

All-American Dairy Show Posts Youth Showmanship Results

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Brothers and sisters dominated the youth showmanship contest at the All-American Dairy Show, Sunday, Sept. 21. More than 230 youth from numerous states competed for top honors in three age divisions at the Farm Show Complex.

Judge Mark Bachman of Potter County chose Mackenzie Reynolds, 11, Corfu, N.Y. as champion showman of the junior division. She is the daughter of John and Shelley Reynolds. Mackenzie shined in her ability to show her winter Holstein calf, Reyncrest Mandel Happy-ET. She was among a field of 58 participants. MacKenzie is a sixth grade student in the Pembroke Intermediate School. She has been showing for five years, and is a member of her local 4-H club, Genese County Dairy Club.

"I was so nervous, and then they called my name as champion. I was so excited," said MacKenzie. Results as follows were second, Rebecca Shaw, Williamsburg, and third, Amelia Poteet, Whiteford, Md.

Keeping the Reynolds Family streak going was Mackenzie's brother Tyler, selected as cham-

pion of the intermediate division by Judge Sandy Crawford of Rome from among a field of 133 youth. Tyler led his Holstein fall calf, Miss Co-Vista Rubens Layla, to the championship award. Tyler is 13 years old and attends Pembroke High School. He has been showing for more than six years and belongs to the 4-H club with his younger sister. "Pretty Cool!" was Tyler's comments after receiving the award. Finishing the top were second, Melissa Schuler of Fleetwood, and third, Madison Fisher of Newville.

In the senior division, 66 juniors competed for top honors. The contest was judged by Jane Pebble of Oxford for the showmanship portion, and the fitting portion was judged by David Packard of Troy. Winning the division by a combined score from both portions was Dustin Horning of Stevens. Dustin is 19 and works on the family farm, Turnpike View Holsteins, in Stevens. He is the son of Paul and Shirley Horning. Dustin's sister, Kelly, placed ninth in the contest. His other sister, Lindsay, was champion of the junior division in 2001 and champion of the intermedi-

ate division in 2002 at the All-American Dairy Show. This was Dustin's first time to compete and when asked how he felt, he

said, "Well, all of those years of showing in 4-H really paid off big."

Completing the field of senior

division placings were second, Cory Thompson of Wellsville, and third, Brent Schuler of Fleetwood.

Swine Enthusiasts Prepare For Eastern Regional

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Youth swine exhibitors from across the country will be gathering here for the third annual National Junior Swine Association Eastern Regional Show, Oct. 3-4 at the Farm Show Complex during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

The eastern regional will consist of a purebred gilt show, a showmanship contest, and a Skillathon. Points will be awarded to participants in these three events and compiled toward a sweepstakes contest, where awards will be given to the top five contestants in each age division. The age divisions are as follows: novice (8 and under), junior (9-12), intermediate (13-16), and senior (17-21). Thousands of dollars will be given away in awards and premiums throughout the weekend.

Registration and check-in will be conducted from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3. All junior gilts must be in place by 6 p.m., Friday. Showmanship for novice

participants will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by junior showmanship.

The Skillathon will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. All skillathon participants must be registered by 10:30 a.m. The senior and intermediate showmanship contest will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by the purebred gilt show. Jim McCoy, Bloomingburg, Ohio, will be evaluating the showmanship contest and gilt show entries. The sweepstakes awards will be presented following the gilt show.

All NJSA members ages 21 and under are invited to attend and participate in the NJSA eastern regional. Preregistration is not required for the skillathon, so all interested youth are welcome to come out to the Farm Show Complex and participate in this event. A \$5 entry fee will be charged to all participants who do not exhibit a gilt.

For more information, contact Jennifer Shike, NSR Director of Junior Activities, at (765) 463-3594 or (217) 485-5315. Information is also available at www.nationalswineshow.com.

KILE Shepherd's Lead Line

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Who looks better, the sheep or the shepherd? Judges will tell at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Shepherd's Lead Line Competition, Saturday, Oct. 4, noon, at the Farm Show Complex.

The objectives of this class are to present a class of yearling ewes in a most attractive manner and give spectators an opportunity to see the best of the sheep industry.

The normal procedure at a Livestock Show is for the animal to be all

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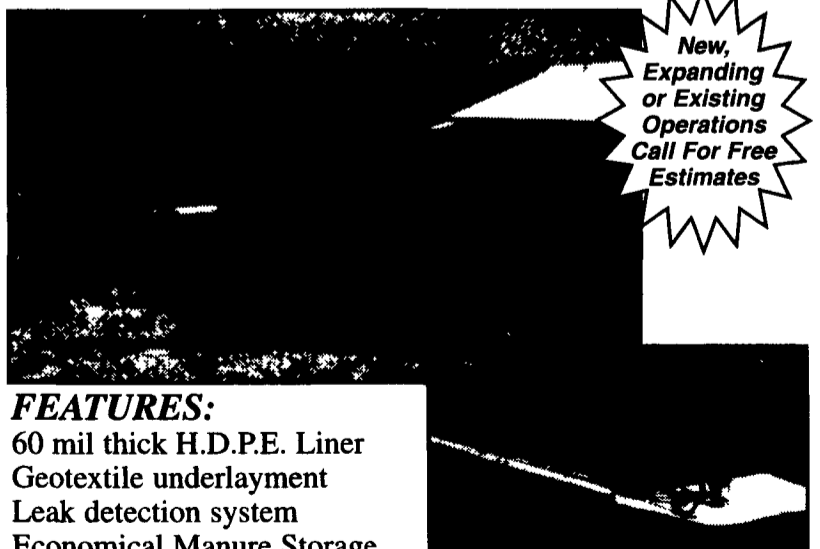
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