

Carbon County Fair Hosts Sheep, Swine Shows

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PALMERTON (Carbon Co.)— Judge Dave Hosterman, swine herdsman for Penn State University, reviewed the 49 entries of the Carbon County 4-H swine show at the Carbon County Fair recently.

Justin Cunfer, 17, of East Penn Township, was Hosterman's selection as champion fitter and champion showman. Cunfer, president of the Carbon County 4-H livestock club will be a senior this year in the Leighton school district. A nine-year member of the club, Cunfer has exhibited swine locally and at the Blue Valley Farm Show and Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Reserve fitter honors went to intermediate fitter, Sarah Miller, 12, also of East Penn Township with junior showman Christian Graver, 11, receiving the reserve showman title.

Graver, Franklin Township,

went on to have her 229-pound Chester White entry from the heavy lightweight class named the reserve champion market hog of the show. Graver also took first place honors in the pair of market hog competition. A sixth grade student at Leighton Middle School, Graver said she named her pig "Chester" even though it was a gilt. Graver said that of all of her project animals, she enjoys the pigs the most.

The champion market hog title went to the 261-pound Hampshire-Duroc cross gilt named Charlotte owned by Christiana's younger brother, Luke Graver. A first year member, Luke will be in the fourth grade this fall. Both Gravers will be having entries at the Blue Valley Farm Show and the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

During the annual 4-H livestock sale conducted later that week the grand champion market hog of Luke Graver sold to

Houser Auctioneers, New Ringgold, for \$510. Tim Billig of Billig Farms, new Tripoli, was the successful bidder at \$390 for the reserve champion market hog of Christiana Graver.

Later that day, Christie Webb, a 1999 graduate of Delaware Valley College with a major in large animal science and member of the colleges' judging team reviewed the entries of the 4-H market lamb and 4-H and open sheep show at the Carbon County Fair.

In the fitting and showmanship competition of the 4-H market lamb and 4-H breeding sheep shows, Webb selected intermediate fitter Ashley Barry, 15, of East Penn Township, as her champion fitter. Barry was also selected as champion showman with Laura Mazur, 12, of Weathersville, as the reserve champion showman.

In the market lamb weight classes, Snickers, the 118-pound Suffolk winner of the medium heavyweight class owned by Barry was selected as the grand champion market lamb of the show. Hometown Farmers' Market, Hometown, was the successful bidder at \$360 for Barry's champion market lamb.

The 126-pound Hampshire of Christiana Graver, 11, of Franklin Township, from the heavyweight class was named the reserve champion market lamb. Graver's reserve champion market lamb sold to Myron Everett of Little Acres Farm, Leighton, for the high bid of \$210.

In the pair of market lambs class, Barry's pair took the first place ribbon with Graver's pair following in second.

Barry, Graver and Mazur enjoy showing sheep and have each started their own breeding flock. Later in the breeding sheep classes, Graver's Hampshire ewe from the one year and under two class was selected as the champion Hampshire ewe. "You have to appreciate the style and balance of this ewe" said Webb about the Jan. 2000 Blue Acre 0023, daughter of Schlichter 9-47 TW and C Brubaker Blue Acre 9404 TW. This ewe went on to be named the reserve champion ewe of the show for Graver.

Mazur's Shropshire ewe from the one year and under two class, FW Heaton and family 99-453, a Dec. 1999 daughter of Elsbury's Positive Step 430 and FW Heaton and family 98-343 went on to capture the champion Shropshire ewe title.

In the Montadale breed Shull 013, affectionately known as Clover, a Feb. 2000 daughter of Salfner 96-1272 and Shull 626 captured the title of champion Montadale ewe for Mazur. Mazur also exhibited the champion Montadale ram who was later named the

champion ram of the show by Webb.

In the Suffolk competition, Mazur again earned the champion ewe title with her ewe, Northern Starr 99-20, an April 1999 daughter of George Bros. 3882 and Sandhill 704-B. This ewe went on to receive the champion ewe of show honors.

The fair posted the following results.

