

Show Experience Factors Into Allentown Swine Championship

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Allentown Fair. On Thursday afternoon, John also won supreme market hog at Allentown.

John, 13, White Hall, showed a February Hampshire gilt, homebred out of a Rodibaugh boar from Rensselaer, Ind., to supreme champion. John, in the 8th grade at White Hall Middle School, said it was his first supreme championship at the fair.

It was close competition in the supreme gilt championship drive. John's February Hampshire gilt won narrowly, in the judge's mind, over the Spotted swine champion shown by Leslie and Lazarus Brothers.

The judge, Don Verhoff, who breeds Landrace, Duroc, and Hampshire hogs in Ottawa, Ohio, said all the gilts had good underlines. But Verhoff enjoyed the supreme gilt's extra length, which it "handles very well." Verhoff said the February Hampshire gilt shows "femininity, length of body, and leanness. Length of body is very, very crucial."

According to John's mother, Donna, 45 years of breeding and showing history in her family went into the championship. "There's a lot of history," with her family showing swine, she noted. Breed experience and an exercise area, what she calls the "hog playpen," helped out — the hogs are allowed to exercise for about a half hour every day in a sacrifice lot.

At the market show on Thursday, John showed the supreme market hog, a 250-pound purebred Duroc from the heavyweight division.

John will be showing at the York Fair, the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE), and the state Farm Show.

Verhoff was pleased with what he saw out of the Duroc boar, a February boar shown by Cheryl Bennecoff. The boar looked "really young and fresh," he said. "It will leave you with fast growing, easy moving market hogs. It puts the best package together, in my mind."

Cheryl, who raises hogs on their Kutztown farm with husband Todd and their children, said the homebred hog used Power Play genetics from Howard Parrish, Edon, Ohio. Todd said this is the first time they

won with a Duroc at Allentown, though they have picked up championship banners in the past.

The Bennecoffs will be showing at Sullivan County Fair, Bloomsburg Fair, York Fair, KILE, and the Farm Show.

In all, there were a total of 90 market hogs shown on Thursday. On Thursday, showmanship winners included Amy Wehr, supreme champion showman, senior division winner. Amy, 17, is the daughter of Delores and Elmer Wehr, Orefield. She's a senior at Parkland High School.

Intermediate showmanship champion was George Billig, 12, son of Tim and Teresa Billig, New Tripoli and a 6th grader at Northwestern High School. Junior winner was Jeremy Gonzalez, 10, son of Bonnie Gonzalez, Kutztown and a 5th grader at Northwestern. First-year winner was Becky Hottenstein, 8, daughter of Roy and Barbara Hottenstein, Kutztown. Becky is in the 3rd grade in the Kutztown School District. FFA champion was Jason Wagner, 19, son of Dianne and Perry Wagner, Spring City and a graduate of Owen J. Roberts High School.

There were a total of 350 hogs and 20 4-H'ers between the two shows. Following is a list of show placings.

ALLENTOWN FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

OPEN SHOW BREEDS

BERKSHIRE

January Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. February Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. March Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. April Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Boar: Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. January Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. March Gilt: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. April Gilt: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Young Herd: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Produce of Dam: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Get of Sire: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff.

CHESTER WHITE

January Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. February Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. March Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Kelly Lazarus. April Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. Champion Boar: Scott Lazarus. Reserve: Scott Lazarus. January Gilt: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig. February Gilt: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Scott Lazarus. March Gilt: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Scott Lazarus. April Gilt: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. Champion Gilt: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Kelly Lazarus. Young Herd: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. Produce of Dam: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. Get of Sire: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig. Pair of Gilts: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig.

DUROC

January Boar: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. February Boar: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. March Boar: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. April Boar: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Boar: Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. January Gilt: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 3. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. March Gilt: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 3. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. April Gilt: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 3. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. Champion Gilt: Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Young Herd: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Produce of Dam: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Get of Sire: 1. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Calvin H. Lazarus and Sons. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff.

HAMPSHIRE

January Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Donna Strawbridge. February Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Donna Strawbridge. March Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. Roland Hottenstein. April Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. John C. Strawbridge. Champion Boar: Roland Hottenstein. Reserve: Roland Hottenstein. January Gilt: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Donna Strawbridge. February Gilt: 1. John C. Strawbridge. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Roland Hottenstein. March Gilt: 1. John C. Strawbridge. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Roland Hottenstein. April Gilt: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. Roland Hottenstein. Champion Gilt: John C. Strawbridge. Reserve: Roland Hottenstein.



John C. Strawbridge, son of Donna Strawbridge, right, won supreme champion gilt with a Hampshire at the Allentown Fair. At left is show judge Don Verhoff.

Young Herd: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. Donna Strawbridge. Produce of Dam: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. Get of Sire: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. Donna Strawbridge. Pair of Gilts: 1. John C. Strawbridge. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Donna Strawbridge.

