

No Secrets Divulged By Kutztown Champion

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — "I can't give away my secrets," said Laura Segan when asked how she managed to show the champion market lamb at the Kutztown Fair for two years in a row.

The 18-year-old has been showing for 10 to 11 years. Now that she's headed off to Marywood University in Scranton, Laura won't be able to continue the day-to-day care of 50 head of pure-breed Hampshires, but will rely upon her parents Kathy and Jeff Segan to care for the flock on the family's New Tripoli farm. This will enable her to continue showing at open shows.

Showing the reserve market champion was Tim Rabenold. The 13-year-old from Allentown showed the market champion two years ago.

He willingly shared that he believes the secret is plenty of exercise and taking his homebred Dorset on long walks.

Of the reserve champion named Jack, Tim said the win was an astonishing surprise.

"I didn't like him (Jack) at all. I thought he was too fat," Tim said.

After Judge Lee Wagner, a Dorset breeder, selected Jack for "lots of front muscle," Tim saw the formerly despised Dorset in a new light.

"He's all right," Tim said as he patted the heavyweight lamb, which also had been named reserve in his class.

Competing for market lamb title was the champion and reserve middleweight market lambs shown by Adam Rabenold.

At the Kutztown Fair, showman and fitting competition is held separately instead of combined as in many shows. Champion showman was Carrie Harman and the reserve champion was Amanda Miller. Champion fitting honors went to Amy Wehr and the reserve champion fitting ribbon to Amanda Miller.

A partial listing of market lamb, showmanship, and fitting placings follows:

MARKET LAMB

Class 1, 1 Brian Hartman, 2 Travis Redmond, 3 Jill Neiman,

Class 2, 1 Todd L Bennecoff Jr, 2 Jill Neiman, 3 Travis Redmond,

Class 3, 1 Brian Hartman, 2 Jason Levan, 3 Ashley Shollenberger,

Champion Lightweight, Todd Bennecoff Jr

Reserve Champion Lightweight, Jill Neiman

MIDDLEWEIGHT MARKET LAMB

Class 4, 1 Adam Rabenold, 2 Lee J Gauker, 3 Andrew Reinert

Class 5, 1 Amanda S Gauker, 2 Todd L Bennecoff, Jr, 3 Samantha L Gressley,

Class 6, 1 Adam Rabenold, 2 Timothy Rabenold, 3 Seth Heintzelman,

Champion Middleweight, Adam Rabenold

Reserve Champion Middleweight, Adam Rabenold

HEAVYWEIGHT MARKET LAMB

Class 7, 1 Timothy Rabenold, 2 Amy Wehr, 3 Amanda S Gauker,

Class 8, 1 Laura S Segan, 2 Seth Heintzelman, 3 Kellie Graeff,

Class 9, 1 Laura S Segan, 2 Samantha L Gressley, 3 Amy Wehr,

Champion Heavy Market Lamb, Laura Segan,

Reserve Champion Heavy Market Lamb, Tim Rabenold

Grand Champion Market Lamb, Laura Segan.

Reserve Champion Market Lamb, Tim Rabenold,

Champion Sheep Showman, Jill Vail,
Reserve Champion Sheep Showman, Amanda Miller

Block and Groom Class 1, 1 William C Willits III, 2 Lee J Gauker, 3 Justin Shollenberger

Block and Groom Class 2, 1 Cathryn Levan, 2 Jill Neiman, 3 Amanda S Gauker

Block and Groom Class 3, 1 Jason Levan, 2 Kellie Graeff, 3 Andrew Reinert

SHEEP FITTING & SHOWING CLASSES

Sheep Fitting Class 1, 1 Amy Wehr, 2 Laura S Segan, 3 William Willits III

Sheep Fitting Class 2, 1 Lee J Gauker, 2 Brian Hartman, 3 John C Strawbridge

Sheep Fitting Class 3, 1 Amanda L Miller, 2 Amanda Gauker, 3 Timothy Rabenold

Sheep Fitting Class 4, Emily B Hannon, 2 Todd L Bennecoff, Jr, 3 Jason Levan,

Champion Fitting, Amy Wehr,

Reserve Champion Fitting, Amanda Miller

Sheep Showing Class 5, 1 Amy Wehr, 2 William C Willits III, 3 Laura S Segan,

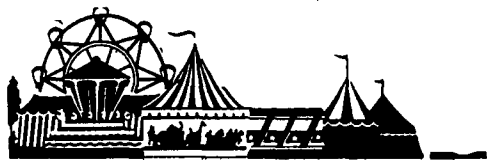
Sheep Showing Class 6, 1 Cathryn Levan, 2 Jill Neiman, 3 John C Strawbridge,

