# Sister, brother show top Berks Co. 4-H steers



The grand champion steer was shown by Darlene Dietrich, Hamburg, seen on the right. Buyer of the steer was Ralph Zettlemoyer.

#### By LAUREL SCHAEFFER Staff Correspondent

LEESPORT - "Sherlock" a Charolais crossbred steer "proved his stuff" on October 18 as his owner, 16year old Darlene Dietrich led him to grand champion honors during the Berks County 4-H Baby Beef Show and Sale, held at Leesport Market and Auction, here.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dietrich, Hamburg R1, Darlene had shown her medium heavyweight steer earlier this year at the Reading and Oley Fairs where he captured both reserve champion honors but couldn't make that final step to the top until this show. Darlene also proved her skills in fitting and showmanship as she was named grand champion fitter and reserve champion showman.

Following with the reserve champion steer was

Darlene's 19-year old looking forward to attending brother, Dennis, showing for the last time as a 4-H member. Dennis was proud that he finally had a champion in his Chianina Hereford Angus cross, purchased at the Chianina Sale, Wrightsville. "I've won showing and fitting championships before but never had a reserve or grand champion animal," he said with a smile.

Dennis has been involved in 4-H for many years and says he will surely miss it, especially showing. He has served in many positions while in 4-H, including president of County Council. Presently he is working for A.F. Moyer Packing, Bernville and spends much of his time helping on the family farm. Darlene is presently attending the 11th grade at Hamburg Area High School and is vice president of the FFA chapter there. She is

college to agribusiness.

Following the show, judged by Gary Dean, of Lancaster County, all but five county steers were sold, which will go on to the Farm Show. Ralph Zettlemoyer, auctioneer, bought the grand champion for \$1.10 per pound while the reserve champion was purchased by Reading Bone Fertilizer Company, Reading, for 68 cents per pound.

The average price paid for the 42 steers sold was 59 cents per pound without the reserve or grand champion. This included 34 show steers and eight companion steers. Following are the results of the show.

**Medium Lightweight** 1. Karen Rabenold, Kutztown; 2. Joe Crisafulli, Mohrsville: 3. Jim Heffner, Fleetwood; 4. Karen

Palmer, Bernville.

**Heavy Lightweight** 1. Shannon Dixon, Kutztown; 2. Tim Riegel, Mohrsville; 3. Glenn Heff-

ner, Fleetwood; 4. Tim Reiger, Leesport; 5. Dan Steinhauer, Bernville.

**Champion Lightweight** Shannon Dixon

Reserve Champion Lightweight Karen Rabenold

Light Mediumweight

1. Jim Esbach, Blandon; 2. Kenianne Rarick, Reading; 3. Randy Rabenold, Kutz-

Medium Mediumweight

1. Ann Holcombe, Mohrsville; 2. Wilson Hoffman, Barto; 3. Ron Sutliff, Mohrsville; Glenn Yanos, Douglasville.

**Heavy Mediumweight** 1. Andy Haas, Douglasville; 2. James Leiby, Fleetwood; 3. Christine Hoffman, Barto: 4. Steve Hoffman, Barto.

Champion Mediumweight Andy Haas

> **Reserve Champion Medium Weight** Ann Holcombe

> > **Light Heavy** Weight

1. Dennis Dietrich, 2. Eliane Heffner, Fleetwood; 3. Ronald Heffner, Fleetwood; 4. Liane Haas, Douglasville; 5. Tom Hafer, Douglasville.

**Medium Heavyweight** 

1. Darlene Dietrich, 2. Marianne Yanos. Douglasville; 3. Lynn Lorah, Oley; 4. Greg Stricker, Bernville.

Heavy Heavywieght

1. Lori Haas, Douglasville; 2. Robert Bashore, Mohrsville; 3. Mike Rarick, Reading; 4. Kirk Fisher, Oley; 5. Sarah Hoffman, Champion Heavyweight Darlene Dietrich

> Reserve Champion Heavyweight **Dennis Dietrich**

Junior Showmanship 1. Kirk Fisher, 2. Kenianne Rarick, 3. Andy Haas, 4. Christina Hoffman, 5.

**Junior Fitting** 1. Kirk Fisher, 2. Kenianne Rarick, 3. Andy Haas, 4.

Marianne Yanos.

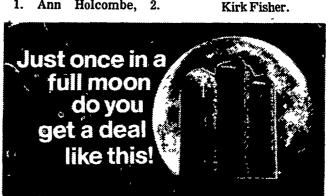
Rarick. Senior Showmanship 1. Ann Holcombe, 2.

Christine Hoffman, 5. Mike

Darlene Dietrich, 3. Dennis Dietrich, 4. Lori Haas, 5. Liane Haas.

**Senior Fitting** 1. Darlene Dietrich, 2. Dennis Dietrich, 3. Lori Haas, 4. Ann Holcombe, 5. Jim Esbach.

> Champion Showman Ann Holcombe Reserve Champion Showman Darlene Dietrich Champion Fitter **Darlene Dietrich Reserve Champion** Fitter



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