

Tiffany Dean Shows Champion Market Lamb At Solanco



The championship showmanship title goes to 13-year-old Jessica Schmidt, left, and the reserve to 11-year-old April Leaman. Although both girls are several years younger than many of their competitors, they excelled in smoothness and adapting to the lambs' stances.

champion and reserve heavyweights.

Lytle said he chose the champion and reserve from the light-heavyweight class for being the most complete.

In showmanship, 13-year-old Jessica Schmidt outmaneuvered 30 other showmen, including those several years her senior.

"She adapts well to her sheep," Lytle said of Jessica's smooth transition between standing and kneeling while showing her Dorset lamb.

"It's just a normal sheep," Jessica said of the Dorset named Waylon.

Jessica is the daughter of Laurie and Pete Schmidt of Drumore.

Reserve championship honors went to 11-year-old April Leaman, daughter of David and Jackie Leaman of Willow Street.

A partial listing of show results follows:

- Showmanship**
Class 1
 1 Sara Stuckler; 2 Tina Henry; 3 Joy Young
Class 2
 1 Kevin Smoker; 2 Amy Stuckler; 3 Jason Young
Class 3
 1 Jessica Schmidt; 2 April Leaman; 3 Ryan Wimer.
Class 4
 1 Allison Hughes; 2 Tiffany Dean; 3 Hope Long; Champion-Jessica Schmidt; Reserve-April Leaman
- Market Lamb Show**
Lightweight Class 1
 1 John Schmidt; 2 Tyler Swanson; 3 Kevin Boyer
Lightweight Class 2
 1 Tina Henry; 2 Jason Young; 3 Amy Stuckler
Lightweight Class 3
 1 Grant Hossler; 2 Allison Hughes; 3 Kevin Boyer; Champion Lightweight-Grant Hossler; Reserve Champion Lightweight-Allison Hughes
Middleweight Class 4
 1 Allison Hughes; 2 Brent Landis; 3 Melissa McCardell
Middleweight Class 5
 1 Tina Henry; 2 Debra Young; 3 Melissa McCardell
Middleweight Class 6
 1 Becky Byrne; 2 Sara Stuckler; 3 Nate Walter; Champion Middleweight-Allison Hughes; Reserve Champion-Brent Landis



Tiffany Dean holds on to her champion market lamb while Brent Landis shows his reserve champion market lamb. Judge David Lytle, a Hampshire breeder from Chester County, judges the 58-head sheep show on Wednesday.

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — When the sawdust settled at the Solanco Fair Sheep Show on Wednesday, K.J. glowed with an aura of the stuff that champions exude. For his stately bearing and firm muscling, the 127-pound sheep claimed the champion market lamb trophy.

Owner Tiffany Dean said she named K.J. after the former champion Penn State football player Ki-Jana Carter because she loves the Penn State team.

The market lamb showed some of the same characteristics as its namesake because it took all the strength the 9-year-old owner possessed to keep the feisty market lamb from bounding away.

Tiffany is the daughter of Joan

and Gary Dean of Strasburg. It was the first time Tiffany showed a champion. She had purchased the lamb from Lloyd Reiff of Strasburg.

The reserve market lamb title went to another Reiff lamb, this one shown by Brent Landis. It was the second year in a row that the 10-year-old took the reserve market lamb title at the Solanco Fair. Bam Bam, named for the Flintstones, got plenty of exercise in preparation for the show because Brent likes leading him around his yard. Brent is the son of Jim and Linda Landis of Quarryville.

Chosen from the 58 entries, the champion and reserve titles met with competition from Grant Hossler's champion lightweight, Allison Hughes champion middleweight and reserve champion lightweight, and Brad Leaman's

- Light Heavyweight Class 7**
 1 Brent Landis; 2 April Leaman; 3 Adam Byrne
Light-Heavyweight Class 8
 1 Tiffany Dean; 2 April Leaman; 3 Becky Byrne
Light-Heavyweight Class 9
 1 Tiffany Dean; 2 Jessica Schmidt; 3 Brett Wimer; Champion Light-Heavyweight-Tiffany Dean; Reserve Champion Light-Heavyweight-
- Brent Landis**
Heavyweight Class 10
 1 Brad Leaman; 2 Brad Leaman; 3 Kevin Smoker
Heavyweight Class 11
 1 Adam Byrne; 2 Kevin Smoker; 3 Jeremy Welk; Champion Heavyweight-Brad Leaman; Reserve Champion Heavyweight-Brad Leaman; Champion Market Lamb-Tiffany Dean; Reserve Market Lamb-Brent Landis

Field Day To Highlight Community Composting

KIMBERTON (Chester Co.) — Seven Stars Dairy, Kimberton CSA vegetable farm, and Kimberton Waldorf School are all located within a few hundred yards of each other in upper Chester County.

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open their doors to show how they do it. This field day will be of interest to consumers, farmers, students, teachers, and municipal leaders.

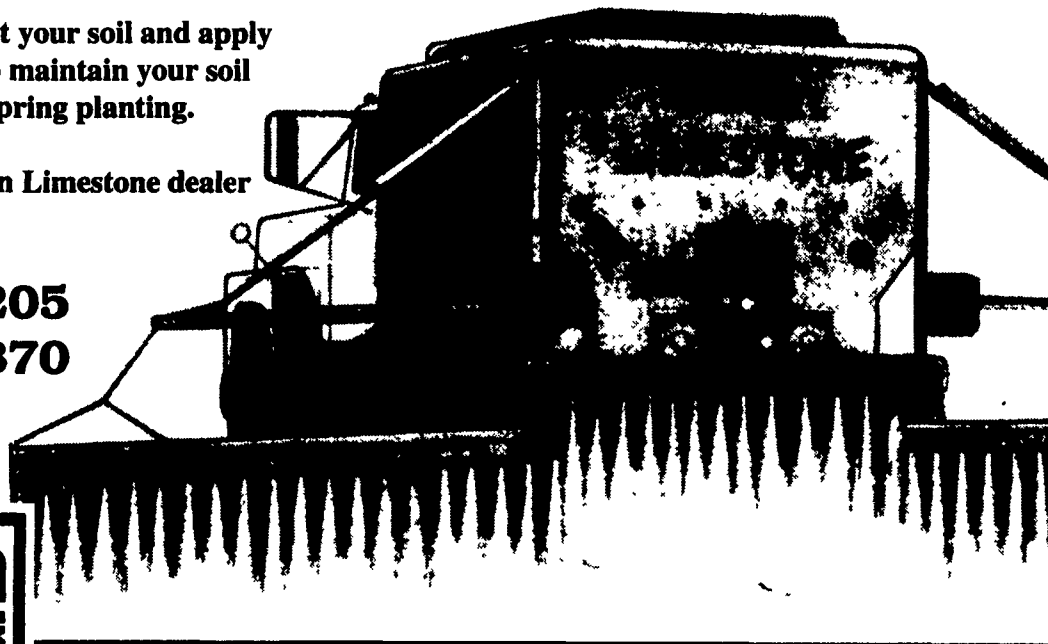
"The opportunity to show a variety of ways that farms and communities can work together to recycle their organic wastes was just too good to pass up," said Cary Oshins, composting specialist for the Rodale Institute, who is working with both of the farms.

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