

# Brantner Wins Big At Southcentral FFA Dairy Show

**BETH MILLER**  
Cumberland Co.  
Correspondent

**SHIPPENSBURG** (Cumberland Co.) — Melissa Brantner was one of the multiple winners during the Southcentral District FFA Dairy Show held at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds.

Brantner, who is from Lurgan, won the grand champion title for Milking Shorthorns with her senior 2-year-old, Twilite Big Time Star. She also won the reserve grand champion Milking Shorthorn award with another senior 2-year-old, Walnut Hollows Cathy.

Brantner swept the Guernsey competition as well. She won the grand champion spot with her winter yearling, BrandyO Di Victory Priscilla. Then, she captured the reserve grand champion award with her spring calf, BrandyO Merrly Hunter Joie.

In the contest for Jerseys, the grand champion position was won by Curtis Reichard of Chambersburg with his junior 3-year-old, Reich-Dale Brigadier Sandra Dee.

Brian Reichard, also of Chambersburg, had the reserve grand champion for the Jerseys with his 5-year-old, Reich-Dale Sargent Ann.

The junior champion for the Jerseys was Stacy Goetz of Mercersburg with her fall calf, Red Hills Linda Valiant Grace. Brian Reichard then won the reserve junior champion spot with his summer yearling, Reich-Dale Starbuck Angelique.

The Holstein competition saw Brian Reichard again in the winner's circle, this time taking the grand champion title with his senior 3-year-old, Reich-Dale Beau Martha.

The reserve grand champion in the Holsteins was Emme Mellott of Mercersburg with her junior 3-year-old, Chris-C Astro Jet Cora-TW.

Bradley Reichard of Chambersburg had the junior champion for the Holsteins with his winter calf, Oakleigh Encore Debra. The reserve junior champion in the Holsteins was Benjamin Mickey of Waynesboro with his winter calf, Chris-Gold Gusto Lorena.

In the Brown Swiss contest, Larissa Mellott of St. Thomas had the grand champion with her senior 2-year-old, La-Mel-Lo Trad Rad EmmyLou.

The reserve grand champion was Wind Mill Porphet Jamie, a senior 3-year-old owned by Joy Hess of Gettysburg.

Larissa Mellott won again in the Brown Swiss when she took the reserve junior champion spot with her winter calf, La-Mel-Lo Treki Hocuspocus.

The Brown Swiss junior champion was Melissa Brantner with her winter yearling, Willow Grove Startrek Jill.

Curtis Reichard was tapped as the grand champion fitter for the show and as the grand champion showman.

The Blue Ridge FFA chapter won the Chapter Good Housekeeping Award.

The County Good Housekeeping Award went to Franklin County.

## SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT FFA DAIRY SHOW RESULTS

### JERSEYS

**FALL CALF:** 1. Stacy Goetz.  
**Summer Yearling:** 1. Brian Reichard; 2. Cory Mellott.  
**Winter Yearling:** 1. Jack Rotz; 2. Cory Mellott.  
**Junior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Curtis Reichard.



Curtis Reichard, winner of the Fitting and Showmanship competition at the District FFA show. Standing with Reichard is the Judge Jed Beshore and Cumberland Co. Dairy Princess Lori Brownawell.



The Grand and Res. Grand Milking Shorthorn awards went to Melissa Brantner.



Winning the FFA Brown Swiss competition was Larissa Mellott (left) claiming the Grand Champion award and Joy Hess winning the Res. Grand title.

**Senior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Curtis Reichard.  
**5-Year-Old:** 1. Brian Reichard; 2. Cory Mellott.

### MILKING SHORTHORN

**Senior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Melissa Brantner; 2. Melissa Brantner.

### HOLSTEINS

**Spring Calf:** 1. Barbara Reichard; 2. Douglas Helman; 3. Matthew Guise.

**Winter Calf:** 1. Bradley Reichard; 2. Benjamin Mickey; 3. Matthew Guise.

**Fall Calf:** 1. Barbara Reichard; 2. Charles Thiemann; 3. Jack Rotz.

**Summer Yearling:** 1. Charles Thiemann; Trisha Haas.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Julie Ann Dyarman.

