

# Chester County's 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup Features Quality

**HONEY BROOK** (Chester Co.) — The Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup was Aug. 7 here at the Romano 4-H Center. Thirteen goat projects were exhibited and six 4-H youth participated.

This year the show was divided into two breed classes — Alpines and Nubians.

Heather Glennon of Doylestown not only placed the animals, but also instructing the 4-H'ers in how to improve their animals through breeding.

In the Alpine breed, Erin Whitesel of Landenberg captured senior and grand champion with her doe, Muffin, in the does one and under two years of age class. Joe Batchelder of Glenn Mills received the reserve senior and reserve grand champion title in the Alpine breed with Jellyrole, a doe in the three-year-old division.

Nectar, who showed in the 4- to 12-month-old kid class, was the junior champion for Daniel Smith of Lincoln University. Erin Whitesel won reserve junior ribbon with Nibble, who also showed in the 4- to 12-month-old class.

In the Nubian breed, Glennon selected a 3- to 5-year-old doe named Midnight, owned by Veronica Bates of Gradyville, for senior and grand champion.



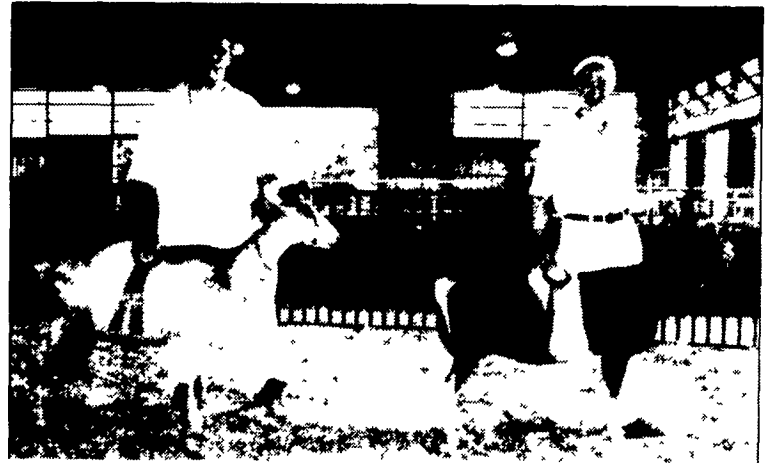
**Chester County Dairy Goat Roundup Nubians, from left, Nora Demchur, reserve, and Veronica Bates, champion.**

Reserve senior and reserve grand champion went to Madeline, who showed in the 3- to 5-year-old group, owned by Nora Demchur of West Chester. Eloise, a kid in the 12 to 24 month of age class, also owned by Nora Demchur, was awarded junior champion. Reserve junior champion went to Veronica Bates with Pop Tart, a kid in the 12- to 24-month-old class.

The highlight of the roundup was when the judge selected Erin Whitesel's outstanding

grand champion Alpine doe, Muffin, for best in show honors. Veronica Bates received the reserve award with her Nubian doe, Midnight.

In the fitting and showing competition, Erin Whitesel was the junior champion showman and fitter for members less than 14-years-old. In the senior competition, Veronica Bates received both champion showman and champion fitter. In the first-year division, Daniel Smith earned both champion showman



**Chester County Dairy Goat Roundup Alpines, from left, Joe Batchelder, reserve, and Erin Whitesel, champion.**



**Chester County Dairy Goat Roundup best in show, from left, Erin Whitesel, champion, and Veronica Bates, reserve.**

and champion fitter awards. In the pre-4-H or Cloverbud competition, Selena Bari of Down-

ingtown won the champion fitter and champion showmanship prize.

## America's Top Equestrians Return For National Horse Show

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS), one of Pennsylvania's premier sporting events and America's largest indoor all-breed horse show, will conduct its 55th annual 10-day competition here Oct. 12-21.

