

Two Colors — Black And White — Fill Ring At Carbon Beef Show

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PALMERTON (Carbon Co.) — No one planned it that way, but only two colors appeared in the ring during the Carbon County Fair beef show.

Everything was black and white for Judge Cheryl Fairbairn, Chester County extension director and breeder of Angus cattle, the day she judged the breeding beef, market steer, and dairy beef competition at the Carbon County Fair.

Starting with the 4-H and open breeding beef competition, Fairbairn only had one breed to review — Angus. As her 4-H champion fitter and champion showman she selected last-year member, Justin Cunfer, son of Dennis and Deanna Cunfer of Never Done Farm near Leighton. Cunfer is a second-year student at Penn State University Park majoring in animal science with a career goal of large-animal veterinarian.

As her champion heifer calf, Fairbairn selected Cunfer's April 2003 spring heifer calf, NDF Blackbird Brandie 301, daughter of W V U Grant 1423. Cunfer's spring yearling heifer, the April 2002 daughter of WVF HB Atlantic Natl Merit, NDF Majestic Merit 201, then received the champion yearling heifer rosette.

Grand champion Angus heifer and the supreme beef heifer banner went to NDF Blackbird Bridget 101, the January 2001 cow from Cunfer's cow/calf entry. This daughter of GAR Commitment captured the same honors at the fair last year for Cunfer.

All three champions of Cunfer were bred and owned and part of his Angus and Angus-based herd of 22 animals that started with his first 4-H heifer bought in 1999.

Moving to the 4-H market steer competition Fairbairn selected Lee Shoenberger, 15-year-old son of Dan and Ann Shoenberger, Palmerton, as champion fitter with brother, Kerry taking the reserve fitter award. Lee is in the 10th grade. Kerry, 17, is a senior at Leighton High School.

The champion showman honors went to Kerry Shoenberger. Reserve showman ribbon went to Josh Kemmerer.

Not knowing before the event that all the entries of the market steer competition were Angus, Fairbairn, an angus breeder herself, was amidst a familiar color as she selected Kemmerer's April 2002 entry sired by WVF HB Atlantic Natl Merit as the champion market steer. Fairbairn described the 1,291-pound champion as being clean in his front end, the heaviest muscled of the competition, and having a tremendous hind quarter. During the annual 4-H livestock sale, Kemmerer sold his champion to the Chas. S. Snyder New Holland dealership for the high bid of \$2,000.

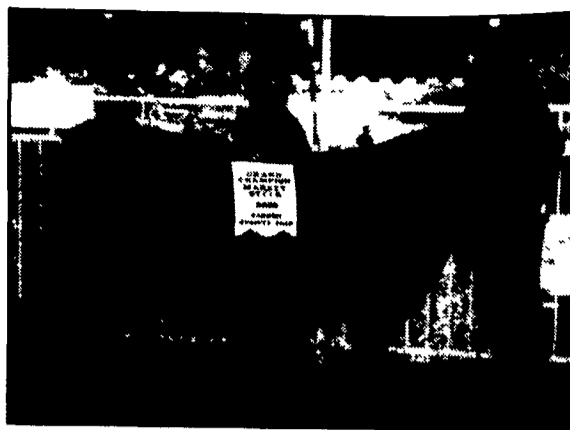
Kemmerer, 18-year-old son of Violet and the late Leroy Kemmerer of Big Creek Farms near Leighton, also breeds and shows dairy and Boer market goats. This being his last year of 4-H eligibility, Kemmerer is a second-year student at Penn State Lehigh campus majoring in ag engineering.

The reserve champion market steer rosette went to Kerry Shoenberger's 1,283-pound entry. Gew Farms purchased the reserve champion for \$1,700 during the 4-H livestock sale later that week.

Black and white then filled the ring as Fairbairn reviewed the 23 entries of the dairy beef competition. Weights for the entries ranged from 404 to 698 pounds divided into five classes.

As her champion fitter of the 16 exhibitors in the dairy beef competition, Fairbairn selected Lee Shoenberger with brother Kerry following into the reserve fitter spot. The brothers also captured the same titles earlier in the market steer competition.

Senior showman Ashley Barry was tapped as the champion showman with Kari Bauchspies from the intermediate division being named reserve champion showman. Barry, 16-year-old daughter of Guy and Priscilla Barry of Countryside Acres near Leighton,



Judge Cheryl Fairbairn selected the 1,291-pound entry of Josh Kemmerer, Leighton, as the grand champion market steer of the Carbon County Fair. Kemmerer, 18, sold his champion to the Chas. S. Snyder New Holland dealership for a high bid of \$2,000 at the annual 4-H livestock sale.



Stephen Bond, 13, Jim Thorpe, is shown with his 624-pound champion dairy beef of the Carbon County Fair. With Bond is judge Cheryl Fairbairn. Bond sold his champion at the annual 4-H livestock sale to Home-town Farmers' Market for \$1,400.

is a senior at Leighton High School. Bauchspies, 14, is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Bauchspies and also attends Leighton High School.

