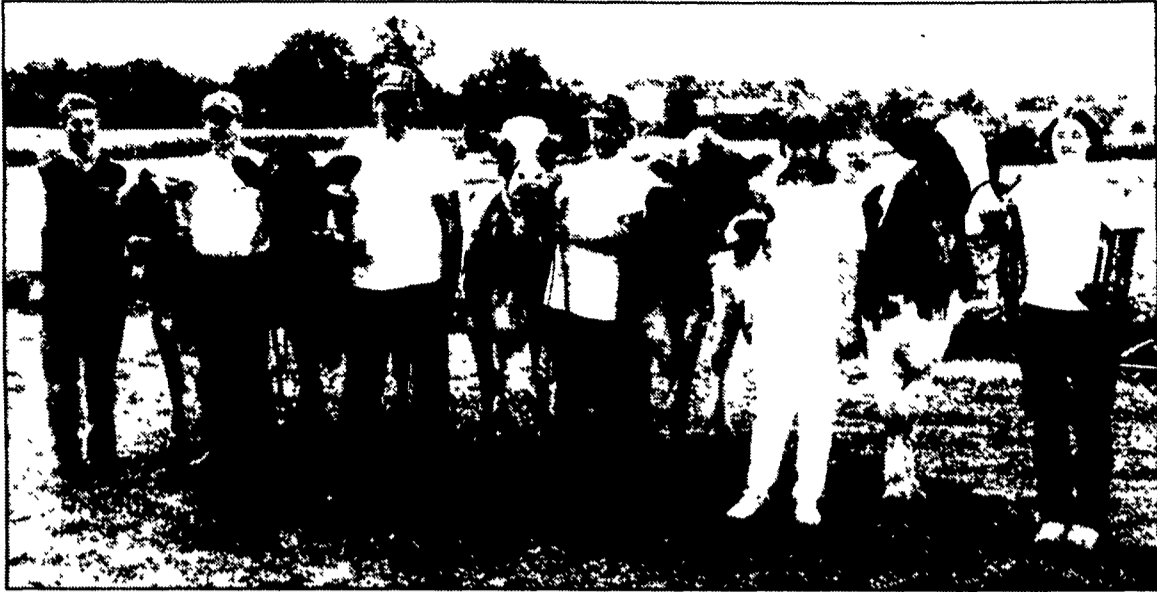


Howcrest Holstein Takes Top Place At Lampeter



Lampeter's dairy champs; Tim Graver, Pequea, holds the Jersey champion for James Findley; Shawn Bachman, Millersville, holds the Milking Shorthorn champion for Findley; James Findley, Kirkwood, holds the Ayrshire champ; Lori Hess, Pequea, had the champion Brown Swiss; and Lindsey Howard, Willow Street, won overall champion with her Holstein.



Lindsey Howard, Willow Street, took home overall grand champion honors at Lampeter's dairy show. Howard, 15, is from Howcrest Holsteins, a 40-head dairy farm in Willow Street.

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WEST LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.) — About 30 head of Holsteins and an equal number of colored breeds competed in the West Lampeter Community Fair Dairy Show.

"There was good quality through all the breeds," said judge Matt Wanner.

"What I'm selecting for in the supreme champion is the animal that to me best fits the ideal of that breed," said Wanner.

According to Wanner, the Ayrshire breed is known to be strong and robust with correct feet and legs and a well-attached udder. The Brown Swiss is also known for its sound feet and legs.

Holsteins, said Wanner, are traditionally the largest breed, with great size, scale, depth, power, and blooming capacity. Jerseys are extremely efficient, with high butterfat and protein components in the milk they produce.

The Milking Shorthorn, said Wanner, is a dual purpose breed which leads to the animals' strength, substance, and weight while still being a "very dairy cow."

Lindsey Howard's Holstein caught the eye of Wanner for the supreme champion placing.

"She has tremendous frame, balance, style, a high seam down the udder, and correct feet and legs which enable her to walk around the ring so gracefully," said Wanner.

Howard, 15, of Howcrest Holsteins, hails from a 40-head dairy farm in Willow Street. She is in the 10th grade at Lampeter Strasburg School District.

Besides the dairy ring, Howard tried her hand at raising beef this year for the first time, which she also showed at the Lampeter fair and earned a second place.

Out of four of her own animals, Howard brought 'Charlyse' to the fair, as the cow exhibited the largest frame and most dairy character, according to Howard, who has been showing as a 4-H'er for six years.

Matt Wanner of Pride-N-Joy Farm, Narvon, judged the event. A Penn State graduate, Wanner has experience on the collegiate

judging team and also judged many shows during his graduate years as he studied genetics at Penn State.

He judges 1-3 shows a year and works full-time at the 400-cow family operation.

