

4-Year-Old Is Franklin County Champion

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CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.)—A 4-year-old Holstein that placed fourth in her class last year was named grand champion of the recent Franklin County Dairy Show.

Seelby Counselor Ericka is owned by Joshua Eshelman of St. Thomas. The 16-year-old has had Ericka since she was a calf.

He was very surprised by her win, though he likes the cow a lot, Josh said.

"I just took care of her nice and had her looking right," said Josh.

Judge Steven Shaw of Williamsburg said Ericka was a "definite first" place cow. White said Ericka had great bloom of udder with "good height and width of the rear udder."

Josh said Ericka is easy to work with in the ring. "She's really tame and she has a nice personality," he said.

Josh and Ericka also won senior champion, 4-H grand champion, and 4-H senior champion at the county's annual show.

The awards made this Franklin County Fair one of the best ever for Josh. "I'm having a blast," he said.

Josh, the son of Garnet and Wanda Eshelman, is a member of the Western 4-H Dairy Club and the Franklin County FFA.

The premier breeder and exhibitor at the fair was El-Dor Farm of Chambersburg.

El-Dor is owned and operated by J. Eldon Crider, his wife Dorothy, and sons Richard and J. Arlan Crider.

The family is a perennial winner of the breeding and exhibiting

award at the fair, winning it for the last three consecutive years and also in 1990.

Richard Crider said the family does not set a goal to win the awards.

"Good cows can come from anywhere," he said. "I just try to do the best I can and let the awards take care of themselves."

The premier breeder award is more significant to the family. "Because you have to breed the animal and raise it, there's more of a time commitment involved," Arlan Crider said.

The Criders were not expecting either award going into the fair, "because we felt a lot of our cows were in the wrong stages of lactation," he said.

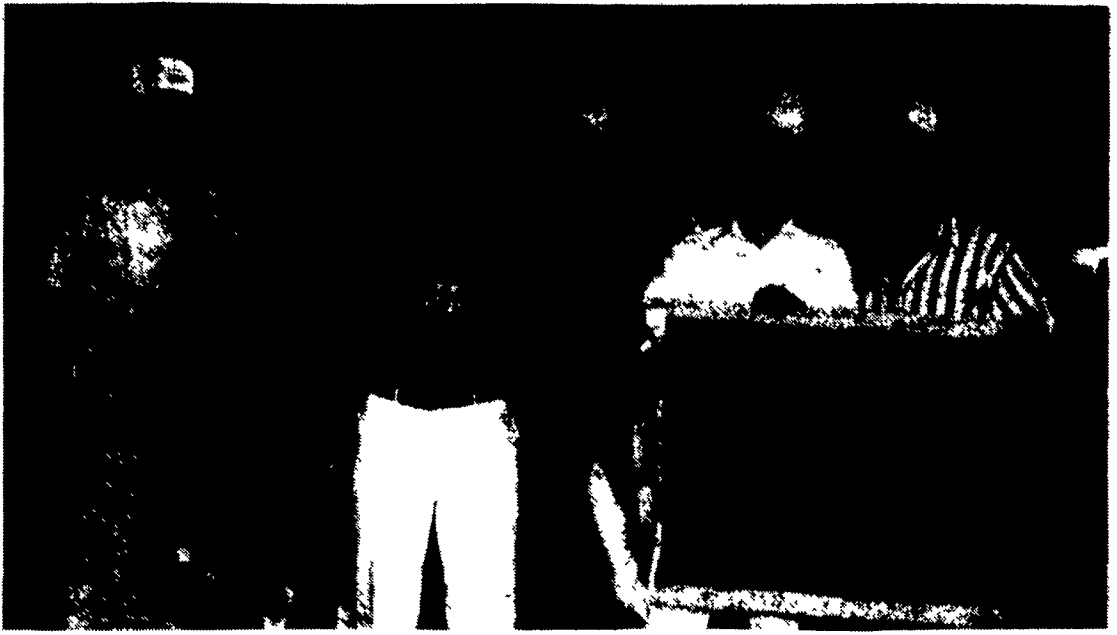
"It's very gratifying to know that you've bred a good group of cows," Richard Crider said.

The brothers started showing cattle more than a decade ago while in 4-H. They had eight animals at the county fair.

