

Zeigler Wraps Up County Fair Season With Repeat Of Last Year's Performance

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A different year and a different judge but for Corby Zeigler it was a replay of last year's sheep show at the Manheim Fair.

"It's just like last year," the ecstatic 11-year-old said as he clutched the trophy for the sheep that won over all market and sale lamb entries. Both years, Corby said that he placed fifth in showmanship and then went on to place first in the heavyweight sale lamb class, the sale lamb overall, and then the grand champion market sale lamb.

Corby kept a glimmer of hope all through the seven-hour show with 115 entries that he might have a repeat performance.

"But my dad thought he was a little too heavy and didn't think he'd make it," Corby said giving the 127-pound sheep a pat on the

head.

The son of Dean and Carole Zeigler of Lititz attributes his success in the show ring to plenty of walking every day with his sheep. The Zeiglers purchased their sheep from Lloyd Reiff of Strasburg.

His brother Brandon gave him some opposition in the show ring when he took first place in another heavyweight class, but it was the Donough brothers that brought the stiffest competition.

Travis Donough claimed the reserve heavyweight champion and the reserve sale lamb championship but when his brother brought his champion market lamb back into the show ring, judge Tim Fleener selected it for the reserve champion overall.

The Donough brothers are the sons of Ed and LaRue Donough of Manheim. The Donoughs breed their own sheep, and Ryan's champion market lamb that was

named reserve overall is a home-bred cross. Named Eclipse, the sheep was also claimed a championship at the Denver Fair.

The 11-year-old said that Eclipse will not be sold but will be used for breeding on their farm.

Ryan also placed first in showmanship in his age division.

Jessica Stoltzfus, daughter of Frank and Irene Stoltzfus, of Elizabethtown took the lightweight market lamb title and then the reserve market lamb title.

The breeding sheep champion trophy went to Jessica Schmidt of Drumore.

"It's my favorite," Jessica said of the Dorset named Mateau. Jessica, the daughter of Peter and Laurie Schmidt, said that Mateau was bred from a Sleepy Hollow ewe and a Nix Besser ram. Mateau won championships before at the 4-H Fair and at Lampeter Fair.

Showmanship winners in the

age 15 and older bracket went to Jessica Stoltzfus, first; Jill Hoffines, second, and Amy Bollinger, third.

In the 12-14-year-old division, showmanship winners were Jessica Schmidt, first; Kerra Allen, second, and Jennifer Zimmerman, third.

Age 11 and under showmanship winners were Ryan Donough, first; Jonathan Kauffman, second, and Andy Bollinger, third.

A partial list of placings follows:

Showmanship
15 and Over: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jill Hoffines; 3. Amy Bollinger
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sister Tracy showed at the Ephrata Fair two weeks earlier.

Although it was the first year that the 11-year-old Derick showed a grand champion market hog, he and his sisters Tracy and Amy are familiar names showing in hog competition throughout the county. The children of Eugene and Carol Bollinger raise hogs and sheep on their Manheim Farm.

Judge Russell Kegg, a Bedford County commercial hog breeder, said of the champions of each division: "It's sad that I must pull out only one champion from this fine group of hogs. They are all top of the line. If you bred the hog, you can be proud of doing such a fine job. If you purchased it, you can be proud for making such a fine selection."

A newcomer to competition took the reserve grand champion market title. It was the first year that 12-year-old Jonathan Haldeman showed hogs, although his family has a 1,000-head finisher unit on their Manheim farm.

"I had this feeling I would win after it was named the medium-heavyweight champion," Jonathan said.

His parents, John and Kay Haldeman weren't as optimistic. His dad said, "I knew he would be

competing against kids who had money and went to other states to buy a good hog. I told him (Jonathan) that we are just going to pull a few head from our farm and what he gets is just going to need to be good enough."

Those hogs, raised by Dale Rohrer in Lititz before finishing out on the Haldeman farm, matched the best.

Derick's champion and Jonathan's reserve champion had stiff competition from the champions in each division selected from more than 100 head. The lightweight champion was shown by Melissa Becker and the reserve by Dwight Lehman. Travis Donough showed the champion medium-weight and Kevin Pfautz, the reserve. Kyle Ward showed the reserve medium heavyweight champion and Jeffrey Rohrer, the reserve heavyweight.

Showmanship competition was divided into four categories. Amy Bollinger topped the 16-years and over; Lisa Pfautz, 14- and 15-year-olds; Kyle Ward, the 11-13-year-olds; and Nicole Kreider, the 8-10 year olds.

A partial listing of show results follows:

Individual Market Hogs

Lightweight

Class 1: 1. Kyle Ward; 2. Rodney Groff; 3. Brandon Fory. Class 2: 1. Dwight Lehman; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Ryan Donough. Class 3: 1. Melissa Becker; 2. Travis Donough; 3. Brian Geib. Lightweight Champion: Melissa Becker. Lightweight Reserve Champion: Dwight Lehman

Mediumweight

Class 1: 1. Jonathan Haldeman; 2. Jon Good; 3. Brandon Fory. Class 2: 1. Travis Donough; 2. Marci Harnish; 3. Justin Good. Class 3: 1. Kevin Pfautz; 2. Pam Lehman; 3. Amy Bollinger. Class 4: 1. Tim Miller; 2. Rodney Groff; 3. Jonathan Haldeman. Class 5: 1. Justin Good; 2. Jon Good; 3. Loy Wolgemuth. Champion Mediumweight: Travis Donough. Reserve Champion Mediumweight: Kevin Pfautz.