Since its inception in 1945, the event at Harrisburg's State Farm Show Arena, has raised more than \$1.4 million for youth literacy, educational, and recreational programs through the Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Foundation.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of hunter, jumper, and equitation riders across the U.S. compete year-long for an invitation to join the best of the best at "The Show Of Champions" in Harrisburg.

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is a celebration of horse sports, featuring more than 1,400 of America's top horses and riders, unique entertainment, shopping, food, and family fun.

Eight national championships are decided at the PNHS. The American Horse Shows Association/Black Entertainment Television National Junior Jumper Championship, Saturday night Oct. 14, is one of only three USA Junior Olympics-Equestrian events, and features America's top under-18 jumper riders. More than 200 young riders culminate a year of competition on Sunday, Oct. 15, as they vie for the American Horse Shows Association/Eisers and Pessoa National Hunter Seat Equitation

Medal Championship — one of the few events where the rider, rather than the horse, is judged.

Many of the young national champions go on to represent the U.S. in international and Olympic Grand Prix competition of the type featured at the PNHS nightly Tuesday, Oct. 17 through closing Saturday, Oct. 21. Spectators thrill to America's best Grand Prix jumper riders, including Olympic competitors, striving to win more than \$115,000 in prize money by clearing jumps up to five feet high and six feet wide.

A week of varied equestrian competition begins Monday, Oct. 16, with Hunt Night, an evening of friendly rivalry for the mid-Atlantic's top foxhunting clubs. For about 150 years, foxhunting has remained a strong tradition in Pennsylvania, home to more hunts than any other state except Virginia. Teams and individuals test their hunting skills over fences, in North American fox hunting horn blowing championships, and in races over fences for Jack Russell terriers. Author Rita Mae Brown, a foxhunting enthusiast, is expected to make an appearance during Hunt Night.

Spectators will be treated to an amazing variety of equestrian athleticism. High-flying Grand Prix jumpers, fiery, high-stepping American Saddlebreds and their tiny Hackney pony cousins, thundering draft horses in hitches of one to six, easy-going western pleasure horses, and roadster horses and ponies

who race around the ring at top speed take turns delighting and entertaining the audience. The \$50,000 Budweiser Grand Prix de Penn National, the show's richest and most prestigious event Saturday night, Oct. 21, will be taped for broadcast on ESPN (the broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.).

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will present their Musical Ride at the Pennsylvania National Thursday through Sunday nights, Oct. 19-21, their first appearance at the show since 1982. The troupe of 32 horses and riders, with the support of founding sponsor Canadian Pacific, will perform a variety of cavalry drills and intricate formations at the trot and canter, all choreographed to music.

"The Sport of Kings" will thrill spectators as teams from Harrisburg and Lancaster play a

heart-pounding chukker of fast-paced arena polo Wednesday night, Oct. 18. Always a crowd favorite, Jack Russell terriers race over fences Monday and Friday nights, Oct. 16 and 20. World Champion Rocky Dare will present a demonstration of reining, the newest equestrian sport to be sanctioned by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).

Special family days at the horse show are Saturday, Oct. 14 and Friday night, Oct. 20. On both days, when competition and events are geared to kids, children will enjoy free pony rides and face painting. On Saturday, Oct. 14, one child under age 12 is admitted free with a paying adult.

An invitational class for local therapeutic riders will be Tuesday night, Oct. 17. Horse babies one-year-old and younger will be showcased in a futurity for young American Saddlebred

horses Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21. The Valley Forge Military Academy and College Band will appear at the horse show on Saturday night, Oct. 21, as it has done for the last 52 years.

More than 50 boutiques travel from Palm Beach, Aspen, and points in between to display their jewelry, crafts, clothing, gifts, and horse equipment and give spectators an early start on their Christmas shopping.

General admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and children ages 12 and younger, except Oct. 21, when all general admission tickets are \$10. Reserved seating is available Grand Prix Night, Saturday, Oct. 21 — prices range from \$15 to \$25. All performances passes with reserved seating Oct. 21 are \$100.

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