**Fall Yearling:** 1. Charles Fawks IV.

**Dry Senior 2 Years & Older:** 1. Curtis Reichard.

**Junior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Barbara Reichard.  
**Junior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Emme Mellott; 2. Joy Hess.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Brian Reichard.

### BROWN SWISS

**Winter Calf:** 1. Larissa Mellott.

**Summer Yearling:** 1. Larissa Mellott.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Melissa Brantner.

**Dry Cow 2 Years & Over:** 1. Larissa Mellott; 2. Larissa Mellott.

**Senior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Larissa Mellott.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Joy Hess.

### GUERNSEY

**Spring Calf:** 1. Melissa Brantner.

**Spring Yearling:** 1. Herbert Hoffeditz.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Melissa Brantner; 2. Jennifer Garber.



Winning the Grand Champion Jersey award at the FFA show was (left) Curtis Reichard and the Res. Grand Champion Jersey title went to Brian Reichard's animal shown by Cory Mellott.



Brian Reichard claimed the Grand Champion Holstein title at the FFA show and Emme Mellott won the Res. Grand Holstein award.



Melissa Brantner claimed both the Grand and Res. Grand awards in the FFA Guernsey competition. Melissa Brantner (right) is holding the Grand Champion animal and the Res. Grand is shown by Barbara Reichard.

# Knepp, Kerper Sweep Kutztown Sheep

**KUTZTOWN** (Berks Co.) — Judge Paul Wissner of Sinking Spring evaluated and ranked the youth sheep fitting and showmanship classes for the 124th Kutztown Fair.

In the end, newly crowned Berks County Lamb and Wool Queen Nicole Knepp of Mohnton and Richard Kerper of Fleetwood split the top honors.

Richard Kerper won the grand champion showman award, and

Nicole Knepp won reserve champion showman, and grand champion fitter. Later on in the evening, Nicole went on to win first place in the sheep blocking and grooming contest in the senior age division.

Competition was fierce, and there were more than 35 youngsters competing in the fitting and grooming contests. The top three finalists in the fitting, showing, and blocking contest are as follows:

### SHEEP FITTING & SHOWING

**Fitting**

**Class 1:** 1. Leon Hunter, 2. Becki S. Kerper, 3. Grant Lazarus III.

**Class 2:** 1. Nicole Knepp, 2. Laura Segan, 3. Katie Ramsay.

**Class 3:** 1. Kelly Glaser, 2. Adam Rabenold, 3. Justin Levan.

**Class 4:** 1. Lee J. Gauker, 2. Justin Shollenberger, 3. John C. Strawbridge.

**Class 5:** 1. John Reinert, 2. John L. Hartman, 3. Cathryn Levan.

**Class 6:** 1. Amanda L. Miller, 2. Amanda S. Gauker, 3. William Otis.

**Champion:** Nicole Knepp.

**Reserve Champion:** Amanda Miller.

### Showing

**Class 1:** 1. Richard W. Kerper Jr., 2. Leon Hunter, 3. Grant Lazarus III.

**Class 2:** 1. Nicole Knepp, 2. Katie Ramsay, 3. Laura Segan.

**Class 3:** 1. Adam Rabenold, 2. Kelly Glaser, 3. Justin Levan.

**Class 4:** 1. Lee J. Gauker, 2. Jill Neiman, 3. David Newpher.

**Class 5:** 1. Travis Redmond, 2. Cathryn Levan, 3. James Reinert.

**Class 6:** 1. Amanda L. Miller, 2. Timothy Rabenold, 3. Amanda S. Gauker.

**Champion Showman:** Richard Kerper Jr

**Reserve Champion Showman:** Nicole Knepp.

**BLOCKING & GROOMING CONTEST**

**Class 1:** 1. Cathryn Levan, 2. John Hartman, 3. Amanda Miller.

**Class 2:** 1. Lee J. Gauker, 2. Derek Redmond, 3. Justin Levan.

**Class 3:** 1. Nicole Knepp, 2. Kelly Glaser, 3. Katie Ramsay.