

# Swine Show Exhibitors Recognize Brothers' Help In Picking Champions

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — What's a little help from some friends?

Or, how about a little help from some . . . brothers?

Megan Fuls, who walked away with the supreme ribbon, and Billie Jo Atkins, with reserve, admitted they needed help in selecting a pig that could win the Lebanon Area Fair Swine Show championship.

They called upon their brothers, veterans of the show ring.

Megan's brother Justin, who did well at the show, helped select the pig when the family purchased it privately from Donny Sheis, Indiana.

And the reserve shown by Billie Jo relied on the guidance of her brother Dan.

For Megan, 12, daughter of Kevin and Karen Fuls, Richland, her 260-pound Blue Butt crossbred gilt topped the heavyweight division, then secured the overall crossbred classes. It also won out over competition from purebreds at the fair.

Megan said this is her first Lebanon Area Fair champion. She is in 7th grade at Conrad Weiser.

According to her father, Kevin, "her brother got her interested in showing hogs," he said. Fortunately for the exhibitor, even though she had last pick of the hogs, she chose the right one during the sale.

Megan said she will be showing hogs at the state farm show.

Reserve champion was a 267-pound Blue Butt crossbred gilt, heavyweight reserve champion, at the fair. It was shown by Billie Jo Atkins, 14, daughter of



**Megan Fuls, center, won supreme champion hog with her 260-pound heavyweight Blue Butt crossbred champion Monday at the Lebanon Area Fair. From left, judge Nelson Beam, Fuls, and Sam Hayes, state secretary of agriculture. Hayes presented the ribbon to Megan.**



**Jason Shirk showed the Yorkshire champion at Lebanon.**



**Trisha Berger with her Landrace champion at Lebanon Monday.**



**Showmanship first place winners. Front row, 4-H winners, from left, Rebecca Wenger, Emily Ziegler, Kirk Artz, Brandon Winebark, Gretchen Artz, Janine Winebark, Nathaniel Artz, and Renee Atkins. Back row, FFA winners, from left, Wendy Atkins, Jeremiah Arnold, Blaine Brown, and Trisha Berger.**

Schaeffer. Class 2. 1. Janine Winebark 2. Joseph Tice 3. Eric Ziegler Champion Brandon Winebark. Reserve Janine Winebark.  
Class 4 Landrace: 1. Trisha Berger. 2. Trisha Berger. Champion Trisha Berger. Reserve Trisha Berger  
Class 5 Yorkshire. 1. Jason Shirk 2. Jason Shirk Champion Jason Shirk. Reserve Jason Shirk

**CROSSBRED SWINE**  
Lightweight Class 6 (215 lbs) 1. Alex Seaman. 2. Adam Hurst 3. Annie Lefever.

Class 7 (216-218 lbs.): 1. Alex Seaman. 2. Melissa Martin. 3. Kate Hurst.  
Class 8. (219-223 lbs) 1. Melissa Risser 2. Melissa Martin. 3. Adam Hurst  
Class 9 (223-228 lbs): 1. Kyle Fleener 2. Lauren Brownlee. 3. Travis Adam  
Class 10 (228-229 lbs). 1. Wendy Atkins 2. Blaine Brown. 3. Nathan Maulfair  
Class 11 (229-231 lbs). 1. Wendy Atkins 2. Joshua Seaman 3. Renee Atkins

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Bill and Judy Atkins, Lebanon. Billie Jo, who is in the 9th grade at Cedar Crest High School, said that this was her first champion at the fair.

In the crossbred market hog show, lightweight champion went to Kyle Fleener with his 228-pound hog. Reserve went to Wendy Atkins with her 230-pound hog. In the medium weight classes, Tim Crouse picked up champion with his 240-pound hog and Sam Atkins won reserve with his 245-pound swine. Light heavyweight winners were Nathaniel Artz, with his 257-pound hog, and reserve went to Laura Arnold with her 255-pound hog.

There were 137 hogs and 75 exhibitors at the show. The number of hogs increased 25 from last year. Judge was Nelson Beam, Elverson.

Following is a list of show placings.

## LEBANON AREA FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

### BREEDS

Class 1 Chester White: 1. Shane McKinney Champion. Shane McKinney  
Class 2 Duroc: 1. Jeremiah Arnold. 2. Joshua Seaman. 3. Timothy Schaeffer. Champion Jeremiah Arnold. Reserve: Joshua Seaman.  
Class 3 Hampshire. Class 1: 1. Brandon Winebark. 2. Angela Decker. 3. Cassandra



**Billie Jo Atkins, center, won reserve champion hog with her 267-pound heavyweight reserve champion Blue Butt crossbred champion Monday at Lebanon. From left, judge Nelson Beam, Atkins, and Sam Hayes, state secretary of agriculture, who presented the ribbon to Atkins.**



**Jeremiah Arnold with his Duroc champion on Monday at Lebanon.**