In their first year to complete the dairy beef project, Stephen and Kevin Bond, 13 and 11, respectively, rose to the top as Stephen saw his 624-pound entry from the light heavyweight class capture the grand champion honors. Fairbairn described the champion as having a lot of bone, muscle through the hind quarter, and room to grow.

Kevin Bond's 677-pound winner of the heavyweight class was described as having a tremendous loin, heavy muscles, and standing on a lot of bone as Fairbairn presented Kevin with the reserve champion rosette. The brothers are sons of Ken and Lee Bond and also completed the market swine project this year.

Hometown Farmers' Market purchased the champion of Stephen Bond for \$1,400 during the 4-H livestock sale. Palmerton Garage Doors was the top bidder at \$1,115 for Kevin's reserve champion dairy beef.

The fair posted the following results:

- 4-H BREEDING BEEF FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Senior fitting: 1. Justin Cunfer.
Senior Showmanship: 1. Justin Cunfer.
Champion fitter: Justin Cunfer.
Champion showman: Justin Cunfer.
- 4-H AND OPEN BREEDING BEEF BREED CLASSES**
ANGUS
Spring heifer calf: 1. Justin Cunfer.
Grand Champion heifer calf: Justin Cunfer.
Spring yearling heifer: 1. Justin Cunfer.
Grand Champion yearling heifer: Justin Cunfer.
2-year-old heifer: 1. Justin Cunfer.
Grand Champion angus heifer: Justin Cunfer.
Reserve Champion Angus heifer: Justin Cunfer.
Heifer, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Justin Cunfer. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Justin Cunfer.
Cow/calf: Justin Cunfer.
- SUPREME BEEF HEIFER**
Justin Cunfer
- 4-H MARKET STEER FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Senior fitting: 1. Lee Shoenberger. 2. Kerry Shoenberger. 3. Josh Kemmerer.
Senior showmanship: 1. Kerry Shoenberger. 2. Josh Kemmerer. 3. Lee Shoenberger.
Champion fitter: Lee Shoenberger.
Reserve Champion fitter: Kerry Shoenberger.
Champion showman: Kerry Shoenberger.

Reserve Champion showman: Josh Kemmerer.

- 4-H MARKET STEER WEIGHT CLASSES**
Lightweight: 1. Lee Shoenberger.
Mediumweight: 1. Kerry Shoenberger.
Heavyweight: 1. Josh Kemmerer.
Grand Champion: Josh Kemmerer.
Reserve Champion: Kerry Shoenberger
- 4-H DAIRY BEEF FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Senior fitting: 1. Lee Shoenberger. 2. Kerry Shoenberger. 3. Ashley Barry.
Senior showmanship: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Scott Cunfer. 3. Kerry Shoenberger.
Intermediate fitting: 1. Jonathan Kuehner. 2. Kari Bauchspies. 3. Laura Mazur.
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Kari Bauchspies. 2. Laura Mazur. 3. Stephen Bond.
Junior fitting: 1. Sarah Kuehner. 2. A.J. Sevrin. 3. Taylor Patterson.
Junior showmanship: 1. Taylor Patterson. 2. Sarah Kuehner. 3. Kevin Bond.
Champion fitter: Lee Shoenberger.
Reserve Champion fitter: Kerry Shoenberger.
Champion showman: Ashley Barry
Reserve Champion showman: Kari Bauchspies.
- 4-H DAIRY BEEF WEIGHT CLASSES**
Lightweight: 1. Lee Shoenberger. 2. A.J. Sevrin. 3. Ashley Barry.
Heavy lightweight: 1. Josh Kemmerer. 2. Nicholas Simmons. 3. Ashley Barry.
Mediumweight: 1. Rebecca Cunfer. 2. Scott Cunfer. 3. Rebecca Cunfer.
Light heavyweight: 1. Stephen Bond. 2. Taylor Patterson. 3. Kari Bauchspies.
Heavyweight: 1. Kevin Bond. 2. Taylor Patterson. 3. Sarah Kuehner.
Grand Champion: Stephen Bond.
Reserve Champion: Kevin Bond

Brubaker Judges Carbon Fair Sheep Show

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PALMERTON (Carbon Co.) — Clyde Brubaker of Lebanon judged the recent 4-H market lamb and 4-H and open breeding sheep shows at the Carbon County Fair. A breeder of crossbred and purebred Hampshire sheep, Brubaker sells club lambs as well as being an independent contractor for a mineral supply company.

In the 4-H market lamb fitting and showmanship competition, Brubaker selected Ashley Barry, 16, daughter of Guy and Priscilla Barry of Countryside Acres near Leighton as his grand champion fitter and grand champion showman, saying he liked the way she walked the lamb and had no problem keeping her eye on the judge. Barry will be a senior at Leighton High School this year. She raises sheep, goats, and poultry on the family farm.

Barry saw her 110-pound entry from the heavyweight class named grand champion market lamb. Brubaker described the lamb as having a lot of balance with a well-muscled lower leg. During the annual 4-H livestock sale, Barry sold her champion lamb to the Chas. S. Snyder New Holland dealership of Tamaqua for a \$750 bid.

