

Joleen Herbert Shows Champion Market Lamb At Ephrata

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Joleen Herbert had "a feeling that just maybe" she would capture the grand champion market lamb title at the Ephrata Fair on Wednesday night.

She wasn't disappointed. After three years of showing, the Penn State Berks Campus freshman was elated to claim her first grand champion title.

"All that exercising paid off," Joleen said of taking the time to commute from her Terre Hill home to a New Holland farm to run her three sheep through hurdles daily.

The grand champion is the same sheep that took reserve market lamb honors at the Denver Fair two weeks ago. Named Scottie, the heavyweight champion, was purchased from Lloyd Reiff of Strasburg.

Judge Tim Fleener, a Hampshire and Southdown breeder from Lebanon County, said that the 122-pound heavyweight is tight, neat, showy, and the biggest frame, longest lamb at the show.

The reserve champion market lamb shown by Radell Peters was also a formidable heavyweight with just the right amount of conditioning and good overall packaging according to Fleener.

Radell, son of Raymond and Rebecca Peters from Middletown, was extremely proud that his 131-pound heavyweight was a homebred lamb that he raised from a "baby."

In the breeding sheep competition, grand champion honors over all breeds went to a Southdown ewe owned by Jay Zimmerman.

The 15-year-old said that he was equally happy to win the trophy as he was to top his sister 13-year-old Jennifer in the competition.

"I always knew that I would beat her sometime," he said of the sibling rivalry in the show ring.

The champion Southdown named Blueberry was purchased in Ohio. Jay and his sister, who live with parents Jay and JoAnn in Akron, traveled in a pickup truck with their aunt to the Ohio sale where they picked up seven sheep.

"I picked out three of my own without any help," Jay said of the grand champion breeding sheep. "I knew that one of these times, she would win."

It was nip and tuck between Jay's Southdown and Jessica Stoltzfus's grand champion Dorset ewe. In fact, the two competitors alternated wins in the overall breed competition with Jessica taking champion ram honors, and Jay, the reserve. Then Jay took champion ewe with Jessica taking the reserve. In the end it was the ewes that topped the all breeds.

Judge Fleener said, "It's difficult to judge a ram and ewe against each other because they are both different and are supposed to be different."

Jessica's Dorset is a one-year-old named Brittany, which she purchased. Jessica, 15-year-old daughter of Frank and Irene Stoltzfus, raises about 20 ewes on their Elizabethtown farm.

Also competing for the title were Amy Haines with the Columbia breed champion; Keith Bollinger with the Cheviot champion; Alex Lauffer with the Romney champion; Amy Bollinger with the Shropshire champion; and Jeff Bollinger with the Suffolk champion.

In showmanship competition, two Ephrata brothers wielded their sheep with ease and style. Sixteen-year-old Keith Bollinger was named grand champion showman with his 19-year-old brother Jerry taking the reserve title. The brothers, sons of Raymond and Sharon Bollinger, have about 25 sheep together and both competed in the senior exhibitor class.

In the intermediate class, Jennifer Zimmerman placed first. Josh Hoover, son of Marty and Lois Hoover of Denver, took first in the beginner division.

Here is a partial list of winners:

Carcass Lamb Show
1. Joleen Herbert; 2. Jenny Hoover; 3. Jerry Bollinger; Champion Carcass Lamb on Foot: Joleen Herbert; Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb on Foot: Jenny Hoover.

Showmanship Senior
1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Jerry Bollinger; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus.

Intermediate
1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Joleen Herbert; 3. Holly Hoover.

Beginner
1. Josh Hoover; 2. Jennifer Getz; 3. Alexandra Lauffer; Grand Champion Showman: Keith Bollinger; Reserve Champion Showman: Jerry Bollinger.

Breeding Sheep Columbia
Ewe Lamb: 1. Amy Haines; Champion Columbia Ewe: Amy Haines.



Joleen Herbert captures the champion market lamb trophy with her sheep Scottie. Radell Peter's homebred lamb took the reserve champion market lamb title at the Ephrata Fair.



At the Ephrata Sheep Show, the overall champion of all breeds goes to Jay Zimmerman and his Southdown ewe. Jessica Schmidt shows a Dorset ewe for the reserve champion breeding title.

