luke Savitts, went for \$3.10 per pound.

Allensville Planing Mill bought Timothy Blystone's grand champion lamb for \$3.85 per pound, while the reserve grand champion went to Mike's Landscaping for \$3.30 per pound. Ashley Blystone owned that animal.

The grand champion goat sold for \$2.85 per pound. Olde Mill Pet and Garden bought the 74-pound animal owned by Becky Seitz. Paul and Louise Brown of Paul Brown Excavating bought the reserve grand champion goat owned by Chrisy Seitz.

Sunnybrook Farms bought Beth Cooper's 3-pound grand champion market rabbit for \$51 per pound.

When the evening ended, auctioneer Mark Glick saw a total of 208 animals walk into the ring at least once — 32 beef, 110 swine, 56 lambs, six goats, and four rabbits.

**Youth Dairy Showmanship**  
On Thursday afternoon during fair week, Mifflin County's youth dairy participants enter the showing for the showmanship competition.

FFA grand champion showman was Matthew Kline and reserve champion was Michael Kline.

Andrew Reed earned both grand champion showman in the 4-H division and overall grand champion showman. Chris Uhland earned the 4-H reserve champion placing while Matthew Kline won the overall reserve grand champion honor.

Showmanship placings were as follows:

FFA: 1. Matthew Kline, 2. Michael Kline, 3. Bradley Wright.

4-H: 17 years & older - Shawn Yoder; 14 to 16-year-olds: 1. Blue, Andrew Reed, 2. Blue, Cindy Yoder, 3. Blue, Rachel Sellers; 9 to 13-year-olds - 1. Blue, Chris Uhland, 2. Blue, Matthew Yoder, 3. Blue, Andrew Uhland.

First Year Members (All Blue Ribbons): 1. Natalie Byler, 2. Joshua Byler, 3. Ryan Kanagy.

### Open and Youth Dairy Type Show

That same evening, the Open and Youth Dairy Type show began with the color breeds and ended with selection of the premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards.

The Russel Kline family earned the premier exhibitor and premier breeder awards. They own Vern Lee Holsteins in McVeytown.

Carolyn Loucks led her senior 2-year-old into the ring to capture the Ayrshire grand champion. Cassandra Houser earned the reserve champion position with her summer yearling.

In the Brown Swiss Show, Chris Uhland won grand champion with his junior 3-year-old. Chris Staley took reserve champion with his 5-year-old. Junior champion went to Clinton Staley. Bethany Wingert won reserve junior champion.

In the Jersey class, Crystal Staley's junior 2-year-old took the grand champion position while Brad Wright's senior 2-year-old earned him the reserve grand champion position. Junior champion went to Melissa Gro and her winter calf.

Clinton Staley won junior champion with his spring calf milking shorthorn.

In the Holstein competition, a first-time entrant took top honors in the open show division. Vernon Yoder of Ver-Non Holsteins captured grand champion honors of the open show with his senior 3-year-old, Miss Belleview Enit Verny-TW, sired by Glenafton Enhancer, bred by Louis S. Yoder.

A junior 3-year-old owned by Michael Kline earned for him the reserve grand champion position of the open show. This same cow, Vern-Lee Glow Eloise, sired by Camano-Island Bova Glow - ET, earned for Kline the grand champion position in the youth divi-

sion. Andrew Reed earned the reserve champion position of the youth show. Mike Kline took junior champion and Matthew Kline took reserve junior champion.

The show results are as follows:

**AYRSHIRE**  
Summer Yearling: 1. Cassandra Houser.

Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. A. Carolyn Loucks.  
**BROWN SWISS**  
Spring Calf: 1. Bethany Wingert.  
Winter Calf: 1. Clinton Staley.  
Fall Calf: 1. Christopher Uhland.  
Junior 3-Year-Old: 1. Christopher Uhland.  
Five-Year-Old: Clinton Staley.

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The title of premier breeder and premier exhibitor of the Mifflin County Youth Fair went to the Kline family of Vern-Lee Holsteins in McVeytown. Left to right are Mifflin County Dairy Princess Erin Goss, Mike Kline, Matt Kline, and Alternate Dairy Princess Crystal King.



A. Carolyn Loucks, left, holds the halter of the Ayrshire grand champion. On the right, Cassandra Houser won junior champion with her summer yearling.



Len Hummel, representing Hoss's Steak and Seahouse, left, stands with Jonas Glick and his grand champion beef.



Mifflin County Youth Dairy Show champions were, left to right, reserve grand champion Andy Reed and grand champion Michael Kline.



Ed Lash of Lash Motors, left, stands with Matt Kline and his grand champion market hog.



Carl Westover of Allensville Planing Mill placed the top bid for Timothy Blystone's grand champion sheep.