

Lancaster Rewards A Superior 4-H'er



MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — On Tuesday evening, Lancaster County 4-H celebrated the work of club members and leaders at the annual 4-H recognition night during a banquet conducted at Ruhl's United Methodist Church. Loren Hershey, Kirkwood, front and center, a senior at Lancaster Mennonite High School, won this year's 4-H Superior Achievement Award. Front, from left, Luke Hershey, Loren's brother; Loren Hershey, award recipient; and Lois Hershey, mother. Back, from left, Lisa Hershey, Loren's sister; Linford Hershey, Loren's brother; and Les Hershey, father. Read more about the banquet, scheduled for the next issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

Rain And More Rain Falls At Hog Show

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HARRISONBURG, Va. — On Monday, Aug. 11, the featured event at the Rockingham Co. Fair was the Market Swine Show with an expected number of 4-H and FFA supporters attending the event.

But attendance shot up fast when the rain descended in torrents and — like a scene from Noah's ark — sopping fairgoers needing a dry place, immediately, overflowed the interconnected barns and show arena. By then, being sheltered with all manner of livestock species was preferable to open air fair attractions in a downpour that continued all evening.

Caity Armentrout, 13, of Mount Crawford, heard the judge — Dr. Cynthia Wood from Virginia Tech — announce the supreme grand champion market hog was her own "Barney."

Armentrout said that when he came to their farm amongst a group of eight pigs, it turned out he was the only male. That's why Barney seemed a good name for him.

"Out of eight pigs he was the only guy," she said.

Barney was also the shows heavyweight champion.

At age five, young Armentrout started breaking into showing animals, like her mother, Sheila

Bowman, had done. The teenager was following in her mom's footsteps.

Amid a menagerie of livestock and domestic animals, Armentrout and Ethan, her 11-year old brother live in Mount Crawford with their mother.

Sarah Secrist, 15, McGaheysville, had the reserve supreme grand champion hog. In the heavyweight division it was awarded reserve grand champion honors.

The Mountain View 4-H member, with three lambs, three hogs and two steers, brought eight animals to the fair.

A sophomore at the Spotswood High School, Secrist is Darius and Darlene Secrist's daughter.

Bradley Bennett, 13, showed the swine duo that took supreme grand champion honors in the Pair of Hogs show. He is the son of Barry and Debbie Bennett of Weyers Cave.

The hog pairs reserve supreme grand champion went to Nathan Coffmans hogs. Coffman, 18, is a Grottoes resident and a freshman at the Blue Ridge Community College. His parents are Greg and Tammy Coffman.

Some 118 hogs and 53 exhibitors participated in the show.

Following is a partial list of placings:

LIGHTWEIGHT (Singles)
Class 1: 1. Kymberly Hammer. 2. Lee

Threewitts. 3. Mark Pierce.
Class 2: 1. Megan Liskey. 2. Leah Cupp. 3. G.W. Wine.
Class 3: 1. Luke Kiser. 2. Laura Sponaugle. 3. Matthew Liskey.
Division Champion: 1. Luke Kiser. 2. Laura Sponaugle.

MEDIUMWEIGHT (Singles)
Class 4: 1. Jennifer Good. 2. Robbie McCammon. 3. David Whitmire.
Class 5: 1. Chase Miller. 2. Dezirae Allman. 3. Ashley Good.

Class 6: 1. Ethan Armentrout. 2. Brad Bennett. 3. Cynthia Breeden.
Division Champion: 1. Ethan Armentrout. 2. Brad Bennett.

HEAVYWEIGHT (Singles)
Class 7: 1. Derek Miller. 2. Morgan Cook. 3. David Liskey.

Class 8: 1. Caity Armentrout. 2. Sarah Secrist. 3. Stephanie Auville.
Division Champion: 1. Caity Armentrout. 2. Sarah Secrist.

LIGHTWEIGHT (Pairs)
Class 1: 1. Chase Miller. 2. David Liskey. 3. Thomas Liskey.

Class 2: 1. Jennifer Good. 2. Lee Three-witts. 3. Sam Coffman.
Division Champion: 1. Chase Miller. 2. Jennifer Good.

MEDIUMWEIGHT (Pairs)
Class 3: 1. Laura Sponaugle. 2. Sarah Secrist. 3. Morgan Cook.

Class 4: 1. Caity Armentrout. 2. Ethan Armentrout. 3. Ashley Good
Division Champion: 1. Caity Armentrout. 2. Laura Sponaugle.

HEAVYWEIGHT (Pairs)
Class 5: 1. Derek Miller. 2. David Whitmire. 3. Luke Kiser.

Class 6: 1. Brad Bennett. 2. Nathan Coffman. 3. Charles Miller
Division Champion: 1. Brad Bennett. 2. Nathan Coffman.

SHOWMANSHIP
Senior: 1. Roger Turner Jr. 2. Cara Howdyshe. 3. Matthew Earman.

Intermediate: 1. Laura Sponaugle. 2. Brad Bennett. 3. Ashley Good.
Novice: 1. Morgan Cook. 2. Kate Holsinger. 3. Jordan McCammon.

Boars, Gilts Sold At PDA's New Center

PENNSYLVANIA FURNACE (Huntingdon Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has announced the results of the 28th Annual Performance Tested Boar Sale and 1st Performance Tested Gilt Sale at the new Samuel E. Hayes Jr. Livestock Evaluation Center.

The facility's ribbon cut-

ting ceremony was conducted before the sale, Aug. 20. Dennis C. Wolfe, Secretary of Agriculture, was on hand and addressed the huge crowd in attendance. He offered some insight into Pennsylvania's commitment in assisting production agriculture.

The 26 boars sold averaging \$413 per head. In the sale were 17 Yorkshire boars, 4 Duroc boars, 4 Crossbred boars, and 1

Hampshire boar.

The top indexing boar was a Yorkshire consigned by Neutzel Yorkshires of Seven Valleys, and was sold to Jeanne Beyer and James Mathis for

\$1000. This boar has an average daily gain of 2.81 pounds per day and an adjusted loin eye area of 8.47 inches. The second highest selling Yorkshire owned by Thomas Arnold of Lebanon sold for \$500 to Rhoads Brothers Farm.

The highest indexing Duroc Boar consigned by Leon Arnold of Lebanon sold to Kenneth Jones for \$800. This boar had an average daily gain of 2.36 pounds per day and an adjusted loin eye area of 6.29 inches. The highest selling crossbred boar came from David A. Reinecker of York Springs, and the single Hampshire boar came from Greg Inners of Red Lion.

The 10 gilts, consisting of 9 Yorkshire gilts and 1 Crossbred gilt, averaging \$270 per head. The highest indexing gilt was owned by Wayne E. Brothers of Connelville and sold for \$300 to Glenn F. Speer. The highest selling gilt was consigned by Henry

Halloway of Darlington, Md., and sold to Neutzel Yorkshires for \$425.

The performance test evaluates growth, average daily gain, weight per day of age, and ultrasonically scanned loin eye and fat thickness scans. With this information a producer and buyer can pick a boar or gilt, which contains growth and muscling characteristics which would be more beneficial to their operation. Furthering these economically characteristics within the industry creates a better product to the consumer and a more profitable scenario for the producer.

In addition to hogs, the PDA hosts performance tests for cattle, sheep, and goats. For information on the livestock performance tests or any other programs at the evaluation center, contact Glenn Eberly, director, at (814) 238-2527 or e-mail: geberly@state.pa.us.

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