

This Year, Solanco Grand Market Champs Reverse Roles

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Once upon a time (only a year ago, actually), Allison Hughes won champion and her friend Tiffany Dean took home reserve of the market lamb show at Solanco Fair.

A year later, this time on Wednesday afternoon, they reversed roles, with Tiffany taking home champion and Allison the reserve.

Tiffany, 13, daughter of Gary and Joan Dean, Strasburg, showed her wether, Lieberthal (named in honor of Phillies baseball catcher Mike Lieberthal) to grand champion market lamb.

Tiffany, in the seventh grade at Martin Meylin School, exhibited the 126-pound champion from the light heavyweight division. The 4-H Woolies and swine club member has won previously at the fair.

Tiffany walks her lambs every other day for about a half hour. She plans to show at West Lampeter Community Farm Show and the state Farm Show.

Tiffany picked out the champion from Danny Schlichter, Washington Courthouse, Ohio, through a sale conducted by Tim Fleener, Lebanon County, according to Tiffany's father, Gary.

Allison Hughes paraded her 123-pound reserve champion, the reserve of the light heavyweight show, at Solanco. Allison, 13, is the daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes, Lancaster.

The Martin Meylin School eighth grader showed her wether, Will, to reserve. The lamb was named in honor of Will from the "Will and Grace" TV show, Allison's favorite.

Allison had help from her father, Chet, when they selected

the lamb from Don Witt, Champion, Fayette County. Allison said she walks the sale lamb every other day for about a half hour.

Allison will be showing at Lampeter and, perhaps, at state Farm Show.

Show judge was Lee Wagner, Easton. Wagner, a Dorset breeder and flock manager of Sunrise Farm Dorsets, emphasized the market is looking for good frame size and muscle pattern. Wagner, who was livestock superintendent for Delaware Valley College, said the lamb must have style yet with a balanced profile in addition to meat and muscle.

There were 73 market lambs and 41 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

SOLANCO FAIR MARKET LAMB SHOW RESULTS

SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1 (16-18 Year Olds): 1. Jessica Schmidt. 2. Elizabeth Young. 3. Brian Mull.
Class 2 (14-15 Year Olds): 1. April Leaman. 2. Brent Landis. 3. Andrew Huyett.
Class 3 (11-13 Year Olds): 1. Allison Hughes. 2. Tiffany Dean. 3. Brad Leaman.
Class 4 (9-10 Year Olds): 1. Katrina Frey. 2. Neal Lefever. 3. Kristen Richards.

SHOWMAN CHAMPION

Jessica Schmidt
RESERVE
Allison Hughes

MARKET LAMBS

Lightweight Class 1 (80-99 lbs.): 1. Ashley Herr. 2. Lauren Walton. 3. Abigail Funk.
Class 2 (90-98 lbs.): 1. Abby Frey. 2. Debra Young. 3. Jaymi McMichael.
Class 3 (99-103 lbs.): 1. Brian Mull. 2. Debra Young. 3. Katrina Frey.
Lightweight Champion: Abby Frey. Reserve: Brian Mull.
Middleweight Class 4 (104-107 lbs.): 1. Brent Landis. 2. Jill Kreider. 3. Marie Collins.
Class 5 (108-112 lbs.): 1. April Leaman. 2. Brad Leaman. 3. Jill Kreider.
Class 6 (115-117 lbs.): 1. Jessica Schmidt. 2. April Leaman. 3. Brent Landis.
Middleweight Champion: Jessica Schmidt. Reserve: April Leaman.
Light Heavyweight Class 7 (120-121 lbs.): 1. Allison Hughes. 2. Sarah Henry. 3. Brian Mull.



Tiffany Dean, right, showed Solanco Fair market lamb champion. From left, Lee Wagner, show judge; Allison Hughes, reserve market lamb; and Tiffany.

Class 8 (122-125 lbs.): 1. Allison Hughes. 2. Anna Mary Henry. 3. Sarah Henry.
Class 9 (126-128 lbs.): 1. Tiffany Dean. 2. Jeremy Railing. 3. Elizabeth Young.
Light Heavyweight Champion: Tiffany Dean. Reserve: Allison Hughes.
Heavyweight Class 10 (130-134 lbs.): 1. Katrina Frey. 2. Jessica Schmidt. 3. Amber Funk.
Class 11 (135-142 lbs.): 1. Brad Leaman. 2. Tiffany Dean. 3. Neal Lefever.
Class 12 (145-161 lbs.): 1. Neal Lefever. 2. Amanda Gehr. 3. Jimmy Gordon.
Heavyweight Champion: Brad Leaman. Reserve: Katrina Frey.

GRAND CHAMPION

MARKET LAMB
Tiffany Dean
RESERVE
Allison Hughes

MARKET PAIRS

Lightweight (188-214 lbs.): 1. Jill Kreider. 2. Debra Young. 3. Jaymi McMichael.
Champion Lightweight: Jill Kreider. Reserve: Debra Young.
Middleweight (218-238 lbs.): 1. April Leaman. 2. Brent Landis. 3. Brian Mull.
Champion Middleweight: April Leaman. Reserve: Brent Landis.

