

Kimberton Community Fair

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show has lots of quality," said Judge Dana Brown, Strasburg.

Grand champion honors in both the open and 4-H competitions went to a 2-year-old named Cotton owned by Melissa Huff, 9.

Brown said he selected Cotton because she had the best udder. The Huff name is not new to the winning circle. Melissa's parents Patty and Brian Huff, Nottingham, are well known Jersey breeders. Patty has been showing and winning since she was a little girl and has passed on her love for it to her daughter. Melissa owns eight of the family's 75 head from Shywood Farm, Nottingham.

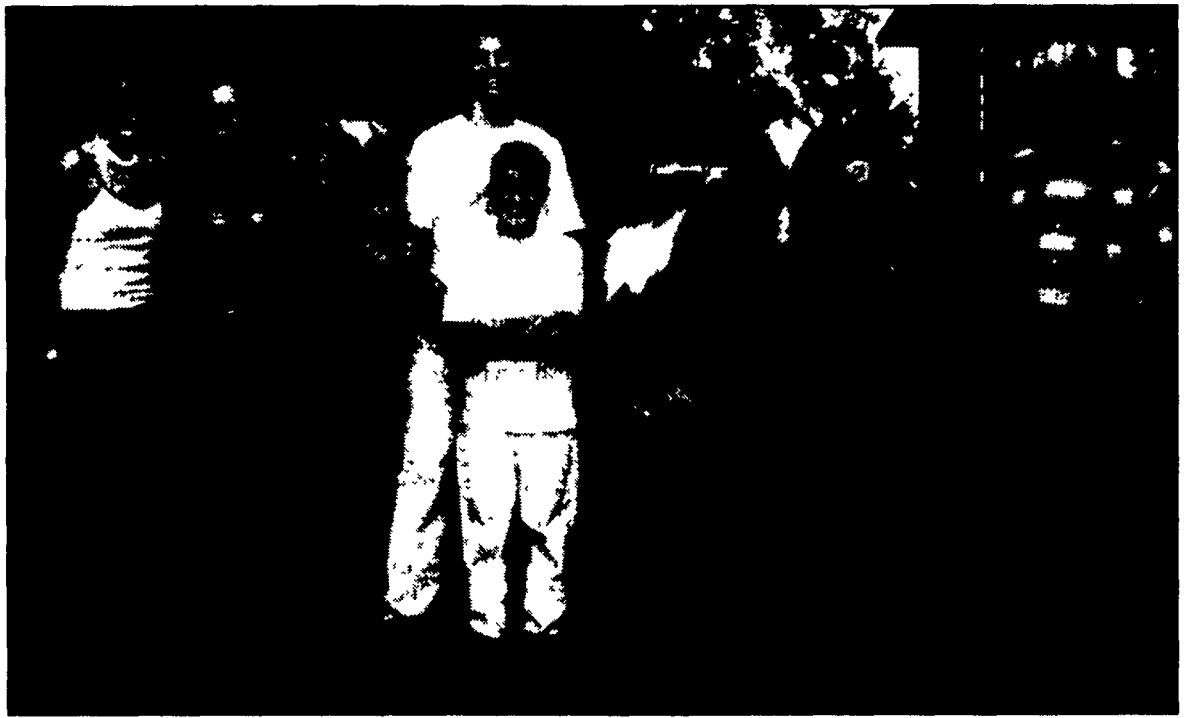
The reserve champion overall went to the junior champion, dubbed "most stylish" by Brown. The reserve, an intermediate calf, is owned by Meredith Bailey, Chester County dairy princess, who helps with the family's

200-head herd.

The Sollenbergers are another family carrying on the dairy tradition. Three generations gathered to help with a string of 22 from their herd of 70 from French Creek Farm.

Grandfather Clyde Scheib started showing in 1961. He said, "Now I come to visit and they (grandchildren and daughter) do all the work."

His daughter Holly spread her passion for dairying to her children. Daughter Julie is a former Pennsylvania Fair Queen and National Guernsey Queen. Siblings, Kevin, 17; Colin, 14; and Kyle, 9, raise and show animals from Guernsey, Jersey, Holstein, and Lineback breeds. In the Guernsey open show, they exhibited the grand and reserve champions. Some of the breed competitions had not been conducted by presstime.



Three generations of the Sollenberger family gather with their grand champion and reserve champion Guernseys at Kimberton Community Fair's open show. The Sollenbergers brought 22 head, a mixture of Guernseys, Jerseys, Holsteins, and Linebacks to ringside. From left, Julie, former Pennsylvania fair queen and National Guernsey queen; her mother Holly, brothers Kevin, 17; Kyle, 9; Colin, 14, and Grandfather Clyde Scheib.



Amber Hallowell, 17, shows Elvira, an intermediate yearling that claimed the title of Guernsey Junior Champion at Kimberton Community Fair. It's the second year in a row that Amber claimed the grand champion title in the Junior Guernsey Show at Kimberton. Amber, daughter of Wayne and Sue Hallowell, Bechtelsville, is the Berks County Dairy Princess, and owns 22 dairy animals of the family's 45 milking cows. Among her 22 head are Guernseys, Red and White, Lineback, and Holsteins. The Guernsey competition was conducted Tuesday evening.



Judge Dana Brown and Chester County Dairy Ambassador Rebecca Bailey congratulate winners in Jersey competition at Kimberton. From left, Melissa Huff with the senior champion and grand champion overall, and Meredith Bailey with the junior champion and reserve grand champion overall.



For \$3, fairgoers could have photos taken with Fireball, a Red and White Holstein calf, owned by Robert Hershey, 13. Chester County 4-H'ers took turns bringing their animals to the photo spot during Kimberton Community Fair, July 21-26. "It's a fundraiser for the club," Hershey said. He is the son of Duane and Marilyn Hershey, Cochranville. The photo opportunity delighted youngsters who seldom have the opportunity to get up close to farm animals.



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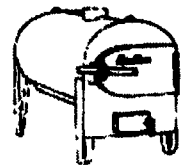
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