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WALKERTON MARK OF EXCELLENCE SHOW

The first Walkerton Mark of Excellence Show was held at the Walkerton Little Royal Fair Grounds on Saturday, October 5, 2002. A new undertaking by the Western Ontario Hereford Zone, and billed as "A Show with a Difference", this show was introduced as a vehicle to educate purebred and commercial cattlemen in the heart of Ontario cattle country in new livestock technologies.

A key component in the Western Ontario Hereford Zone strategy was to bring in a highly qualified judge with an educational background. The show was judged by Joel Cowley, Beef Cattle Specialist at Michigan State University. Mr. Cowley has judged cattle in 23 U.S. states as well as several major national shows in the U.S. and Brazil. He was coach of the Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team from 1988 to 1994 and is currently Associate Superintendent for the U.S. National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest. He is an expert in the use of ultrasound technology to evaluate livestock. The Walkerton MOE Show catalogue provided EPDs for all the cattle entered in the show, and Judge Cowley included a discussion of EPDs when giving the reasons for his placings.

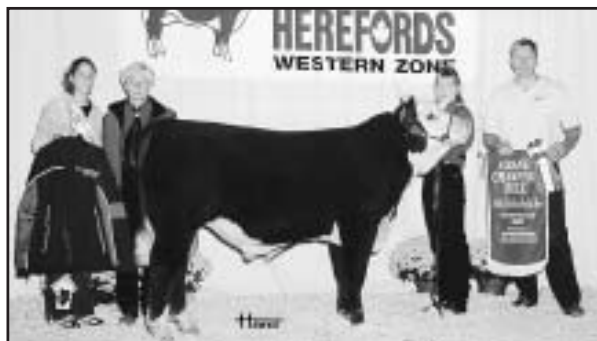
Fundraising for the Walkerton MOE Show was heavily supported by Walkerton area businesses and by progressive

Hereford breeders across Ontario. The show committee wishes to especially recognize the following contributors to the fundraising campaign: the Walkerton office of Farm Credit Canada; John Ernewein Ltd, Walkerton building contractor; Marcc Apparel Company Inc of Mount Forest; Craig McDonald Reddon Insurance of Mildmay; Can-Vet Animal Health Supplies Ltd; International Stock Food Co. Ltd; Bishop Seeds; Huron Bay Co-operative Inc., Owen Sound branch; and BDO Dunwoody, Port Elgin.

Judge Cowley evaluated 79 Horned and Polled Herefords in the livestock competition and complimented exhibitors on the high quality of cattle presented. For his grand champion bull, Judge Cowley selected CBPH Meadow Master 18M, a January 14, 2002 son of STAR SS Thunder LT 62J. Bred and exhibited by Crystal Brook Polled Herefords, Cargill, this bull had previously been named bull calf champion at the Owen Sound MOE Show in September.

The reserve grand champion bull was Corey's 5H Hitter 138L, a February 14, 2001 son of 4007 Star's Hitter 5H, bred by Junior member Dennis Ocolisan, West Lorne and exhibited by Sandy Ridge Livestock.

The grand champion female was the winner of the two-year old cow-calf class: GHC Miss Carla 93K, a Feb. 23, 2000 daugh-



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Sandy Ridge Livestock showed the reserve grand champion bull, Corey's 5H Hitter 138L.



The grand champion female, GHC Miss Carla 93K, was exhibited by John and Mary Petrik, Moorefield.



Sandy Ridge Livestock, West Lorne, exhibited the reserve grand champion female, SRF Sabre's Keynote 41M.



Ontario Trillium Foundation presenting cheque, left to right: Dr. Gerry Rogers, representing Ontario Trillium Foundation; Bill Murdock, MPP Grey, Bruce and Owen Sound; Mark Lemon, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Ontario Zone; Nadine Wells, President, Western Ontario Zone; and Charles Bray, OHA Director.

ter of WTK 75A Continental 66F. She had a Jan. 4, 2002 bull calf at foot by JSF 37 271 Devo 23C. Bred by Crittenden Bros., Imperial, Sask, she was exhibited by John and Mary Petrik, Moorefield.

The reserve grand champion female was SRF Sabre's Keynote 41M, a Jan. 30, 2002 daughter of Haroldson's 8E Sabre ET 42H. She was bred by Wilgor Farms, Mirabel, Que., and was exhibited by Sandy Ridge Livestock, West Lorne. Premier exhibitor was Sandy Ridge Livestock and premier breeder was Vailfield Farm, Denfield.

In keeping with the emphasis on education, the show included an exciting Junior showmanship competition under the direction of the Western Ontario Hereford Zone's junior coordinator, Glenn Turner, Tara. In the course of evaluating the 20 young people in the showmanship competition, Judge Cowley was full of praise for the level of competence he saw throughout and he provided one-on-one comments and sug-



The Ontario Junior Hereford Association showmanship exhibitors.

gestions to each participant. The following were the class winners: Pee Wee: Sarah Van Slightenhorst, Tara; Junior: Kanda Ocolisan, West Lorne; Intermediate: Carly Marshall, Hepworth; Senior: Dennis Ocolisan, West Lorne.

The show committee would like to recognize the following 23 exhibitors for supporting the 2002 Walkerton MOE Show: Harvey and Beth McKay, Kincardine; Sandy Ridge Livestock, West Lorne; Earl and John McEachren, Glencoe; Moorehaven Farms, Acton; Maple-Dale Farms, Holstein; Vailfield Farm, Denfield; Patcherosa Herefords, Tara; Bye Vista Hereford Farms, Annan; Lian Mor Polled Herefords, Orangeville; Allan Lambie, Wyevale; Cedar Stone Polled Herefords, Pefferlaw; Perkinsview Farms, Hillsdale; John Mastine, Whitney; Iris Creek Farms, Paisley; Les and Sherry Emke, Cargill; John and Mary Petrik, Moorefield; Theodore McCrackin, Hastings; Crystal Brook Polled Herefords, Cargill; Mark and Cynthia Lemon, Annan; Mount-Vern Herefords, Bolton; Bev Fisher, Flesherton; Vanessa Klages, Mildmay; and Lone-Spruce Herefords, Elmwood.

Planning is already underway for the 2003 Walkerton MOE Show, scheduled for October 4th, 2003.