The number of Ayrshires increased by one during the afternoon Holstein show. Owner James Findley showed the expectant mother in the dry cow class earlier in the afternoon before the heifer made an arrival.

"She was due today, but she wasn't bagging up and I was planning to take her home to-

night," said Findley. "I showed in the Holstein dry cow class, pulled the calf, and went into the ring with a 4-year-old," said Findley.

Additional dairy show results follow:

AYRSHIRE SHOW

- Spring heifer calf: 1. James Findley.
- Summer yearling heifer: 1. James Findley.
- Spring yearling heifer: 1. Katrina Morfesis. 2. Brittany Kemper. 3. Kosta Morfesis.
- Winter yearling heifer: 1. Shawn Ham-buck.
- Junior champion female: James Findley.
- Reserve junior champion female: Katrina Morfesis.
- Dry cows 3- and 4-years-old: 1. James Findley.
- Dry cows five years and over: 1. James Findley.

- Junior 2-year-old cow: 1. James Findley.
- Senior 2-year-old cow: 1. James Findley.
- Junior 3-year-old cow: 1. James Findley.
- 4-year-old cow: 1. Ken Findley.
- Senior champion female: James Findley
- Reserve senior champion female: James Findley.
- Grand champion female: James Findley.
- Reserve champion female: James Findley.
- Cow 6-years-old: 1. James Findley.
- Cow, any age: 1. James Findley 2. James Findley 3. Ken Findley
- Best three females: 1. James Findley 2. James Findley.
- Dairy herd: 1. James Findley. 2. James Findley

- Produce of dam: 1. Amber Kiser 2. James Findley.
- Dam and her daughter: 1. James Findley. 2. Amber Kiser.

BROWN SWISS SHOW

- Fall heifer calf: 1. Lon Hess. 2. Lon Hess.
- Spring yearling heifer: 1. Lon Hess.
- Winter yearling heifer: 1. Tom Aument.
- Junior champion female: Lon Hess.
- Reserve junior champion female: Lon Hess.
- Junior best three females: 1. Lon Hess.
- Dry cows five years and over: 1. James Findley.
- Junior 2-year-old cow: 1. Lon Hess
- Senior 2-year-old cow: 1. Lon Hess.
- 5-year-old cow: 1. Lon Hess
- Senior champion female: Lon Hess.
- Reserve senior champion female: Lon Hess.
- Grand champion female: Lon Hess
- Reserve champion female: Lon Hess
- Cow, any age: 1. Lon Hess 2. Lon Hess
- Best three females: Lon Hess
- Produce of dam: 1. Lon Hess.
- Dam and her daughter: 1. Lori Hess

JERSEY SHOW

- Fall yearling heifer: 1. James Findley
- Junior 2-year-old cow: 1. James Findley
- Senior champion female: 1. James Findley
- Reserve champion female: 1. James Findley.
- Cow, any age: 1. James Findley.

MILKING SHORTHORN SHOW

- Spring heifer calf: 1. James Findley
- Junior champion female: 1. James Findley.
- Senior 3-year-old cow: 1. James Findley.
- 4-year-old cow: 1. James Findley
- Senior champion female: James Findley.
- Reserve senior champion female: James Findley
- Cow, any age: 1. James Findley 2. James Findley.
- Best three females: 1. James Findley
- Produce of dam: 1. James Findley
- Dam and her daughter: 1. James Findley.

HOLSTEIN SHOW

- Spring heifer calf: 1. Lindsey Howard 2. Neal Hershey. 3. Keith Hershey
- Winter heifer calf: 1. Steve Shertzer 2. Chad Shertzer 3. Ray Hess
- Summer yearling heifer: 1. Daniel Harnish.
- Spring yearling heifer: 1. Neal Hershey
- Winter yearling heifer: 1. Amanda Harnish. 2. Chad Shertzer.
- Junior champion female: Steve Shertzer.
- Reserve junior champion female: Lindsey Howard.
- Junior best three females: 1. Steve Shertzer. 2. Dan Hess. 3. Cheryl Hershey.
- Dry cows 3- and 4-years-old: 1. James Findley
- Dry cows five years and over: 1. Ray Hess.
- Junior 2-year-old cow: 1. Dan Hess 2. Ray Hess 3. Amanda Harnish.
- Senior 2-year-old cow: 1. Daniel Harnish
- Junior 3-year-old cow: 1. Daniel Harnish 2. Amanda Harnish
- Senior 3-year-old cow: 1. Lindsey Howard 2. Cheryl Hershey 3. Dan Hess
- 4-year-old cow: 1. James Findley

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"Jordan" gets a jump on competition for next year by getting her fair experience early. Her mother was shown in Ayrshire dry cow class shortly before the heifer was born during the Holstein show.

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