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## Novice showman has top steer

**By DIETER KRIEG**  
**HARRISBURG** - Less than five months ago, 14-year old Brett Holzauer had never led an animal into a show ring. Two days ago he became the champion of the most celebrated event at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Holzauer's winning of the grand champion baby beef banner on Thursday stands as the final chapter of a Cinderella story which began last Spring when Brett's father, Robert Holzauer, encouraged him to take a 4-H beef project.

The young man's victory represents more than a personal or family triumph. As is the case every year, county prestige is at stake. This year the laurels returned to Lancaster County, after having been in the Garden Spot two years

ago, and "almost" in 1977. Last year's owner of the grand champion baby beef animal was Janice Kaylor of Elizabethtown. Although she is a Lancaster County girl, she keeps her animal on her grandfather's farm in Dauphin County, which allows her to be a member of the Dauphin County Baby Beef Club.

Miss Kaylor, taking a carefully groomed Chianina-Angus crossbred into the arena, wound up as reserve champion this year.

The Baby Beef Show is one of the few events held in the Large Arena during the Farm Show which is granted full use of the facilities. The animals and attending 4-H'ers, ring crew, and officials don't have to share the turf with anyone. It's a big event, drawing news reporters and photographers from all over the state.

With several thousand spectators filling the seats of the arena, and hundreds more crowding around the ropes near the outside perimeter of the showing area, the Baby Beef Show generates interest unmatched by any other competitive event held here. There's excitement in the air as the show goes on,

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Snowball and his owner, Brett Holzauer.



Ten-year-old Seth Gruber, New Tripoli, showed this year's grand champion of the junior market hog show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. In his second year of showing swine, he captured his second grand championship title at Farm Show on Thursday.

## Gruber has market hog champ

**By JOANNE SPAHR**  
**HARRISBURG** - Ten-year-old Seth Gruber proved a point on Thursday morning. For the second year in a row, he has shown that fathers really can teach their children the ropes in the livestock business. Seth is the son of Henry Gruber, New Tripoli R2, head buyer

for Arbogast and Bastian, Inc., Allentown, Pa., and this year Seth showed the grand champion of the junior market swine show at Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

The elder Gruber, who has been buying hogs for 19 years and judging contests for quite a few, says he and

his son picked the animal out together.

Bred by William Nash, Frankford, Ind., the 210 pound lightweight division champion was selected over the heavyweight division champion shown by Greg Stricker, Bernville R1. A

Hampshire, the champion's sire was "Stump."

Last year Seth's light heavyweight was also named grand champion. The fact that the Lehigh County 4-H Swine Club member has only been involved in 4-H for the two years he has

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## Kucemchak's market lamb wins

**By KENDACE BERRY**  
**HARRISBURG** - Julie Kucemchak, Pleasant Gap, Centre County, an "almost 13" 4-H'er won the grand championship honors in the junior market lamb class in Thursday's competition at the Pa. Farm Show. This was the youth's third year in 4-H competition, and first

year to compete in Harrisburg. She showed a 116 lb. Suffolk wether, that she bought in Columbus, Ohio, for her project.

Reserve champion market lamb was shown by Sarah Brubaker, Lancaster. Her 112 lb. Suffolk lamb came originally from the state of Indiana.

Christian Herr, Narvon R2, also of Lancaster County, showed the grand champion pair in the sheep show. His lambs were a pair of Hampshires weighing 114 lbs. each. It was the veteran shower's first pair champion at the Farm Show.

Reserve champion pair were a pair of Hampshires

shown by Brian Zerby, Knoxville, in Tioga County.

In the junior breeding sheep classes, Chester County dominated the championship spots, winning four of the six breed championships. John Arrell, Jr., Lincoln University, had the champion Cheviot ewe;

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Julie Kucemchak, from Pleasant Gap, Centre Co., showed the grand champion Jr. market lamb at the Pa. Farm Show.