Medium Heavyweight

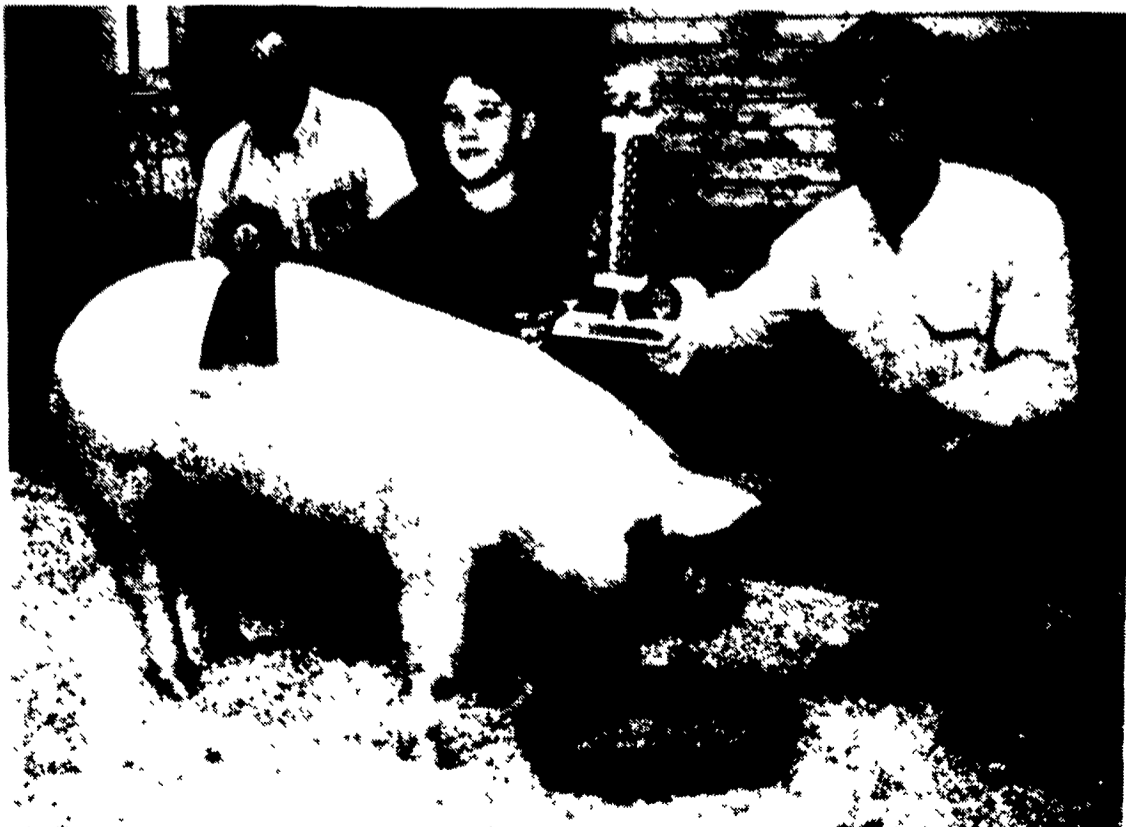
Class 1: 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Amy Becker; 3. Melissa Becker. Class 2: 1. Loy Wolgemuth; 2. Suzy Miller; 3. Derick Bollinger. Class 3: 1. Tim Miller; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Amy Bollinger. Class 4: 1. Geoffrey Rohrer; 2. Derick Bollinger; 3. Travis Donough. Class 5: 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. Kevin Pfautz; 3. Lisa Pfautz. Class 6: 1. Jonathan Haldeman; 2. Chris Good; 3. John Douglas Stauffer. Class 7: 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. John Douglas Stauffer; 3. Jeff Nolt. Class 8: 1. Kyle Ward; 2. Marci Harnish; 3. Loy Wolgemuth. Champion Medium Heavyweight: Jonathan Haldeman. Reserve Champion Medium Heavyweight: Kyle Ward.

Heavyweight

1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Pam Lehman; 3. Melissa Becker. Class 2: 1. Lisa Pfautz; 2. Amy Bollinger; 3. Derick Bollinger. Class 3: 1. Derick Bollinger; 2. Geoffrey Rohrer; 3. Pam Lehman. Class 4: 1. Amy Becker; 2. Suzy Miller; 3. Patrick Good. Class 5: 1. Dwight Lehman; 2. Amy Becker; 3. Eric Ober. Class 6: 1. John Douglas Stauffer; 2. Jared Fory; 3. Marci Harnish. Class 7: 1. Pam Lehman; 2. Dwight Lehman; 3. Rodney Groff. Champion Heavyweight: Derick Bollinger. Reserve Champion Heavyweight: Jeffrey Rohrer. Champion Market: Derick Bollinger. Reserve Champion Market: Jonathan Haldeman.



Corby Zeigler holds the grand champion lamb overall at the Manheim Sheep Show. With him are his brother Brandon and Farm Show Queen Erin Huber.



In his first year of competition, Jonathan Haldeman shows the reserve champion market hog at the Manheim Farm Show. He is flanked by judge Russell Kegg, left, and Randy Fox, committee person for the Manheim Farm Show.



Ryan Donough shows the reserve overall that was also market lamb champion. Erin Huber, Farm Show Queen stands with him.