Barry's 100-pound medium-weight lamb was named reserve grand champion. The lamb sold to Gilbert Pittinger for \$650 during the annual 4-H livestock sale.

In the 4-H breeding show, Brubaker named Laura Mazur as his champion fitter and champion showman.

In the 4-H and open Shropshire competition, Mazur's bred-and-owned ewe, Too Busy Acres Isabel, received the grand champion Shropshire ewe rosette.

In the 4-H and open Suffolk di-

vision, Barry's two bred and owned spring ram lambs took grand and reserve champion ram honors.

Mazur exhibited the grand champion Suffolk ewe, a yearling Brubaker called very complete and correct with a lot of balance. The reserve champion Suffolk ewe title went to a yearling shown by Barry.

In reviewing the Montadale breed entries, Brubaker selected Mazur's bred-and-owned ram lamb, Too Busy Acres ShowBiz, as the grand champion Montadale ram. Mazur's Too Busy Acres Iris followed as the reserve champion ram.

Mazur's ewes received the grand champion and reserve champion Montadale ewe titles.

In the other breeds division, Barry competed with her bred-and-owned Suffolk crossbred ewe lambs with her Countryside Acres 66 receiving the grand champion title and her Countryside Acres 65 accepting the reserve champion rosette. Both ewes were born in April 2003.

Ending the sheep show, Brubaker selected Mazur's Too Busy Acres ShowBiz from the Montadale breed as the grand champion 4-H and open grand champion ram of show and Mazur's Too Busy Acres Freedom, a Suffolk, as the 4-H and open grand champion ewe of show.

The fair posted the following results:

- 4-H MARKET LAMB SHOW FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Senior fitting: 1. Ashley Barry.
Senior showmanship: 1. Ashley Barry.
Intermediate fitting: 1. Laura Mazur.
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Laura Mazur.
Champion Fitter: Ashley Barry.
Reserve Champion Fitter: Laura Mazur.
Champion Showman: Ashley Barry.
Reserve Champion Showman: Laura Mazur.
- WEIGHT CLASSES**
Lightweight: 1. Laura Mazur.
Mediumweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.



Ewe breed champions are shown with the supreme champion ewe of the Carbon County Fair. From left are Ashley Barry with her grand champion Suffolk crossbred; Sarah Miller with the Shropshire champion ewe; Rebecca Cunfer with the Montadale champion ewe; Laura Mazur with her Suffolk champion ewe and supreme champion ewe. The Shropshire, Montadale, and Suffolk are owned by Mazur. Clyde Brubaker judged the event.

- Heavyweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.
Bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Ashley Barry.
- GRAND CHAMPION**
Ashley Barry
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**
Ashley Barry
- 4-H AND OPEN BREEDING SHEEP SHOW FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Senior fitting: 1. Ashley Barry.
Senior showmanship: 1. Ashley Barry.
Intermediate fitting: 1. Laura Mazur.
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Laura Mazur.
Champion Fitter: Laura Mazur.
Reserve Champion Fitter: Ashley Barry.
Champion Showman: Laura Mazur.
Reserve Champion Showman: Ashley Barry.
- BREEDING CLASSES SHROPSHIRE**
Spring ewe lamb, born after January 1: 1. Laura Mazur.
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur.
- GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Laura Mazur
- SUFFOLK**
Spring ram lamb, born after January 1: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.
Ram, owned and bred by exhibitor: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.
- GRAND CHAMPION RAM**
Ashley Barry
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM**
Ashley Barry.
- Spring ewe lamb, born after January 1: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur.
Yearling ewe, born 9/1/2001 to 8/31/2002: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Laura Mazur.
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur. 3. Laura Mazur.
Pair of lambs, any age, either sex (4-H class only): 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Ashley Barry.
- GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Laura Mazur
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Ashley Barry
MONTADALE
Spring ram lamb, born after January 1: 1. Laura Mazur.
Yearling ram, born 9/1/2001 to 8/31/2002: 1. Laura Mazur.
Ram, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur.



Shown is Ashley Barry with her grand champion market lamb of the Carbon County Fair with Chester Snyder representing the Chas. S. Snyder New Holland dealership that purchased the champion for \$750 at the 4-H livestock sale.

- GRAND CHAMPION RAM**
Laura Mazur
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM**
Laura Mazur
- Yearling ewe, born 9/1/2001 to 8/31/2002: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur.
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Laura Mazur.
Pair of lambs, any age, either sex (4-H class only): 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Laura Mazur.
- GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Laura Mazur
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Laura Mazur
- PERCENTAGE SUFFOLK**
Spring ewe lamb, born after January 1: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.
Ewe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Ashley Barry.
Pair of lambs, any age, either sex (4-H class only): 1. Ashley Barry.
- GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Ashley Barry
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE**
Ashley Barry
- GRAND CHAMPION RAM OF SHOW**
Laura Mazur
- GRAND CHAMPION EWE OF SHOW**
Laura Mazur