Cheviot
Yearling Ram: 1. Keith Bollinger; Ewe Lamb: 1. Keith Bollinger; Aged Ewes: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Keith Bollinger; Champion Cheviot Ram: Keith Bollinger; Champion Cheviot Ewe: Keith Bollinger.

Dorset
Ram Lamb: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Jenny Hoover; Ewe Lamb: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Radell Peters; Yearling Ewe: 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; Aged Ewe: 1. Radell Peters; Pair of Dorsets: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Radell Peters; Flock: 1. Radell Peters; Breeders Young Flock: 1. Radell Peters; Champion Dorset Ram: Jessica Stoltzfus; Champion Dorset Ewe: Jessica Stoltzfus-Ewe Lamb.

Romney
Ram Lamb: 1. Alexandra Lauffer; Ewe Lamb: 1. Alexandra Lauffer; Yearling Ewe: 1. Alexandra Lauffer; Pair of Romneys: 1. Alexandra Lauffer; Champion Romney Ram: Alexandra Lauffer; Champion Romney Ewe: Alexandra Lauffer-Yearling.

Shropshire
Ewe Lamb: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Amy Bollinger; Yearling Ewe: 1. Amy Bollinger; Aged Ewe: 1. Amy Bollinger; Pair of Shropshires: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Amy Bollinger; Champion Shropshire Ewe: Amy Bollinger-Ewe Lamb.

Southdown
Ram Lamb: 1. Jay Zimmerman; 2. Jennifer Zimmerman; Ewe Lamb: 1. Jay Zimmerman; 2. Jennifer Zimmerman; 3. Jennifer Zimmerman; Yearling Ewe: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 3. Jay Zimmerman; Aged Ewe: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Jennifer Zimmerman; Pair of Southdowns: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Jay Zimmerman; 3. Jennifer Zimmerman; Flock: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; Breeders Young Flock: 1. Jay Zimmerman; 2. Jennifer Zimmerman; Champion Southdown Ram: Jay Zimmerman; Champion Southdown Ewe: Jay Zimmerman-Ewe Lamb.

Suffolk
Ewe Lamb: 1. Jeff Bollinger; 2. Jerry Bollinger; 3. Keith Bollinger; Yearling Ewe: 1. Keith Bollinger; Aged Ewe: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2. Jerry Bollinger; Pair of Suffolks: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2.

Keith Bollinger; Champion Suffolk Ewe: Jeff Bollinger Ewe Lamb.

Champion Ram: Jessica Stoltzfus; **Reserve Champion Ram:** Jay Zimmerman; **Champion Ewe:** Jay Zimmerman; **Reserve Champion Ewe:** Jessica Stoltzfus; **Grand Champion Breeding Sheep:** Jay Zimmerman-Ewe; **Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep:** Jessica Stoltzfus-Ewe.

Market Lambs Lightweights
Class 1: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Jennifer Getz; 3. Ann Getz; Class 2: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Jay Zimmerman; 3. Jennifer Zimmerman; Class 3: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Renee Hoover; 3. Travis Donough; 1st and 2nd place from classes 1, 2 and 3 compete for: **Champion Lightweight:** Amy Bollinger; **Reserve Champion Lightweight:** Renee Hoover.

Middleweights
Class 4: 1. Joleen Herbert; 2. Travis Donough; 3. Kendall Reiff; Class 5: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Kendall Reiff; 3. Holly Hoover; Class 6: 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; 3. Derrick Bollinger; **Champion Middleweight:** Ryan Donough; **Reserve Champion Middleweight:** Joleen Herbert.

Heavyweights
Class 7: 1. Joleen Herbert; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Sarah Boyd; Class 8: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Derrick Bollinger; 3. Tracy Bollinger; Class 9: 1. Radell Peters; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; 3. Gerald Boyd; **Champion Heavyweight:** Joleen Herbert; **Reserve Champion Heavyweight:** Radell Peters; **Grand Champion Market Lamb:** Joleen Herbert; **Reserve Champion Market Lamb:** Radell Peters.

Pairs of Market Lamb
Class 1: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Keith Bollinger; 3. Travis Donough; Class 2: 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Radell Peters; Class 3: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Gerald Boyd; 3. Kendall Reiff.



At the Ephrata Sheep Show, from the left, Keith Bollinger is champion showmanship winner, as judged by Tim Fleener, and Keith's brother Jerry, is reserve champion showman.

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