Sheep Showing Class 7, 1 Amanda L Miller, 2 Timothy Rabenold, 3 Amanda Gauker,

Sheep Showing Class 8, Todd L Bennecoff, Jr, 2 Emily B Hannon, 3 Carrie L Hartman,



Laura Segan, right, shows the champion market lamb at the Kutztown Fair. Tim Rabenold shows the reserve champion.



Dorset Ewe, Southdown Ram Are Supreme

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After the breed champions were selected and re-entered the show ring for the final showdown to determine the supreme champion ewe and ram at the Kutztown Fair, Judge Lee Wagner said that both the ewe and the ram decision boiled down to competition among three breed champions.

"Those that deserve the most recognition and are the most competitive today are the champions from the Hampshire, Dorset, and Southdown breeds," Wagner said of both the ewe and ram selection.

In the end, Wagner decided that Amanda Miller's Southdown junior ram was most deserving for the champion ram title. Wagner said, "It's extremely long bodied, nice and level over the rump."

Thirteen-year-old Amanda bred

the Southdown ram on the family's farm. Since her father Ron Miller has been well known in sheep breeding circles for years, Amanda has been showing sheep since she was two years old. She has 15 head of breeding sheep for which she receives numerous awards.

The supreme champion breeding ewe was a Dorset shown by Amy Wehr. Wagner complimented the Dorset for its tremendous size and acceptable head.

"The Dorset has a neat front end, length of body that gives her more 'oomph' when it comes to bone. Her strong frame and neat trim makes her a pretty ewe," Wagner said.

In the Dorset breed, Amy also showed the reserve champion ewe and the champion and reserve champion ram.

"The buck is neat and clean with its long trim over hind saddle. It makes a neater-appearing sheep."

The Hampshire champion ram and ewe owned by Laura Segan were both lauded as outstanding for the breed. Wagner noted the ram had a long top with some meat on him.



Judge Lee Wagner selects Amanda Miller's Southdown ram as the supreme champion ram over all breeds at the Kutztown Fair.

"The ewe is put together nice. I like the way she carries her front end," Wagner said. Laura also showed the reserve champion ewe. Showing the reserve champion ram was John Strawbridge.

In other breed competition, the Cheviot champion and reserve champion rams and ewes belonged to Cathryn Levan.

The Corriedale champion ewe was shown by Emily Hannon and the reserve by Travis Redmond.

The Oxford champion ewe and reserve was shown by Jill Neiman.

Both Rambouillet champion and reserve champion ram and ewes were shown by John Strawbridge. The buck especially caught the eye of the judge. "I especially like the way he presents himself. He's a masculine buck with a nice fleecce."

Romney champion and reserve champion in both ram and ewe divisions were shown by Kellie Graeff. The Romney ewe was noted for its full fleecce and body capacity.

Shropshire' champion and reserve champion ewe were shown by Travis Redmond of Mohnton. According to Wagner, the Shropshire is a big stout ewe with a nice top.

Southdown champion and reserve champion ram and ewe were shown by Amanda Miller.

The Suffolk champion ewe was shown by Carrie Harman.

The Targhee champion and reserve champion ram and ewe were shown by Samantha Gressley.

A partial listing of breeding placings follows:

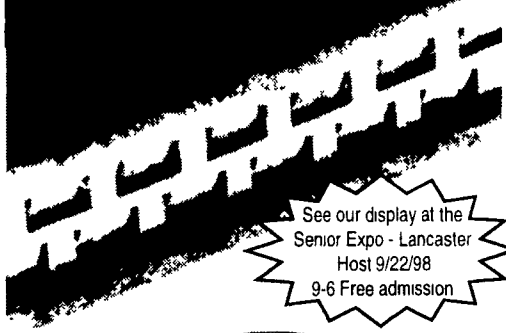
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