LANDRACE

January Boar: 1. Grant A. Lazarus III. February Boar: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. Grant A. Lazarus III. March Boar: 1. Grant A. Lazarus III. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. John C. Strawbridge. April Boar: 1. Grant A. Lazarus III. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. Champion Boar: Grant A. Lazarus III. Reserve: Rocky Acres Farm. January Gilt: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Dianne M. Bond. 3. John C. Strawbridge. February Gilt: 1. Grant A. Lazarus III. 2. Dianne M. Bond. 3. John C. Strawbridge. March Gilt: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. Grant A. Lazarus III. April Gilt: 1. Grant A. Lazarus III. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. Champion Gilt: Rocky Acres Farm. Reserve: Grant A. Lazarus III. Young Herd: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. John C. Strawbridge. Produce of Dam: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. John C. Strawbridge. Get of Sire: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. John C. Strawbridge. Pair of Gilts: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Grant A. Lazarus III. 3. Dianne M. Bond.

POLAND CHINA

January Boar: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. February Boar: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. March Boar: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff. April Boar: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. Champion Boar: Becky Hottenstein. Reserve: Becky Hottenstein. January Gilt: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. February Gilt: 1. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 2. Becky Hottenstein. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. March Gilt: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff. April Gilt: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Becky Hottenstein. Champion Gilt: Becky Hottenstein. Reserve: Becky Hottenstein. Young Herd: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. Produce of Dam: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. Get of Sire: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. Pair of Gilts: 1. Becky Hottenstein. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner.

SPOTTED

January Boar: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. February Boar: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. March Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus. April Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. Champion Boar: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. January Gilt: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 3. Kelly Lazarus. February Gilt: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 3. Kelly Lazarus. March Gilt: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 3. Kelly Lazarus. April Gilt: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. Champion Gilt: Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. Reserve: Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. Young Herd: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Kelly Lazarus. Produce of Dam: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Kelly Lazarus. Get of Sire: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Kelly Lazarus. Pair of Gilts: 1. Leslie and Lazarus Brothers. 2. Kelly Lazarus.

YORKSHIRE

January Boar: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Busy Acre Farms. February Boar: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Stephen A. Wessner. 3. Stephen A. Wessner. March Boar: 1. Stephen A. Wessner. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Busy Acre Farms. April Boar: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Busy Acre Farms. Champion Boar: Busy Acre Farms. Reserve: Stephen A. Wessner. January Gilt: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Donna Strawbridge. February Gilt: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Stephen A. Wessner. 3. Busy Acre Farms. March Gilt: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. Stephen A. Wessner. April Gilt: 1. Stephen A. Wessner. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Michele L. Bond. Champion Gilt: Stephen A. Wessner. Reserve: Busy Acre Farms. Young Herd: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Stephen A. Wessner. 3. Donna Strawbridge. Produce of Dam: 1. Stephen A. Wessner. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Donna Strawbridge. Get of Sire: 1. Stephen A. Wessner. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Donna Strawbridge. Pair of Gilts: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. Michele L. Bond.

4-H SHOW RESULTS

BERKSHIRE

March Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. April Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Boar: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. January Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. March Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. April Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Gilt: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Young Herd: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Produce of Dam: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Get of Sire: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff.

CHESTER WHITE

March Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus. Champion Boar: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Kelly Lazarus. January Gilt: 1. Daniel A. Billig. 2. Kelly Lazarus. February Gilt: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Daniel A. Billig. March Gilt: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus. 3. Daniel A. Billig. Champion Gilt: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Kelly Lazarus. Young Herd: 1. Kelly Lazarus. Produce of Dam: 1. Kelly Lazarus. Get of Sire: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Daniel A. Billig. Pair of Gilts: 1. Kelly Lazarus. Daniel A. Billig.

DUROC

April Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Boar: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. March Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. April Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Champion Gilt: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff. Young Herd: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Produce of Dam: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Get of Sire: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff. Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff.

HAMPSHIRE

March Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. John C. Strawbridge. April Boar: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. John C. Strawbridge. Champion Boar: Roland Hottenstein. Reserve: Roland Hottenstein. January Gilt: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. February Gilt: 1. John C. Strawbridge. 2. Roland Hottenstein. March Gilt: 1. John C. Strawbridge. 2. Roland Hottenstein. 3. Roland Hottenstein. April Gilt: 1. Roland Hottenstein. 2. John C. Strawbridge. 3. John C. Strawbridge.



Showmanship champions at the Allentown Fair Swine Show. From left, Amy Wehr, senior champion and supreme champion; George Billig, intermediate champion; Jeremy Gonzalez, junior champion; and Jason Wagner, champion FFA. Not pictured is first-year showmanship champion Becky Hottenstein.