

Parrot Wins Market Lamb Championship At Solanco

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Wednesday was April Leaman's day in the winner's circle. The surprised 11-year-old, in her third year of showing sheep, walked away with every top trophy and ribbon in the sheep competition at Solanco Fair.

"I can't believe it," she said. "There were so many other fine sheep here that I thought would win."

From 56 entries, judge David Lytle chose April's 132-pound Suffolk as the top market lamb.

According to April, she thought the champion market lamb she calls Parrot was too skinny.

"Plus, her mouth is funny — like a parrot," she said.

But Judge Lytle declared Parrot as "one solid muscle from front to end."

April also won both the top fitter and the top showmanship titles. For this feat, she used a Suffolk named Jake.

"He's nice and doesn't fight," she said of Jake's cooperation in the showing.

In his first year of showing, April's nine-year-old brother Brad placed first with a 116-pound Suffolk in the middleweight market lamb division. Brad and April are the children of Jackie and Dave Leaman. The family has 10 lambs and five ewes on their farm.

The reserve market lamb title went to the lightweight champion shown by Brent Landis. It was the first year of showing for the nine-year-old, who is the son of Jim and Linda Landis of Quarryville.

"I thought I would place last because this is my first year of showing," said Brent, who raised

only one lamb.

But that lamb, named Lamb Chops, had excellent bloodlines. It was purchased from Lloyd Reiff, whose children Lisa and Lyndon Reiff had claimed the championship title at the Solanco Fair for many years.

Reserve fitting champion title was earned by Jessica Schmidt, who is no novice in the showing. The 12-year-old had won the champion showmanship title at E-town Fair and has been showing for four years. Jessica has 21 Dorsets and also showed the heavyweight champion in her class.

"Finally I found a Dorset lamb with length that can outdo a Hamp," the judge remarked about the 123-pound Dorset.

Jessica is the daughter of Pete and Laurie Schmidt.

Reserve showmanship champion was Sara Strickler, who had placed first in the 13 and over division. It was the first year of showing for the 15-year-old daughter of Sam and Dottie Strickler of Quarryville. Sara, who raised three sheep for her FFA project and one for 4-H.

Sara's Dorset's official name is Rigo, but Sara said of the lamb that she showed for the reserve showmanship title, "I call her Dork or Honey, depending on how she behaves."

In the 13 and over fitting competition, Grant Hossler placed first.

Following is a partial listing of show results from the Solanco Fair.

Showmanship Champion April Leaman
Reserve Sarah Strickler
Exhibitors 13 + over: 1. Grant Hossler; 2. Joy Young; 3. Kevin Smokes



After winning both fitting and showmanship titles in the 12 and under division, April Leaman, foreground, went on to win the overall champion fitting and showmanship titles. Also, shown are David Lytle, judge; Sara Strickler, center, reserve showmanship champion; and Jessica Schmidt, reserve fitting champion.

Exhibitors 12 years + under: 1. April Leaman; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Brad Leaman

Fitting Champion: April Leaman
Reserve Champion: Jessica Schmidt
Overall Fitting Champion: April Leaman

Overall Showmanship Champion: April Leaman

Market Lambs—Pair Classes
Lightweight: 1. Andy Hughes; 2. Tina Henry; 3. Loren Hershey

Middleweight: 1. John Schmidt; 2. Amy Strickler; 3. Kyle Hamish

Heavyweight: 1. April Leaman; 2. Grant Hossler; 3. Brad Leaman

Market Lambs
Lightweight Class 1: 1. Andy Hughes; 2. Allison Hughes; 3. Becky Pearson

Lightweight Class 2: 1. Andy Hughes; 2. Tina Henry; 3. Sara Strickler

Lightweight Class 3: 1. Brent Landis; 2. Kyle Hamish; 3. Amy Strickler

Middleweight Class 1: 1. Linford Hershey; 2. Loren Hershey; 3. John Schmidt

Middleweight Class 2: 1. Brad Leaman; 2. Josh Akers; 3. Jessica Schmidt

Middleweight Class 3: 1. Becky Byrne; 2. Tiffany Dean; 3. Jessie Pearson

Heavyweight Class 1: 1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Adam Byrne; 3. Becky Byrne

Heavyweight Class 2: 1. April Leaman; 2. Allison Hughes; 3. Kevin Smoker

Heavyweight Class 3: 1. April Leaman; 2. Brad Leaman; 3. Justine Hill

Lightweight Champion: Brent Landis
Reserve Lightweight: Andy Hughes
Middleweight Champion: Brad Leaman

Reserve Champion: Becky Byrne
Heavyweight Champion: April Leaman
Reserve Heavyweight: April Leaman



April Leaman holds the halter of Parrot, the champion market lamb at Solanco Fair. At left is Brent Landis with the reserve champion market lamb.

