

Seeds Shows Grand Champion At Kimberton

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KIMBERTON (Chester Co.) — Top-O-Hill Admiral Precious, a 3-year-old Jersey cow bred and owned by Mildred Seeds, of Downingtown, on Thursday night was named grand champion of the open division Jersey cattle show at the Kimberton Fair.

Seeds is a perennial exhibitor and winner at the Kimberton Fair and other local Jersey shows in the southeastern region of the state. With the trademark uncut horns and brass lock and chain adorning the heads of the milking cows, Seeds' Top-O-Hill cows, heifers

and calves also won top place in all the show's group classes, won for best udder, and took five firsts by age class. In all, there were seven Top-O-Hill prefix animals as class winners.

The Kimberton Fair has a slightly unusual dairy show format. There are technically no reserve junior, senior or grand champions recognized, even though they are acknowledged by the judge. It's a show idiosyncrasy.

If there were reserve places, Seeds would have showed the reserve junior champion, while Amy Plummer, of Chalfont, also a regular Jersey exhibitor, would have earned the title of reserve grand champion.

As it was, Plummer's senior 2-year-old, Junos Beacon

In the Ayrshire fitting show, Advancer Sara was named runner-up senior and grand champion in the open division and senior and grand champion in the youth division. Plummer has recently graduated from high school.

Plummer also showed the junior champion Jersey in both open and the youth division. It was a junior yearling, Neshaminy Imperial Prestige.

The judge for the show was Jane Pepple, of Oxford, who praised the competitive depth of the show.

"I think it was an outstanding show. There were a lot of good quality animals, a lot of stiff competition. I got a workout," she said after the show.

Pepple, who said she really enjoys the youth shows, in part because she was a 4-H member, has a couple of other shows to judge in the next week and is also slated to judge showmanship at 4-H district competitions in Harrisburg.

There are other dairy cattle breed shows at Kimberton, though the Jersey show is the largest.

During the Ayrshire show, held earlier in the week, Brian Nolan, of Pottstown, showed the open division senior and grand champion animal, an aged cow, Dreamnol Johnny's Kassy. It was also the youth division senior and grand champion.

The junior champion of both

divisions was an intermediate calf showed by Craig Nolan, also of Pottstown. The calf was Dreamnol Teddy Bear Lindy.

Judge for the Ayrshire show was Mike Kunkle, of Jonestown.

Seth Wolfgang, of Bechtelsville, was senior age champion; Meredith Baily of West Chester was intermediate aged champion; and Rebecca Nolan, of Pottstown, was junior aged champion.

In the Ayrshire showing competition, Craig Nolan was senior aged champion; Kevin was intermediate aged champion; and Rebecca was junior aged champion.

KIMBERTON FAIR

FITTING

AGES 12-14: 1. John Van Wye; 2. Meredith Ruzowicz; 3. Erica Lloyd

AGES 15, OLDER: 1. Amy Hewitt; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Christine Michalik

SHOWING

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JERSEY SHOW

Open

JR CALF: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Christine Michalik; 3. Meredith Ruzowicz

INTERMEDIATE CALF: 1. Missy Wertz; 2. Jody Hewitt; 3. Meredith Ruzowicz

SENIOR CALF: 1. John Van Wye; 2. Jody Hewitt

SUMMER YEARLING: 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Missy Wertz; 3. Amy Hewitt

JR YEARLING: 1. Amy Plummer; 2. Paul Plummer; 3. Delaware Valley College

INTERMEDIATE YEARLING: 1. Delaware Valley College; 2. Julie Sollenberger; 3. Melissa Wertz

SENIOR YEARLING: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Holly Sollenberger; 3. Jody Hewitt

JUNIOR CHAMPION: 1. Amy Plummer

JR GET-OF-SIRE: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Delaware Valley College; 3. Amy Plummer

DRY COW, 3 YRS, OLDER: 1. Ben Hendricks; 2. Melissa Wertz; 3. Amy Hewitt

JR 2-YR-OLD: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Melissa Wertz

SR 2-YR-OLD: 1. Amy Plummer; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Melissa Wertz

3-YEAR-OLD: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Julie Sollenberger; 3. Melissa Wertz

4-YEAR-OLD: 1. Erica Lloyd; 2. Paul Plummer; 3. Ben Hendricks

5-YR-OLD: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Jody Hewitt; 3. Erica Lloyd

SENIOR CHAMPION: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Amy Plummer

GRAND CHAMPION: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Amy Plummer

BEST UDDER: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Amy Plummer; 3. Erica Lloyd

SENIOR GET: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Amy Plummer; 3. Amy Hewitt

BEST 3: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Melissa Wertz; 3. Julie Sollenberger

DAIRY HERD: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Melissa Wertz

PRODUCE OF DAM: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. John Van Wye; 3. Melissa Wertz

DAM, DAUGHTER: 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Paul Plummer; 3. Tarik Gaffney



From the left, Mildred Seeds holds the halter of her runner-up junior champion, Kevin Nolan shows the junior champion for Amy Plummer, and Chester County Dairy Princess Karen Inhof presents the awards.

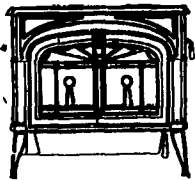


From the left, Kevin Nolan holds the halter of the runner-up open division senior and grand champion and the youth division grand champion Jersey, while Mildred Seeds holds the halter of her grand champion, and Chester County Dairy Princess Karen Inhof presents awards.

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