

Kizzy Wins Solanco Holstein Show

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) - A stylish, black, four-year-old with a near perfect looking udder was named grand champion of the Solanco Fair Holstein show Thursday. Welk-Shade Sterling Kizzy won the title for Mark and Kristina Welk, Quarryville.

Christi Knight, Airville in York County, showed the reserve grand champion. Woodbine Elijah Vernia showed as a three-year-old and was also named grand champion of the youth show.

Caleb Crothers from Rising Sun, Maryland, had the junior champion of the open show that was also named reserve grand champion of the youth show.

Trisha Knight had the reserve junior champion of the open show.

Wengdales Farm owned by Robert and Greg Wenger, Quarryville, received both the premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards. Lebanon County dairyman John Bombgardner was the judge.

Top placings are as follows:
Spring calf, 1. Jill Galbreath; 2. Joseph Hushon; 3. Candance Knight.

Winter calf, 1. Trisha Knight; 2. Harmony Miller; 3. Greg Wenger.

Fall calf, 1. Greg Wenger; 2. Shane Hall; 3. Aaron Trimble.

Summer yearling, 1. Justin Hall; 2. Christi Knight; 3. Sara Jo Greek.

Spring yearling, 1. Caleb Crothers; 2. Shane Hall; 3. Christi Knight.

Winter yearling, 1. Lindsey Burton; 2. Matthew Groff; 3. Rusty Herr.

Fall yearling, 1. Jacob Hushon; 2. Benjamin Welk; 3. Robert Wenger.

Dry cows, 1. Greg Wenger; 2. Michael Bollinger.

Jr. 2y, 1. Justin Hall; 2. Tom Herr; 3. Jacob Hushon.

Sr. 2y, 1. Mark & Kristina Welk; 2. Randy Wenger; 3. Rusty Herr.

3y, 1. Christi Knight; 2. Mark & Kristina Welk; 3. Robert Wenger.

4y, 1. Mark & Kristina Welk; 2. Justin Hall; 3. Greg Wenger.

5y, 1. Sheri Bollinger; 2. Robert Wenger; 3. Robert Wenger.

Showmanship, 12 y and under, Justin Hall; Shane Hall; Trisha Knight.

13y and over, Harmony Miller; Brandon Webb; Michael Bollinger.



Winners at the Solanco Fair Holstein show are from left, Trisha Knight with the reserve junior champion; the junior champion owned by Caleb Crothers; Christi Knight with the reserve grand champion; and Kristina Welk with the grand champion.

Solanco Fair Exhibitor Makes Steer 'Work' For Championship



Justin Wimer, left, won champion steer at Solanco Thursday evening. Jessica Schmidt won reserve.



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Best Friends Share Champion Spotlight

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Not only did Allison Hughes win her first Solanco Fair swine championship Thursday afternoon, but she shared the spotlight with the reserve champion, her friend Tiffany Dean.

"I just want you to write that Tiffany and I are best friends," Allison told *Lancaster Farming* as she held the supreme market hog

trophy. Allison, 11, is the daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes, Lancaster. Allison showed "Maryanne" (named after her favorite character in the TV series, "Gilligan's Island"), a 245-pound Hampshire crossbred gilt that won the middleweight division.

Chet Hughes, Allison's father and Lancaster County livestock agent, said the hog was AI sired

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Justin Wimer believes that steers should work for their champion ribbon.

Literally. His secret: place the water at the bottom of the hill. When the steer wants to eat, make him walk 100 yards uphill to get to the feed.

It was that kind of "work for it, earn it" strategy that netted the supreme steer trophy on Thursday evening at the Solanco Fair.

Justin, 14, son of Debbie and Richard Wimer, Quarryville, walked his Angus/Chianina crossbred steer, Buddy, to supreme champion. Show judge Greg Krueger, Angus breeder from Coatesville, said he believes the steer would hand up a really good carcass.

Justin obtained the steer, middleweight champion of the show, from a Weaver and MacIntyre Club Calf Sale in Lititz. The Solanco High School 9th grader spent about two hours of work before the show, washing and clipping the steer.

The steer learned to exercise himself — simply by walking 100

yards up a steep grass/rock slope — from the water trough to the feed. Another ingredient to championship success for Justin has been feeding a combination calf grower and cracked corn.

This is Justin's one and only show for the year, though he hopes to attend state Farm Show someday. He is a member of Solanco FFA.

Reserve champion was captured by Jessica Schmidt for her purebred Angus steer. Jessica, 15, is the daughter of Laurie and Pete Schmidt, Drumore.

Laurie said the steer was bred in the fair hometown at Twin Oak Farms. Last year, Laurie said Jessica also won reserve champion at Solanco with another purebred from Quarryville.

The steer Jessica showed this year, Twin Oaks Power Buzz ("Buzz," named after the popular character in the film "Toy Story"), was shown at the Penn State Beef Expo in March.

Jessica walks with the steer "constantly," said Laurie. Jessica's steer was the reserve champion of the middleweight division. Jessica is assistant secretary in the Red Rose 4-H Beef Club and is secret-

ary of the 4-H Woolies Club. Jessica will be showing at the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE), Manheim Fair, and state Farm Show.

Also, for the first time, Solanco Fair began a fitting contest, of which Jessica won senior champion.

There were a total of eight exhibitors and the same number of steers. Following is a list of show placings.

SOLANCO FAIR MARKET STEER SHOW RESULTS

Lightweight (1085 lbs.): 1. Jim Pelliccio. Champion: Jim Pelliccio.
Middleweight (1252-1280 lbs.) 1. Justin Wimer. 2. Jessica Schmidt 3. Loren Hershey. Champion: Justin Wimer. Reserve: Jessica Schmidt.
Heavyweight (1350-1385 lbs.) 1. Bryan Byers 2. Jen Pierce. Champion: Bryan Byers Reserve: Jen Pierce.

SUPREME MARKET STEER RESERVE

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Allison Hughes, right, won supreme champion swine at Solanco Fair on Thursday. At left is show judge Cheryl Fairbairn.