

# Maryland Youth Ends 4-H Career With KILE Win

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — For Tyler Tessier of Brookville Md., his selection as the grand champion market steer, ends what has been a successful 4-H beef showing career. Tessier's heavyweight champion steer, KS Stitch, was named the champion steer at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) on Sunday.

As Tessier, 19, prepares to send his last 4-H steer to market, he is grateful for the win. "(It feels) pretty good to end on a high note," said Tessier. In addition to his champion win at KILE, Tessier has had 5 other champion and/or reserve champion wins this year.

Currently, Tessier is enrolled at Montgomery College with hopes to complete a degree in criminology.

Jacob Wheeler, 16, of Somerset, a 3-year 4-H member and newcomer to KILE, was selected as the reserve grand champion steer with his heavyweight reserve champion steer, "Tigger."

Wheeler, has only shown market steers for a few years and at-

tributes his showing successes to his two "coaches" Brad Litton and Lacey Murry, who help Wheeler with his steers. He is grateful for their guidance and firmly believes that he "could not do it without them."

The class placings and division champion results are as follows:

#### JUNIOR STEER SHOW RESULTS

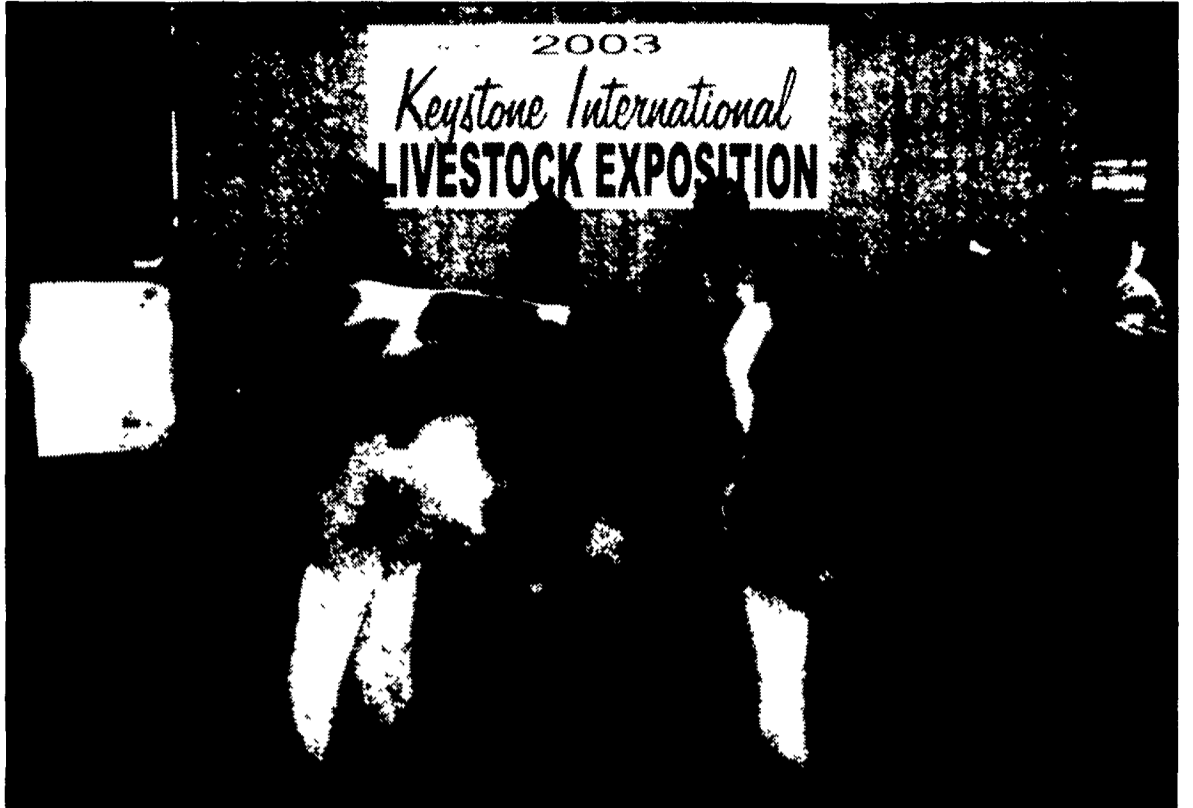
Lightweight I: 1. Kyle Whitebread. 2. Chns Gutshall. 3. Jenna Moser.  
Lightweight II: 1. Adam Zunn. 2. Ryan W. Fairbairn. 3. Nathan Moser.  
Lightweight Champion: Adam Zunn.  
Lightweight Reserve Champion: Ryan W. Fairbairn.  
Middleweight I: 1. Hope R. Long. 2. Cory Kretz. 3. Jolene Yoder.  
Middleweight II: 1. Richard E. Heineman. 2. Paul Wagner. 3. Kelly Myers.  
Middleweight Champion: Hope R. Long.  
Middleweight Reserve Champion: Kurt Fleener.  
Heavyweight I: 1. Charles R. Kretz III. 2. Charles Wampler. 3. Kayla J. Baer.  
Heavyweight II: 1. Tyler Tessier. 2. Jacob P. Wheeler. 3. Cory Kretz.  
Heavyweight Champion: Tyler Tessier.  
Heavyweight Reserve Champion: Jacob P. Wheeler.