4-H SWINE FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Senior fitter: 1. Justin Cunfer. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Jarrod Smith.
Senior Showman: 1. Justin Cunfer. 2. Jarrod Smith. 3. Amanda Miller
Intermediate fitter: 1. Sarah Miller. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Andrew Miller
Intermediate showman: 1. Sarah Miller. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Andrew Miller.
Junior fitter: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Jonathan Kuehner
Junior showman: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Colt Seltzer. 3. Jonathan Kuehner
Champion fitter: Justin Cunfer
Reserve champion fitter: Sarah Miller
Champion showman: Justin Cunfer
Reserve champion showman: Christiana Graver

4-H MARKET SWINE WEIGHT CLASSES
Lightweight: 1. Jonathan Kuehner. 2. Jarrod Smith. 3. Andrew Miller
Medium lightweight: 1. Sarah Kuehner. 2. Jarrod Smith. 3. Sarah Miller
Heavy lightweight: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Christiana Graver. 3. Jonathan Kuehner
Light medium weight: 1. Sarah Kuehner. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Sarah Kuehner
Medium weight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Ashley Barry
Heavy medium weight: 1. Sarah Kuehner. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Justin Cunfer.
Light heavyweight: 1. Colt Seltzer. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Amanda Miller
Heavyweight: 1. Luke Graver. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Luke Graver
Heavy Heavyweight: 1. Jonathan Kuehner. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Andrew Miller
Champion market swine: Luke Graver
Reserve market swine: Christiana Graver
Pair of market hogs: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Colt Seltzer.

4-H MARKET LAMB FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Intermediate fitters: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur. 3. Angela Maleski.
Intermediate showman: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur. 3. Angela Maleski.
Junior fitters: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Loretta Maleski.
Junior showman: 1. Jacinta Maleski. 2. Christiana Graver. 3. Loretta Maleski.
Champion fitter: Ashley Barry
Champion showman: Ashley Barry
Reserve champion showman: Laura Mazur

4-H MARKET LAMB WEIGHT CLASSES
Lightweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur
Medium weight: 1. Luke Graver. 2. Loretta Maleski. 3. Angela Maleski
Medium heavyweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Christiana Graver
Heavyweight: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Christiana Graver
Heavy heavyweight: 1. Luke Graver
Champion market lamb: Ashley Barry
Reserve champion market lamb: Christiana Graver.

4-H BREEDING SHEEP FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Intermediate fitters: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur
Intermediate showman: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur
Junior fitters: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Laura Mazur
Junior showman: 1. Christiana Graver
Champion fitter: Ashley Barry
Champion showman: Ashley Barry.
Reserve champion showman: Laura Mazur

4-H AND OPEN BREEDING SHEEP HAMPSHIRE MONTADALE
Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Christiana Graver
Ewe lamb under 1 year: 1. Ashley Barry
Champion ewe: Christiana Graver

RAM LAMB UNDER 1 YEAR: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur
Champion ram: Laura Mazur
Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur
Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur
Ewe lamb under 1 year: 1. Laura Mazur
Champion ewe: Laura Mazur
Pair of lambs: 1. Laura Mazur
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur

SHROPSHIRE
Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Laura Mazur
Champion ram: Laura Mazur
Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Laura Mazur
Ewe lamb under 1 year: 1. Laura Mazur
Champion ewe: Laura Mazur
Pair of lambs: 1. Laura Mazur
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur

SUFFOLK
Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Laura Mazur
Champion ram: Laura Mazur
Ewe 2 years and older: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur
Ewe lamb under 1 year: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Laura Mazur

CHAMPION EWE OF SHOW
Laura Mazur
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE OF SHOW
Christiana Graver
CHAMPION RAM OF SHOW
Laura Mazur
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM OF SHOW
Laura Mazur



Champion and reserve champion market hogs of the Carbon County Fair. From left, Luke Graver, 9, with his grand champion; judge Dave Hosterman; and Christiana Graver, 11, with her reserve grand champion.



Champion and reserve market lambs of the Carbon County Fair. From left, Christiana Graver with her reserve champion; judge Christie Webb; and Ashley Barry with her grand champion market lamb.



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