

Kimberton Community Fair Glimpses

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KIMBERTON (Chester Co.) — From July 22 through 27, Kimberton Community Fair attracted thousands of people. Exhibitors came to show off the results of months of pampering their cows, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits and other animals.

Ribbons, trophies, and the judge's praise brought estatic joy to the champion exhibitors and some disappointment to those who didn't collect visible evidence for their efforts.

Parents brought their children for the opportunity to admire a cow up close, to pet a goat, and to hear the baa of a sheep.

Vendors hawking everything

from the perennial favorite greasy French fries to healthful cabbage rolls wooed the fair goers to spend lots of cash. According to the crowds lined up at the Chester County Dairy Promotion and from those wandering around the fairgrounds licking ice cream cones and slurping milkshakes, it was evident that dairy farmers' products haven't lost its appeal to those of all ages.

A lot of behind the scenes work is required for a fair to run smoothly. Volunteers generously donated time and talent at Kimberton Community Fair. Volunteers, exhibitors, and visitors all played a part in the success of Kimberton Community Fair. Here are some glimpses from the fair.



"Cows are the best," proclaims 3-year-old Alex Gardner who attends the Kimberton Fair with his mom Kim Huntzinger and grandparents Gary and Kathy Rhodenbaugh.



Kimberton Fair means family fun for these Ayrshire exhibitors. Edward and Kay Kulp from Eureka Farm in Pottstown with 16-month-old Aaron, Kelly, 3, Kaitlyn, 4, nieces Sarah Kulp, 12, and Jamie Essick, 14, collected a string of blue ribbons and a champion trophy for the 12 cows they brought from their herd of 125.



These visitors snuggle up to a newborn calf at the Kimberton Fair. Sarah and Frances Boening and Chase Demarzo of Chester Springs said they'd rather spend time with the animals than go on the rides at the fair.



Like many parents, Leon and Laurie Hildebittel believe the fair is the best place to show children the farm animals. With 2-year-old son Zachary are his parents and grandparents Donna and Nelson Hildebittel of Pottstown.

Jerseys Excel

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- Intermediate Heifer Calf**
 1. Jody Hewitt; 2. Ben Ruzowicz; 3. Meredith Ruzowicz.
- Senior Heifer Calf**
 1. Tank Gaffney; 2. Brande Rapp; 3. Melissa Wertz.
- Summer Yearling**
 1. Ben Hendricks; 2. Erica Lloyd; 3. Ben Ruzowicz.
- Junior Yearling**
 1. Patrek Jenkins; 2. Christine Michalik; 3. Meredith Ruzowicz.
- Intermediate Yearling Heifer**
 1. Robert Petrovich; 2. Missy Wertz; 3. Julie Sollenberger.
- Senior Yearling Heifer**
 1. Tank Gaffney; 2. Jody Hewitt.
- Junior Champion 4-H**
 Tank Gaffney; Reserve: Tank Gaffney.

- Dry Cow 3-Yrs & Over**
 1. Julie Sollenberger; 2. Melissa Wertz.
- Junior 2-Yr Old**
 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Erica Lloyd; 3. Melissa Wertz.
- Senior 2-Yr Old**
 1. Julie Sollenberger; 2. Melissa Wertz; 2. Amy Hewitt.
- 3-Yr Old**
 1. Tarik Gaffney; 2. Vicky Hewitt.
- 4-Yr Old**
 1. Ben Hendricks; 2. Melissa Wertz; 3. Julie Sollenberger.
- 5-Yrs & Over**
 1. Erica Lloyd; 2. Amy Hewitt; 3. Jody Hewitt.
- 4-H Senior Champion**
 Tank Gaffney; Reserve: Tarik Gaffney.
- 4-H Grand Champion**
 Tank Gaffney.



From left, showmanship and fitting honors went to Becky Bally, 8-11-year-old division. In the 12-14-year-old division, Vicky Hewitt was fitting champion and Julie Sollenberger was showmanship champion. Tarik Gaffney was champion in both showmanship and fitting in the division for exhibitors 15 and over.