

Brand-New Denver Hog Shows Unveils Brand-New Champion

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The headline should read "Schoeneck Family Makes History".

Because the Hoover family did just that.

Actually, it was Josh Hoover who captured the first-ever Denver Fair Swine Show trophy for his grand champion hog on Tuesday evening.

Josh, 9, son of Marty and Lois Hoover, was accompanied by some help, too, in the early going for the first-ever swine show. His sisters Jenny, 14, Renee, 12, and Holly, 10 also exhibited hogs at the event. Holly captured lightweight champion and Renee captured medium lightweight champion at the show.

This was the first year of showing hogs for the Hoover family.

Josh, in the third grade at Schoeneck Elementary School, showed his 240-pound Duroc/Hampshire crossbred gilt from the medium heavyweight class to

champion. The hog, according to his mother, Lois Hoover, was obtained at a White Oak Sale.

The Hoovers exhibited at the county roundup show and will show hogs at the Ephrata Fair.

Kurtis Good, show judge from Denver, said that what stood out about the crossbred was its "lean-ness and thickness of muscling" and that it would "hang up a nice carcass" on the rail.

The reserve was shown by Gerald Boyd, 17, son of Kerry and Deb Boyd, Ephrata. The Ephrata High School junior showed "Sally," a 262-pound Hampshire cross from the heavyweight class.

The Boyds will be showing at Ephrata Fair and the Keystone International Livestock Expo.

In all, there was a total of 25 hogs and 14 exhibitors at the show.

At one time in the show, 57 audience members were attentive as 10 exhibitors showed in the largest class, the heavyweight.

Following is a list of show placings.



Josh Hoover, right, won grand champion hog at the Denver Fair market swine show. At left is Kurtis Good, show judge.

DENVER FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

MARKET SWINE
Lightweight (180-225 lbs.): 1. Holly

Hoover. 2. Jenny Hoover.
Medium Lightweight (226-235 lbs.): 1. Renee Hoover.
Medium Weight (236-245 lbs.): 1. Kevin Pfautz. 2. Kevin Pfautz.
Medium Heavyweight (246-255 lbs.): 1. Josh Hoover. 2. Kevin Pfautz. 3. Gary Martin.
Heavyweight (256-265 lbs.): 1. Gerald

Boyd. 2. Andy Weaver. 3. Andy Weaver.
GRAND CHAMPION
Josh Hoover
RESERVE
Gerald Boyd
SHOWMANSHIP
1. Cory Pfautz. 2. Andy Noit. 3. Kevin Pfautz.



Gerald Boyd, right, won reserve champion swine at the Denver Fair on Tuesday. At left is Kurtis Good, show judge.

At Denver Fair 137 Sheep Strut Their Stuff

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Ryan Donough is no newcomer to grand champion wins in sheep competition, but Thursday night was the first time he showed at the Denver Fair.

The 11-year-old son of Ed and LaRue Donough captured the market lamb trophy with his homebred Suffolk cross. The champion market lamb, named Eclipse, was a heavyweight he nurtured on his parents' farm in Manheim.

Ryan had stiff competition from Joleen Herbert, who showed the reserve market lamb, a Suffolk. With Ryan showing champions in both mediumweight and heavyweight classes and Joleen the reserve in both classes, the two faced a final showdown against Chrissy Bollinger's lightweight champion and her brother-in-law Keith Bollinger's reserve lightweight.

Judge David Lytle, a Hampshire breeder from New London, selected the heavyweights for the championship. Joleen has been showing for three years, but it was her first breakthrough into the champion circle.

Her heavyweight named Scottie came from Lloyd Reiff of Strasburg.

"I liked Scottie best right from

the start, so I gave him extra attention," Joleen, a Terre Hill resident, said.

That extra attention sometimes came at great sacrifice for Joleen who is a freshman at Penn State's Berks County Campus.

"I credit Sam Reiff, the father of one of my friends, for everything. It was him that kept encouraging me. Whenever I didn't feel like exercising the sheep, he'd tell me, 'But you want them to look good in the showing, don't you?'"