#### GRAND CHAMPION

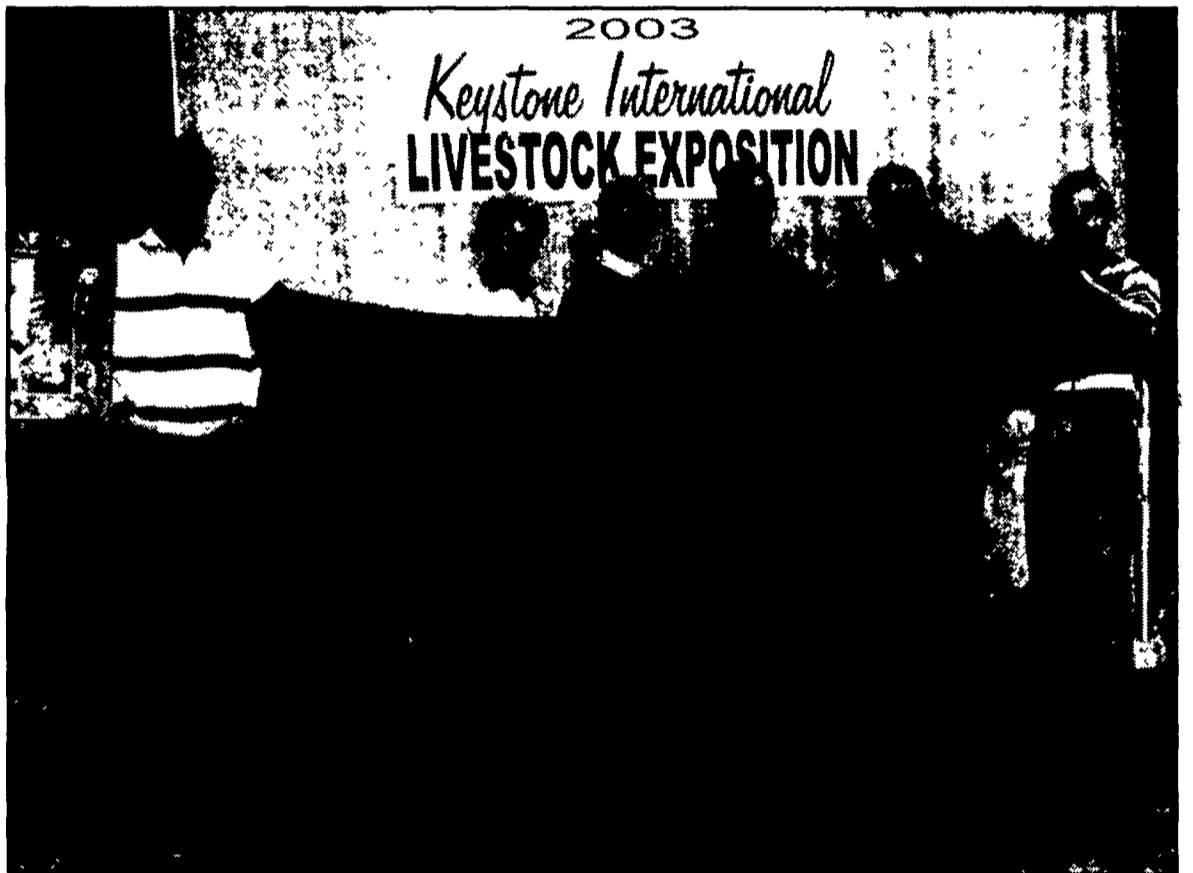
Tyler Tessier

#### RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Jacob P. Wheeler



Tyler Tessier, far right, stands with his grand champion steer KS Stich. From left, Kevin Stiles; Thomas Tessier; Tutti Tessier; Tyler Cates, judge; and Tessier.



Jake Wheeler, far right, with his reserve grand champion, Tigger. From left, Brad Litton; Nana Wheeler; Stacy Wheeler; Paul Wheeler; Tyler Cates, judge; and Jake Wheeler.

## All-American Honors Two



Image Award winners. From left, Ag Secretary Dennis C. Wolff; Charles Itle; Carla Martin, state dairy princess; Pam Werley, state dairy alternate; and Obie Snider.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The All-American Dairy Show announces the winners of the Image Award. They are John Harris of Bucks County and Charles Itle of Lewisberry.

Harris is a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, graduating from Central Bucks High School in 1951. He received a bachelor of science degree from Penn State in 1955 in agricultural education. He joined the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service after a brief stint as an assistant agent for youth and agriculture in Chester and Delaware counties. He served with the U.S. Navy for two years and then returned to extension work, serving as director for Perry County. After 31 years of service, he retired in 1989. Harris managed the south central 4-H District Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex for many years. In all of his county

extension work, he emphasized working with youth programs and production agriculture.

Charles Itle, general manager of the All-American Dairy Show, also received the 2003 Dairy Image Award. Itle grew up on a dairy and livestock farm in Cambria County. He attended St. Francis College and later transferred to Penn State, where he was a 1960 graduate in dairy management. Itle joined the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, working in Crawford County. In 1968, he returned to Penn State for graduate work, and then he joined the Centre County Extension staff in 1969. In 1974, he accepted a position at the Farm Show Complex as manager of livestock exhibitions including the manager position of the All-American Dairy Show.