Wayne County Holds Beef Show

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — The 1994 Wayne County Open Beef Show was held on August 7. The judge for the attention was Anne Sands. Sands is a 1990 Penn State graduate. She was a member of Penn State's Livestock Judging Team and grew up on a beef farm.

In the breeding portion of the show, Luke Megivern's Simmental summer yearling heifer, "Chelsea," was named champion Simmental female and the supreme champion female of the show. The supreme champion bull was a Simmental junior bull calf owned by Charlie Megivern.

In the steer show, Scott Lewis' Chi-Angus steer was selected grand champion. The reserve grand champion steer was a Red Angus belonging to Chad Keating.

Other results:

BREEDING

Champion Simmental Female: "Chelsea" owned by Luke Megivern.

Reserve Champion Simmental Female: "Spottie" owned by Charlie Megivern.

Champion Red Angus Female: "Sandy" owned by Adam Gnes.

Champion Simmental Bull: "Curley" owned by Charlie Megivern.

Reserve Champion Simmental Bull: "Sheldon" owned by Charlie Megivern.

Reserve Champion Red Angus Bull: M.S. Mountaintop Farm "Ben" owned by Adam Gnes.

Champion Highland Bull: Steene Hill "Patrick" owned by Jimmy Bannon.

Reserve Champion Highland Bull:

Steene Hill "Casey" owned by Renee Bannon.

Champion Dexter Bull: "Little Boy of Bryden Hill" owned by Eric Smith.

STEERS
Champion Angus: Darryl Marshall.

Red Champion Angus: Earl Marshall.

Champion Charolais: John Wetmore.

Champion Chianina: Scott Lewis.

Reserve Champion Chianina: Corey Keating.

Champion Red Angus: Chad Keating.

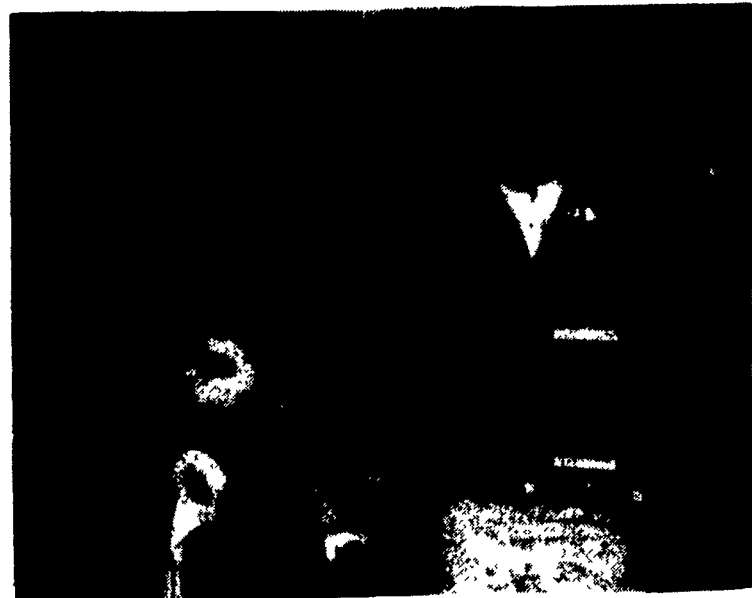
Champion Simmental: Erin Munger.

Kreider Shows Supreme Market Steer



Josh Kreider exhibited "Ernie," a 1,225-pound Hereford/Angus out of the middle weight division, to supreme champion market steer on Thursday evening at the Solanco Fair.

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Reserve champion was awarded to Gary Welk, 16, son of Gary and Donna Welk, Quarryville. Gary, a Solanco High School junior, exhibited the 1,260-pound middle weight reserve champion to overall reserve.