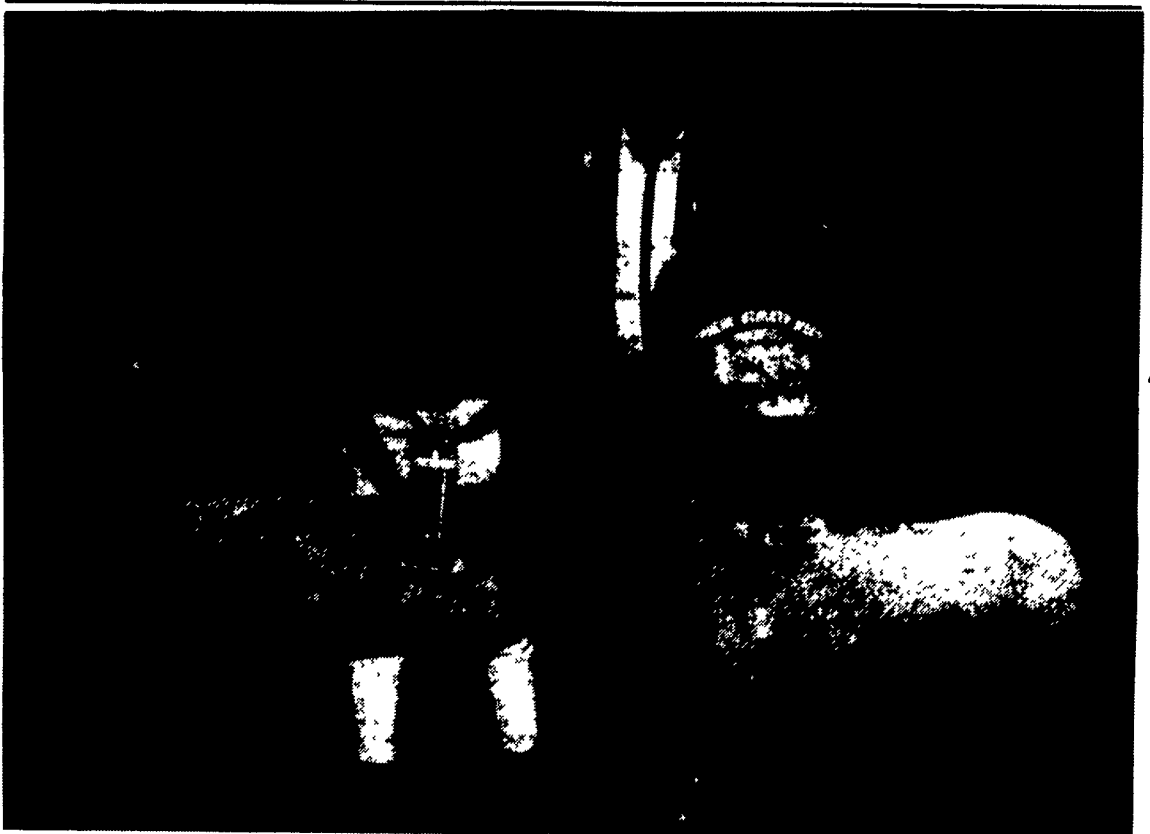
So Joleen ran her three sheep through hurdles for 15 to 20 minutes daily.

In breeding sheep competition, both grand champion ewe and ram over all breeds were Corriedales. But the two champion Corriedales are not owned by the same person. Nicole Knepp of Berks County showed the grand champion ram. Another Berks Countian, Kelly Glaser, took the grand champion ewe trophy.

Nicole and Kelly not only took championships in sheep breeding competition but also in showmanship.

Of Nicole's and Kelly's expertise in showmanship, judge Lytle said, "These two individuals stuck out from the beginning. They are smooth, discreet in bracing, and keep an eye on the judge, and keep

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Judge David Lytle selects the champion market lamb shown by Ryan Donough and the reserve, shown by Joleen Herbert.



Corriedales topped all breeds with the champion ram shown by Nicole Knepp, left, and the champion ewe by Kelly Glaser. Denver Fair Queen Amy Leininger, center, hands out ribbons.