El-Dor is milking about 65 head at present. Eldon, Arlan, and Richard share the farming responsibilities. Arlan also works for Pennsylvania DHIA.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HOLSTEIN RESULTS Youth Show

Grand Champion: Joshua Eshelman; Reserve Grand Champion: Benjamin Mickey; Senior Champion: Joshua Eshelman; Reserve Senior Champion: Benjamin Mickey; Junior Champion: Cory Meyers; Reserve Junior Champion: Troy Young. Good Housekeeping Awards: Caged Division-1. Rabbit: 2. Goat. Bam: 1. Greencastle Antrim Dairy Club; 2. Quincy Washington Dairy Club; 3. Eastern Dairy Club. FFA Judging Team: 1. Barbara Reichard; 2. Stacey Gontz; 3. Jason Oberholser. 4-H Judging Team: 1. Jill Middour; 2. Emme Mellott; 3. Justin Burdette. Spring Heifer Calf: 1. Justin Burdette; 2. Megan Meyers; 3. Matthew Martin. Winter Heifer Calf: 1. Emily Stuff; 2. Bradley Reichard; 3. Kara Oliver. Fall Heifer Calf: 1. Amy Jo Hartman; 2. Troy Young; 3. Abigail Stoner. Summer Yearling Heifer: 1. Cory Meyers; 2. Beth Meyers; 3. Andy Stoner.



The grand champion and reserve grand champion of the 1995 Franklin County Holstein Show, left to right, Tom Stouffer, sponsor of the Best Bred and Owned trophy from Youngs, Inc.; Jaye Young with reserve grand champion and best bred and owned winner JCY Wister Dewdrop; Joshua Eshelman with grand champion, Seelby Counselor Ericka; Craig Woodring, sponsor of the Grand Champion Class, from Ment-Wood Farm; and Garnet Eshelman, Josh's dad.

Spring Yearling Heifers: 1. Troy Young; 2. Aaron Young; 3. Amy Jo Hartman. Winter Yearling Heifer: 1. Amanda Stoner; 2. Hannah Koontz; 3. Amber Zimmerman. Fall Yearling Heifer: 1. Troy Young; 2. Melinda Martin; 3. Hannah Hess. Dry Cow-4 and Under: 1. Kyle Burdette; 2. Justin Burdette. Dry Cow-5 Years and Over: 1. Ashley S. Helman; 2. Jill Middour. Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Jennifer Eshelman; 2. Abigail Stoner; 3. Kara Oliver. Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Benjamin Mickey; 2. Joseph Hess; 3. Travis Harshman. Junior 3-Year-Old: 1. Emme Mellott; 2. Aaron Christman; 3. Melinda Martin. Senior 3-Year-Old: 1. Melinda S. Reichard; 2. Joshua Locke; 3. Kyle Burdette. 4-Year-Old Cow: 1. Joshua Eshelman; 2. Amy Jo Hartman; 3. Jennifer Eshelman. 6-Year-Old and Over: 1. Amy Jo Hartman. Dam and Daughter: 1. Melinda Reichard; 2. Matthew Martin.

Open Show

Grand Champion: Joshua Eshelman. Reserve Grand Champion: Jaye Young. Senior Champion: Joshua Eshelman. Reserve Senior Champion: Jaye Young. Junior Champion: Cory Meyers. Reserve Junior Champion: Aaron Horst. Best Udder: 1. Joshua Eshelman; 2. Benjamin Mickey. Best Bred and Owned: Jaye Young. Premier Breeder: 1. El-Dor Farm (101 points); 2. Antrim Spring Farms (94 points); 3. Pamell View Farm (66 points). Premier Exhibitor: 1. El-Dor Farm (101 points); 2. Antrim Spring Farms (98 points); 3. Pamell View Farm (82 points). Good Housekeeping Awards: Tent-1. Lo Vi; 2. Twin Lane; 3. Zim-Mar. Bam-1. Pamell View; 2. Windy Knoll View; 3. JCY. Spring Heifer Calf: 1. Aaron Horst; 2. Justin Burdette; 3. Jamie Hartman. Winter Heifer Calf: 1. Kevin Horst; 2. Emily Stuff; 3. Aaron Horst. Fall Heifer Calf: 1. Amy Jo Hartman; 2. Troy Young; 3. Ed Reichard. Summer Yearling Heifer: 1. Cory Meyers; 2. Beth Meyers; 3. Andy Stoner.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HOLSTEIN RESULTS Open

