

4-H Holds Only Agricultural Fair In Delaware County

NEWTOWN SQUARE (Delaware Co.)—Delaware County, for as urban as it is, still has one, but only one, agricultural fair. The Delaware County 4-H Fair was held recently at the 4-H Farm and Educational Center on the property of the Garrett-Williamson Foundation at Newtown Square.

According to C. R. Bryan, Jr. Extension 4-H agent, the two-day event featured livestock and poultry shows, vegetable and 4-H project judging, pet care demonstrations, hay rides, refreshments, and fun for the whole family.

The Saturday afternoon auction included poultry, lambs, eggs, vegetables and honey raised by 4-H members, and ended with a record breaking price of \$775 paid by Frank C. Videon, of Newtown Square for the 235-pound market hog raised by Kerry Boody of Newtown Square. Videon donated the hog back to 4-H. The reserve champion market hog shown by Brenda MacPhail of Newtown Square was purchased for \$500 by Medford's Meats in Chester.

The Celebrity Turkey Show Saturday morning was won by Pauline Bogaert, writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Another participant in that show was Frank Stearns, southeast regional director for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Stearns and Bogaert also presented some of the awards to winners in the livestock show.

The 4-H program is heavily dependent on adult volunteers in its educational efforts with the more than 5,000 4-H members in Delaware County. The 4-H Fair is no exception. Those volunteers who headed up fair activities included Alan McClellan, Aston; Debbie Murphy, Collingdale; Theresa Muller, Drexel Hill; Judi Bissinger, Marple Township; Sherry Ratner, Edgemont; Leslie Ruzowicz, Cathy MacPhail, Judith Boody and Jared Armington, Newtown Square; Marcy Henderson, Helen Wright, Bob and Debbie Davis, Springfield; Richard Harris, Nether Providence; and Nancy Botella, Thornbury Township. All volunteers are under the direction of the paid 4-H



The Delaware County 4-H Fair included a hog showmanship competition. Pictured from left are Keith Bryan, instructor at Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences who judged the livestock shows, and champion showmen Karen Boody and Chase Armington, Newtown Square; Rob Davis, Springfield, and Alaina Brescia of Newtown Square

staff Judy MacRone, Jim Short, Joyce Morrison, and Bud Bryan.

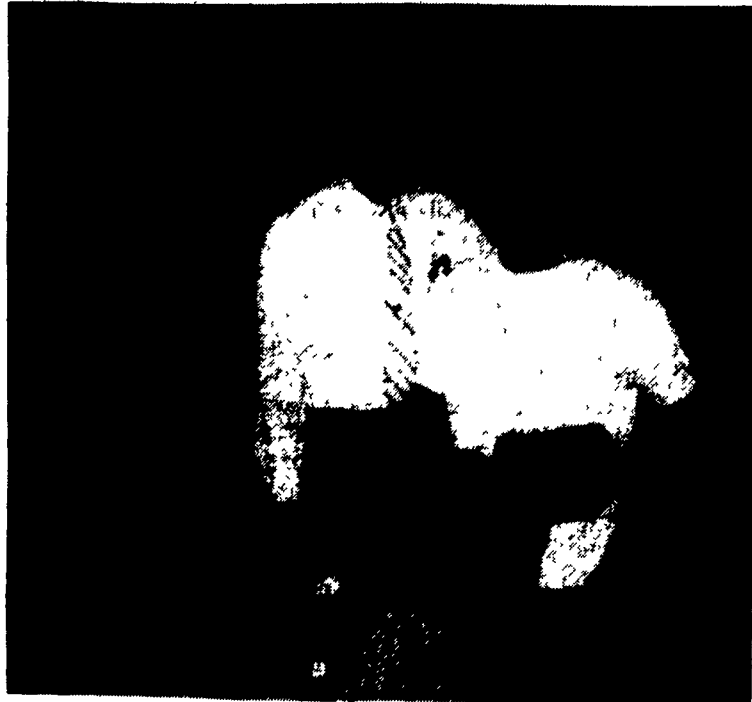
One of the life skills emphasized in 4-H is communications. Members are taught to speak before groups of people. Those who made public presentations at the fair were Megan Marquis, Swarthmore, champion; David Murphy, Collingdale, reserve champion; Michael and Michele McClellan, Aston; Emily and Rob Davis, Springfield; and Adam Murphy, Collingdale. Adam Murphy also won the Mardi Gras class.

Champion and reserve champion honors in the 4-H project competition were awarded to Erin Yoder, Newtown Square for veterinary science; David Henderson, Springfield for small engines; Emily and Rob Davis for beekeeping; Jackie Van Patton, Ridley and David Murphy, Collingdale for vegetables; Michele McClellan, Aston and Emily and Rob Davis, Springfield for pet care; and Katie Siddons, Middletown Twp.,

Michele Shuman, Lansdowne, Sasha Kinney, Drexel Hill and Beverly Menghetti, Thornbury Twp. for horse.