Light Heavyweight (240-251 lbs.): 1. Allison Hughes. 2. Dustin Collins. 3. Jessica Schmidt.

Light Heavyweight Champion: Allison Hughes. Reserve: Brad Leaman.

Heavyweight (253-318 lbs.): 1. Tiffany Dean. 2. Elizabeth Young. 3. Loren Hershey.
Heavyweight Champion: Tiffany Dean. Reserve: Elizabeth Young.

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MARKET PAIR
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Colored Breeds Competition At Solanco Fair

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Since she was two months old, the show ring for Rebecca Nolan has been a romper room — sort of.

Since she was at least three years old, Rebecca has been showing dairy cattle in the ring. In so short of a time, watching her family show animals at Solanco and other fairs has been her classroom.

Rebecca, 14, daughter of Sharon and Rob Nolan, Cochranville, took her veteran experience with her to the Solanco Fair Wednesday. Rebecca, Manor Dairy 4-H'er, paraded her Ayrshire cow Ola (S&M Ayr Irs Ola), a 5-Year-Old, to champion of the largest division of dairy animals in the ring — 32 — during the colored breeds competition.

The Nolan family recently returned from the Florida State Fair, said Rebecca. Rebecca, in the ninth grade at Octorara High School, feeds and exercises Ola (S: Maple Dell Chads IRS and bred by Mike S. Zook) regularly.

Rebecca has gone to several fairs this season, including Kimberton and Goshen. Upcoming are several more, including All American next week and the Unionville Fair.

But the family shows "all over the country," said Rebecca, including Kentucky, Wisconsin, and other places.

The secret to success in the ring, according to Rebecca, is not to

over- or underfeed the cows. "We try to get them to look their best," she said, including spending time washing and clipping them.

"We practice by putting a halter on her and get her used to the halter and leash," Rebecca said. Getting Ola ready takes about an hour a day.

The hardest part of the experience? "Getting her head up, because of the weight of her head on your hand," said Rebecca.

Rebecca also won junior champion with a winter yearling, Dreamnol Rigil Oleva (S: Covey-Palmyra Willy Rigil-ET and bred by Rebecca).

In the Ayrshire show Wednesday, reserve champion went to Rob and Bonnie Wentworth, Quarryville, for their 2-year-old, Wentworth Farm FarmSweet Vidalia (S: Daltondale's Kellogg and bred by Rob and Bonnie Wentworth). The Wentworths also won best udder and were named premier breeder.

Ken Findley Family was named premier exhibitor.

In the Jersey show, Kathy Findley won grand champion with her 4-year-old, Pretty Pansy (S: User Friendly and bred by David Beiler). Reserve went to Nicole Welk for her spring calf, the junior champion, HillacresShantzys Shugar (S: Silver Spring Winston and bred by Tom Arrowsmith).

Nicole Welk also won the junior champion with the same animal. Reserve went to the spring yearling shown by Danielle Bishop, SBF Kent Nadia (S: Greenwood Skyline Kent and bred by ST Bri-

gins Farm).

In Brown Swiss competition, grand champion went to the aged cow shown by Joshua Hushon, Lake Jane Pebbles (S: Victory Acres Jubilation Emory and bred by Ken Lohr). Reserve went to the 2-year-old shown by H.E. Heiddel and Sons, G S Jet Tiger-ET (S: Forest Lawn Simon Jetway and bred by G S Associates).

In the junior show, Joshua picked up champion with the grand champion. Reserve went to the 3-year-old shown by Joshua Mill-

er, Kilclany Acres Jessica (S: Johann Luckyman-ET-TW and bred by Kelly Kilgores).

Milking Shorthorn champion was exhibited by James Findley, a 3-year-old, Miss Kouetney's Master Cricket (S: Red Cedar Master and bred by Lizzie Moser). Reserve was shown by James, a 2-year-old, Miss Kourtney's Peerless Kasey (S: Meriville Peerless and bred by Lizzie Moser).

In the junior show, Findley won for his spring yearling, Miss Kickets Peerless Kooter (S: Meriville

Peerless and bred by Lizzie Moser).

There were 40 exhibitors at the colored breeds show. At the start of the show, 73 animals were entered and about 65 competed.

Judge for the show was Mike Kunkle, Sire Power technician from Jonestown. Kunkle, former member of the state 4-H judging team, raises Brown Swiss and Holstein.

Following is a list of show placings.

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Jersey champions at Solanco Wednesday morning were Kathy Findley and Nicole Welk. From left, Elizabeth Young, Lancaster County alternate dairy princess; Amber Kiser, dairy darling; Ryan Bishop, Danielle Bishop, James Findley, and Mike Kunkle, show judge.