

Jerseys Excel At Kimberton Fair

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KIMBERTON (Chester Co.) — Jersey competition at the Kimberton Community Fair was a night to remember for Tarik Gaffney.

"It's one of my goals come true," said the 18-year-old who works for Top-O-Hill Farm, owned by his mentor Mildred Seeds.

In addition to being named the champion showman and fitter, Gaffney, who has five of his own Jerseys, swept championship and reserve titles in both Jersey junior and senior competitions and the 4-H grand champion overall.

"My goal is to be as good as showman as my 4-H leader, Mildred Seeds," Gaffney said of his employer.

Seeds, who has long been known as the outstanding Jersey breeder and exhibitor, won champion and reserve titles in the open show of Jersey competition.

"This show is the best I ever judged," said Warren Buckman, who is a Holstein breeder. "This Jersey quality beats most other breed shows hands down. These Jerseys have good quality frames, impressive dairyness, and udders."

In the junior 4-H show, Gaffney's senior heifer calf Admiral Peaches of Top-O-Hill was named champion and also reserve in the open show. Top-O-Hill Imperial Tammy was the reserve in the junior 4-H show.

In the senior 4-H show, Gaffney's Top-O-Hill Imperial Trinket, a junior 2-year-old, was selected champion, which went on to become the 4-H grand champion overall. The reserve was Top-O-Hill Admiral Lucky Penny.

The open show, which runs simultaneously with the 4-H show, was dominated with Seed's show string. Her junior champion was a senior heifer calf named Top-O-Hill Imperial Thread.

Senior champion in the open show was Seeds' aged cow Top-O-Hill Admiral Theda J, which later captured the title as grand champion overall of the open show. Reserve senior champion was 3-year-old Top-O-Hill Juno Tonya.

Other showmanship and fitting champions in addition to Gaffney in the senior division were Vicky Hewitt, who placed first in fitting in the age 12-14-year-old division.

In the same division, Julie Sollenberger placed first in showmanship.

Hewitt, 15-year-old daughter of Danielle and Robert Hewitt, helps her parents with their 100-head of Jerseys and Holsteins at their Spring City farm.

Sollenberger, 14-year-old daughter of Holly and David Sollenberger of Spring City helps with the 40 head of Jerseys, Guernseys, and Holsteins on the farm.

Nine-year-old Becky Baily swept both fitting and showmanship titles in the 8-11-year-old division. She leases a Jersey calf from Top-O-Hill Farm and raises it on the family's West Chester farm known for its Lineback cattle. She is the daughter of Jane and Bernard Baily.

A partial listing of winners in the Jersey Show held July 25 are as follows:

- Jersey Open**
- Junior Heifer Calf**
- 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Becky Baily; 3. Willard Hunt.
- Intermediate Heifer Calf**
- 1. Delaware Valley College; 2. Melissa Huff; 3. Meredith Ruzowiry.
- Senior Heifer Calf**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Mildred Seeds.
- Summer Yearling**
- 1. Bryan and Patricia Huff; 2. Ben Hendricks; 3. Erica Lloyd.
- Junior Yearling**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Patrick Jenkins; 3. Christine Michalik.
- Intermediate Yearling Heifer**
- 1. Robert Petrovich; 2. Missy Wertz; 3. Julie Sollenberger.
- Senior Yearling Heifer**
- 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Jody Hewitt.
- Junior Champion**
- Mildred Seeds; Reserve: Tarik Gaffney.
- Junior Get-Of-Sire**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Melissa Wertz.
- Dry Cow 3-Yrs & Over**
- 1. Julie Sollenberger; 2. Bryan & Patricia Huff; 3. Melissa Wertz.
- Junior 2-Yr Old**
- 1. Eliz Jenkins; 2. Tarik Gaffney; 3. Erica Lloyd.
- Senior 2-Yr Old**
- 1. Janet Jenkins; 2. Delaware Valley College; 3. Julie Sollenberger.
- 3-Yr Old**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Bryan & Patricia Huff; 3. Tarik Gaffney.
- 4-Yr Old**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Bryan & Patricia Huff; 3. Bryan & Patricia Huff.
- 5-Yrs & Over**
- 1. Mildred Seeds; 2. Bryan & Patricia Huff; 3. Erica Lloyd.
- Senior Champion**
- Mildred Seeds.
- Grand Champion**
- Mildred Seeds.
- Reserve Sr. Champion**
- Mildred Seeds.
- 4-H**
- Junior Heifer Calf**
- 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Becky Baily; 3. Jody Hewitt.

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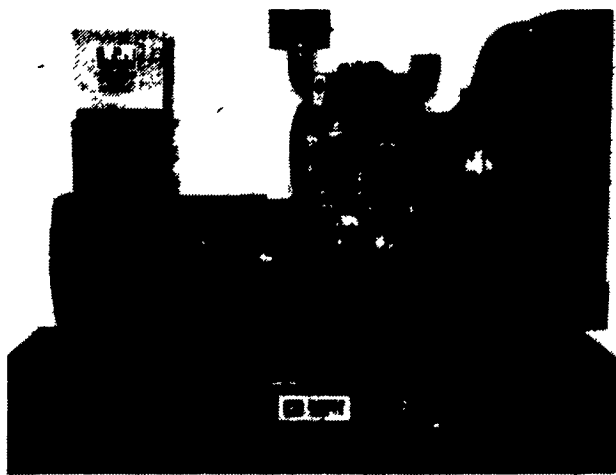


In the Kimberton Jersey Show, Mildred Seeds has both junior champion and reserve junior champion. She holds the halter of Top-O-Hill Imperial Thread, a senior heifer calf. Tarik Gaffney, who works with Seeds holds the halter of Admiral Peaches of Top-O-Hill.



It was a night to remember for Tarik Gaffney, left. At the Thursday evening Jersey Show at Kimberton Fair, he swept the championships in showmanship and fitting competitions, and then exhibited all Jersey champion animals of the youth division.

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