Poultry championships went to Michael McClellan, Aston, Katie Weitzel, Upper Providence, Alex Oleykowski, Upper Darby and Jonathan Van Patton, Ridley Township. In the sheep show Joan Harris, Nether Providence, Katlyn Novella, Sharon Hill, David Murphy, Collingdale, Melina Prosseda, Yeadon, Hope Toogood, Middletown Twp., Claire Barrett and Andrea Oleykowski of Upper Darby, and Ben and Meredith Ruzaicz of Newtown Square were all pinned champions.

Market hog champions were: Kerry and Karen Boody, Brenda MacPhail, Alaina Brescia, and Chase Armington of Newtown Square; Joan Harris of Nether Providence, Haifa Aldorasi of Ridley Twp., Brian Albany and Rob Davis of Springfield, and Tim Houser of Marple Twp.



Frank C. Videon of Newtown Square bought both champion market lamb and champion market hog at the Delaware County 4-H Fair. Videon is pictured here with Meredith Ruzowicz, also of Newtown Square, exhibitor of the champion lamb.



In the market hog show at the Delaware County 4-H Fair, Kerry Boody, third from left, of Newtown Square exhibited the champion. Brenda MacPhail, second from left, won reserve champion. On left is Keith Bryan, instructor of animal science at Penn State, who judged the event. Frank Stearns, right, southeast regional director for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, presented the champion ribbon.

Ginger Snap Supreme At Warren 4-H Dairy Show

YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.)—The supreme grand champion of the Warren County Junior Dairy Show was shown by Christopher Vanco of Bear Lake.

Vanco's senior 3-year-old Holstein cow, "Ginger Snap," was grand champion of the Holstein breed.

Other owners and their breed champions that competed in the supreme selection were: Richard Gilkinson Jr. of Lander with a Brown Swiss senior 3-year-old cow; Peter Vanco of Bear Lake with a Jersey senior 3-year-old cow; Toni Gilkinson of Lander with a Milking Shorthorn junior 2-year-old cow; and Wendy Gilkinson of Lander with an Ayrshire 5-year-old cow.

Each champion owner was presented with a trophy sponsored by David Brown and Coda Select Sires. The supreme champion won a trophy sponsored by Enos Milling of Sugar Grove.

The reserve grand champion of the Brown Swiss show was a 4-year-old cow shown by Wendy Gilkinson of Lander. Wendy also won reserve junior champion and

best animal owned and bred with a senior calf. Richard Gilkinson Jr. showed a senior calf for junior champion honors.

In the Holstein show, Cody Hitchcock of Lander showed his junior yearling Heifer to junior champion honors. Sarah Lindell of Lander won reserve junior champion honors with a junior calf. Joe Nickerson of Corry won reserve grand champion honors with a senior 2-year-old cow.

The best Holstein bred and owned was a junior 3-year-old owned by Recca Gruber of Sugar Grove. Gruber also had the top daughter/dam entry in the show.

A Jersey senior calf shown by Kimberly Kalika of Corry won junior champion. Brian Hazelet of Columbus was reserve junior champion with a Jersey intermediate calf. Along with Peter Vanco's grand champion Jersey cow, he had the reserve grand champion and best bred and owned animal with a Jersey junior 2-year-old cow. The top daughter/dam entry was shown by Tiffany Gilkinson of Lander.

Carrie Swanson of Russell had

many Ayrshire champions. Her senior calf won junior champion, reserve grand champion, and best animal bred and owned. She also won reserve junior champion with an intermediate calf.

The Milking Shorthorn junior champion was shown by Tiffany Gilkinson. Her junior yearling also won reserve grand champion. Richard Gilkinson Jr. won reserve junior champion with an intermediate yearling heifer and reserve senior champion with a junior 2-year-old.

All of the 4-H dairy club members participated in the showmanship competition. In the junior division (ages 8-11), John Nickerson of Corry was first. Other blue award winners were Kimberly Kalika, Kelsi Wilcox, and Crystal Gruber. Red awards went to Brian Hazelet, Lindsey Burch, Cody Hitchcock, Toni Gilkinson, and Jesse Curtis. White awards were earned by Robert Hazelet, Ben Blair, and Terry Arison.

The intermediate showmanship group (ages 12-14) was topped by Melinda Brown of Bear Lake. Other blue award winners were



Champions in the breeding sheep division and the sheep showmanship competition at Delaware County 4-H Fair included, front from left, Jim Harris, Wallingford; Ben Ruzowicz, Newtown Square, and, back from left, Keith Bryan from Penn State who judged the show, Katlyn Novella, Sharon Hill and Megan Marguls, Swarthmore.

Rebecca Gruber, Emily Swanson, Jessica Gruber, Sarah Lindell, and Chris Vanco. Red awards were won by Jody Blair, Kristen Hitchcock, Jennifer Jones, Kristen Burch, and Chris Lindell. White awards were received by Drew Wilcox, Mark Blair, Jack Jones III, and Robert Arison.

In the senior group (ages 15-18) Candace Hitchcock of Russell and Dustin Wilcox earned blue awards. Red awards went to Amanda Hitchcock and Steven Blair. White awards were won by Robert Morris and Carrie Swan-

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