

Blair County Royalty Hands Out Ribbons

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MARTINSBURG (Blair Co.) — Presiding over the 4-H and FFA Dairy show at the Martinsburg Dairy Show was Blair County dairy princess, Amanda Sollenberger and her trio of dairy maids.

The vivacious Amanda is the daughter of Gerald and Jean Sollenberger, of Curryville and a senior at Central High School.

She was crowned at the Logan Valley Mall on May 21 with Heather Brenneman, daughter of Kenneth and Beth Brenneman as the alternate.

An active, petite brunette, Amanda is a cross country runner, on the track team, yearbook, FFA, FCA, drama, and speech teams at Central.

While her busy schedule keeps her hopping, she does find time to lend a hand with the family's 160 milk cows and has four cows of her own.

Amanda plans to pursue a

career in broadcasting.

Her sister, Angela, is one of the dairy maids. Also a good help on the Sollenberger farm, Angela had an intermediate calf in the dairy show.

Diana Bigelow, daughter of Richard and Cindy Bigelow of Williamsburg, is another Blair County dairy maid. A sophomore, Diana has two cows and a 4-H steer. She helps to milk a 60-cow herd.

Lisa Hamming, Martinsburg, also a dairy maid, is the daughter of Linda and Peter Hamming. An eighth grader at Providence Academy, she has a cow and a calf of her own which she keeps on a neighboring farm.

Her family is not in farming, but is very involved in agriculture. Lisa's father is an artificial inseminator.

This quartet of young ladies was handing out ribbons and banners throughout the week-long dairy show.



Lisa Hamming, Diana Bigelow, and Angela and Amanda Sollenberger represent Blair County Dairy Royalty at the Martinsburg Dairy Show.



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Let Your Vegetable Garden Climb the Fence
Planning for higher yields next year in the garden. How?

Use a vertical gardening approach to growing cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, peas, cantaloupe, and watermelon. This technique using trellises, nets, strings, cages, poles or fences actually make the garden plot larger since the vegetables are grown up in the air instead of out on the ground.

Advantages include:

1. Plants grow in small garden spaces.
2. Higher yields and better quality.
3. Better pollination by the bees and higher fruit set.
4. Fruit with fewer blemishes and scars as a result of not being on the ground.
5. Easier harvesting of vegetables since nearly all bending and stooping has been eliminated.
6. More effective pesticide sprays penetrating the canopy to control insects and diseases.
7. Plant foliage dries more quickly preventing leaf spot diseases.

Some plants entwine themselves onto supports while others may need to be tied. Remember that a vertical garden planting will cast a shadow onto sunloving crops.

Almost any type of fence can be used as a support, but chainlike fences work especially well. All you have to do is properly prepare the soil, lime, and fertilize accord-

ing to soil test recommendations and plant. The transplants and/or seedlings may need some help attaching themselves to chainlink fence once a sufficient size has been reached. This can be done by gently twisting the plants around the fencing in a counter-clockwise manner (the normal growth direction that plants use when climbing).

Most trellis systems are made entirely of wood, or a combination of wood and heavy twine, netting or wire. The trellis should be installed in the garden site after the soil has been properly prepared but before planting takes place.

Use trellises and fences for cucumbers, tomatoes, beans and peas. Cantaloupes, watermelon and vining types of squash also work well too. For these crops it will be necessary to attach them loosely to the support system with twine since they are not natural climbers like cucumbers. The watermelon and cantaloupe fruit will need a support to keep them from harvesting themselves as the fruit ripens. A sling to hold the fruit can be made from a nylon stocking or similar material.

Stakes and cages are other means of support for tomatoes. Most tomato stakes are 6 to 8 feet in length. The stakes should be driven firmly in the soil along side of the tomato plant immediately after transplanting. The tomato plant is attached to the stake by using twist-ties, twine or similar material as it grows.

York Sellers Snag Lamb Honors

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YORK (York Co.) — Veteran York 4-H sheep exhibitor Adam Sellers etched another lamb championship onto his career last week when he took top honors at the York 4-H Livestock roundup. The roundup and sale which followed on August 11 were held at the 4-H Center's animal exhibition arena.

Sellers, Thomasville, exhibited a 128-pound market lamb to take the heavyweight class and champion honors and earn the first-place spot in the annual sale. Winning bidder for the champion lamb was Peoples Bank of Glen Rock, York, with a price of \$2.20 per pound.

In the reserve heavyweight class and champion spot was Dover 4-H'er Michael Burrell, with a 131-pound entry. Buyer of Burrell's runner-up market lamb winner was B & N Enterprises, Dover, with a \$3.50 per pound bid.

Jonathan Emenheiser claimed the champion honors in the mediumweight class, exhibiting a 110-pound lamb. It sold to Cross Country Farms, Williamsburg, for \$2.20 per pound.

Maria Graybill, lightweight champion, at 82 pounds, sold to Stambaugh Auto Parts, Hanover, then resold to First Capital Wire and Cable, York, for \$1 per pound.

Emily Graybill exhibited the reserve champion mediumweight, which also went through the sale twice. First buyers, at \$100, were Scott and Stephanie Reed, Hanover, with the lamb reselling for \$1.30 per pound to Hydro-Kirby Ag Service, Lancaster.

Lightweight reserve champion, exhibited by Molly Ault, weighed in at 90 pounds and sold to Garrod Hydraulics, Inc., York, for \$1.60 per pound.

The nearly 30 lambs sold averaged \$1.76 including the champion price, and \$1.66 without the champions.

Here is a partial listing:

LIGHTWEIGHT

- Class 1:** 1. Maria Graybill, 2. Emily Graybill, 3. Lindsay Jones.
Class 2: 1. Eric Bankert, 2. Rick Jones, 3. Josh Lawrence.
Class 3: 1. Maria Graybill, 2. Molly Ault, 3. Eric Bankert.
Champion - Maria Graybill.
Reserve - Molly Ault.

MEDIUMWEIGHT

- Class 4:** 1. Nicole Gemmill, 2. Brandy Bankert, 3. Heather Bankert.
Class 5: 1. Emily Graybill, 2. Toni Kibler, 3. Mark Brown.
Class 6: 1. Jonathan Emenheiser, 2. Matthew Bankert, 3. Travis Flory.
Champion - Jonathan Emenheiser.

Reserve - Emily Graybill.

- HEAVYWEIGHT**
Class 7: 1. Tyler Flory, 2. Bobby Myers, 3. Jay Rishel.
Class 8: 1. Adam Sellers, 2. Michael Burrell, 3. Jennifer Finchbaugh.
Class 9: 1. Michael Burrell, 2. Jay Rishel, 3. Kate Brown.



Adam Sellers sells his champion market lamb to John Eaton Jr., representing Peoples Bank of Glen Rock.



Reserve champion market lamb owned by Michael Burrell sells to representatives from B & N Enterprises.