Spring Yearling Heifer: 1. Troy Young; 2. Aaron Young; 3. Amy Jo Hartman. Winter Yearling Heifer: 1. Amanda Stoner; 2. Hannah Koontz; 3. Kevin Horst. Fall Yearling Heifer: 1. Troy Young; 2. Melinda Martin; 3. Hannah Hess. Dry Cow-4 and Under: 1. Kyle Burdette; 2. Dabre-Elle Farms; 3. Golden Wood Holsteins. Dry Cow-5 and Over: 1. Chris-Gold Holsteins; 2. El-Dor Farm; 3. Ashley S. Helman. Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Antrim Springs Farm-best udder; 2. Jennifer Eshelman; 3. Abigail Stoner. Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Benjamin Mickey-best udder; 2. El-Dor Farm; 3. Meyers Brothers Dairy. Junior

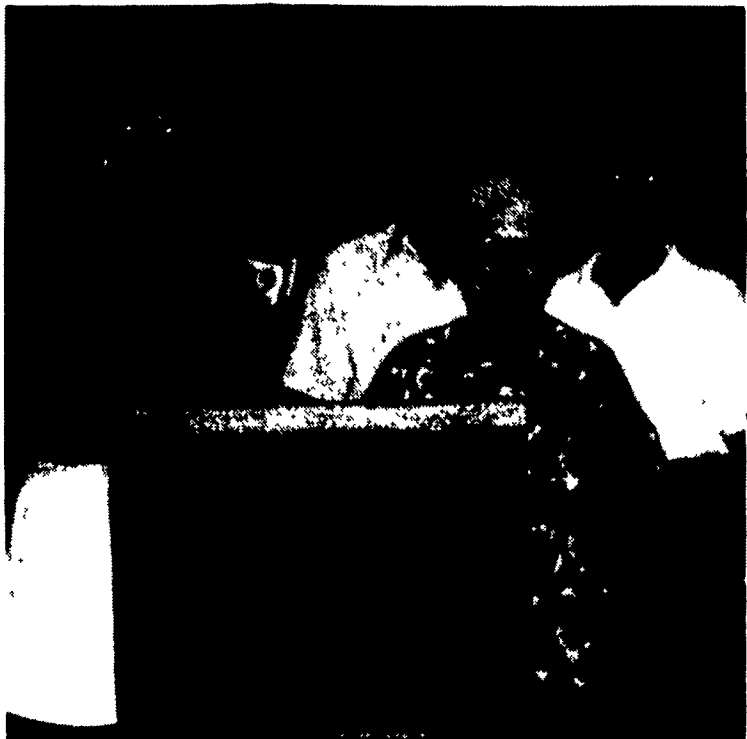


Lo Vi Farm won the tent division. From left, Lonnie Wickard, Sarah Wickard, Vicki Wickard holding young Kerri, and Robert Eckstine, son of the late Paul Eckstine and show chairman.

3-Year-Old: 1. El-Dor Farm-best udder; 2. Antrim Spring Farms; 3. Emme Mellott. Senior 3-Year-Old: 1. Jaye Young; 2. Melinda Reichard-best udder; 3. El-Dor Farm. 4-Year-Old Cow: 1. Joshua Eshelman-best udder; 2. Amy Jo Hartman; 3. Jamie Hartman. 5-Year-Old Cow: 1. Robert and Rhodena Eckstine; 2. El-Dor Farm-best udder; 3. Antrim Spring Farms. 100,000 Pound Class: 1. El-Dor Farm; 2. Antrim Spring Farms; 3. Ty Christman. 6-Year-Old and Over: 1. Golden-Wood Holsteins-best udder; 2. Marcus Martin; 3. Amy Jo Hartman. Junior Best 3 Females: 1. Mi-Rose Holsteins; 2. Justin and Kyle Burdette; 3. Meyers Brothers Dairy. Best 3 Females: 1. Amy Jo Hartman; 2. Justin and Kyle Burdette; 3. El-Dor Farm. Produce of Dam (2 animals): 1. Justin and Kyle Burdette; 2. Amy Jo Hartman; 3. El-Dor Farm. Dam and Daughter: 1. El-Dor Farm; 2. Chris-Gold Holsteins; 3. Melinda Reichard.



El-Dor Farms of Chambersburg was named the show's premier breeder and exhibitor for the third consecutive year.



Parnell View Farm won the barn division of the Good Housekeeping contest. They received the Paul D. Eckstine award, given in memory of the late Eckstine of Meadow-Vu Farm in Mercersburg. From left, Deanna Hartman, Jamie Hartman, Robert Eckstine, show chairman, Gladys Eckstine, wife of the late Paul Eckstine, and Rhodena Eckstine, wife of Robert Eckstine.

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