## Equine Conference On Laminitis Planned In November

PHILADELPHIA — The Second International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot will take place Nov. 10 and 11 at the Breakers Resort in Palm Beach, Fla.

The conference is organized by Dr. James Orsini, University of Pennsylvania, associate professor of surgery, and is supported by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Castle in loving memory of their horse, Spot.

The two-day program includes topics on diagnostic and therapeutic protocols, treatment options, pain management, nutri-

tional considerations, and ethical concerns in the treatment of horses with laminitis. The program is open to veterinarians, who will receive continuing education credit, and owners, breeders and trainers who have their own breakout sessions.

The conference offers scientific presentations, and the world-renowned faculty will provide insight on the latest laminitis diagnostic and treatment options. A complete listing of the faculty and program can be found on the web at [www.slackinc.com/laminitis](http://www.slackinc.com/laminitis).

## Stein Is Tops In Stockman's Contest

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Andrew Stein, an FFA'er and 2003 graduate of Red Lion Area High School, tallied the top individual score in the Keystone Stockman's Contest during the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition early this week.

The contest drew 293 contestants from 33 FFA chapters and 4-H clubs, hailing from states including Kansas, New York, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The competition tested the youths' skill in the areas of livestock judging, identification, meats, and management.

Laura Neff of Woodstock, Va., and a member of Central FFA, was the second-place individual in the contest. Bain Wilson of West Stanly FFA, North Carolina, placed third, followed by Sarah Smith, also of West Stanly FFA, in fourth. Andrew Dice of Franklin County 4-H placed fifth.

West Stanly High School FFA racked up the highest team score.



Top individuals in the Stockman's Contest at KILE are, from left, Sarah Smith, Oakboro, N.C.; Bain Wilson, Locus, N.C.; Andy Stein of Red Lion Area FFA, top individual score; and Laura Neff, Woodstock, Va.

Central FFA from Virginia placed second. Another team from West Stanly FFA came in third, followed by Spotswood High School FFA in fourth, and Red Lion Area FFA in fifth.