

Hoffines Shows Champion Steer At E-Town

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — The supreme champion steer at the Elizabethtown Fair Wednesday was shown by Jill Hoffines. Her crossbred entry was the champion in the sale steer show. John Messick had the reserve champion sale steer.

In the classes for steers not being sold Jessica Stoltzfus had the champion and Cory Smith had the reserve champion.

In the heifer show, Jessica Schmidt had the champion and Cortney Wolfgang had the reserve champion.

In the showmanship classes, John Hess placed first in the 16 year and over class; Jessica Schmidt topped the 13 to 15 year class; and Nicol Hess was top in the 10 to 12 year class. Schmidt was named the supreme champion overall.

Judge for the show was John Housner, cattle breeder from Dover.



Jessica Schmidt shows the champion heifer with John Housner, judge. Schmidt was later named grand champion in the showmanship contest.



Jessica Stoltzfus shows the champion show steer with John Housner, judge and Sara Wolgmouth, fair queen.

Top class placings are as follows:

HEIFERS

Angus, 1. Jessica Schmidt. Hereford, 1. Chris Hess; 2. John Hess.

Simental, 1. Cortney Wolfgang. Crossbred, 1. Jill Hoffines.

SHOW STEERS

Class 1, 1. Cory Smith.

Class 2, 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jimmy Zimmerman; 3. Jen Zimmerman.

MARKET STEERS

Class 1, 1. Amanda Grube; 2. Nicole Eisenhower; 3. Blaine Brown.

Class 2, 1. Jill Hoffines; 2. Cortney Wolfgang; 3. Nicole Hess.

Class 3, 1. John Messick; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; 3. John Hess.

SHOWMANSHIP

16y & over, 1. John Hess; 2. Jill Hoffines; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus.

13-15y, 1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Cory Smith; 3. Jimmy Zimmerman.

10-12y, 1. Nicol Hess; 2. Amanda Grube; 3. Cortney Wolfgang.



John Messick showed the reserve champion market steer.



Jill Hoffines showed the supreme champion market steer with John Housner, judge.

Bard's 'Baby' No Tiny Swine Champion At Elizabethtown

ANDY ANDREWS

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Of all the pigs that Elizabeth Bard could have selected, the one she claims was the littlest, "Baby," climbed its way to the top, taking supreme market hog with the heavyweight champion, a Spotted and Yorkshire crossbred gilt Tuesday night at the Elizabethtown Fair.

Elizabeth, 9, won her first Elizabethtown Fair championship with a hog from the Keith Bard herd in Portage.

Elizabeth, daughter of Mary and

Gregg Bard, Elizabethtown, is in the fourth grade at Fairview Elementary. The pig, the littlest one of her selection, wasn't padded and protected, though — the exhibitor exercised Baby daily, sometimes literally running it around the barn.

The hog definitely caught the eye of Daryl Bomgardner, Lebanon, who judged the show. When Bomgardner selected the hog as heavyweight champion, he admired it because the hog was "super lean" and "big-framed — the crispest, tightest, leanest hog" in the ring, he said. The hog was

impressive through the lower and center portions of the ham, he noted.

Bomgardner praised the hog again when he selected it as supreme champion, indicating the hog exhibited the "firmness and crispness of the center portion of the ham," he said. "I really like this hog up through its front end."

The championship completed Elizabeth's show season in a big way.

The reserve suited Bomgardner the most when selected from the light heavyweight division for champion. The judge noted that it had the most width in its division, and "satisfied me in terms of production and from the packer's

standpoint," he said.

Eric Ober showed the reserve champion hog overall, the light heavyweight division champion. Eric showed a Hampshire crossbred gilt.

Eric, 17, is the son of Paul and Deb Ober, Manheim. He's a senior at Elizabethtown High School.

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Eric Ober, left, won reserve champion market hog Tuesday night at Elizabethtown. Samuel Hayes, state ag secretary, presented the award.



Elizabeth Bard, left, won supreme champion market hog at Elizabethtown Fair. Samuel Hayes, ag secretary, presented the award.