

## Messick entries take championships

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**HARRISBURG** — Dauphin County 4-H Beef Club members started out a two-day show schedule Monday with their county's Round-Up competition, held here at the Farm Show Complex. From Harrisburg, many of the 4-H'ers trailed their steers to neighboring Lancaster County for the District show, held Tuesday.

Fifteen-year-old Dwayne Messick, Elizabethtown, claimed two championship ribbons at Monday's event — first for his Chianina heifer, and second for his Angus x Chianina steer.

This was the second year in a row that Messick, the son of Alvin and Fern Messick, took top honors in the Chianina female division. His entry at last year's Dauphin County Round-Up was pinned grand champion, too. This year's entry, Blue Sky Princess, an April 1980 heifer, was chosen as grand champion by Round-Up judge Terry Shearer, of Pigeon Hills Farm, Abbottstown, along with the judges at the recent Keystone International Livestock Exposition and Eastern National shows.

Messick explained he purchased the champion's dam at a Chianina sale in Wrightsville and bred the



Intermediate champion showman was Becky Webster, Halifax. This is the fourteen-year-old's third year of 4-H competition.

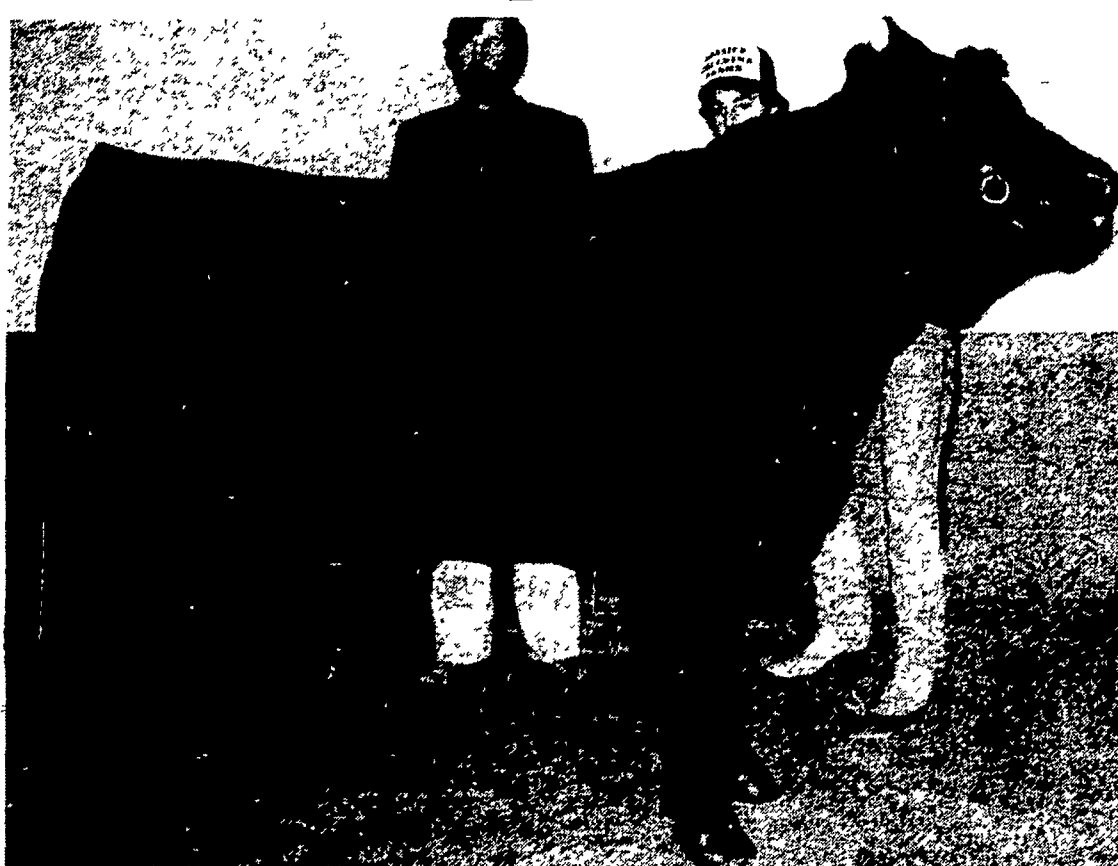


The grand champion Chianina heifer was shown by Dwayne Messick. The Blue Sky Jet Set daughter has earned numerous purple ribbons in her show road career, taking top honors at KILE and Eastern National last month.



Eleven-year-old Mike Messick, Elizabethtown, exhibited his Simmental heifer to her second consecutive grand championship in the female division of the show. The April

1980 heifer is a bred and owned daughter of Polled Challenger out of Messick's Galiant cow.



Dwayne Messick, 15, of Middletown showed his Angus x Chianina crossbred steer to grand champion honors at Monday's Dauphin County Beef Round-Up. Judging the show was Terry Shearer, manager of Pigeon Hills Hereford Farm, Abbottstown, York County.

cow artificially to Blue Sky Jet Set. This year that same cow produced twin calves to add to the Lower Dauphin High School student's growing herd of 20 head.

Judge Shearer's selection for champion steer was Messick's first place heavyweight. The 1260-pound steer, named Buddy Row, was purchased by Messick from Nittany Farms, State College. This was the first time Messick's project steer won a purple ribbon, although his last year's entry was tagged reserve grand champion.

Coming in a close second in the steer show was Kaye Sweigard's Angus x Chianina steer "10". This nearly perfect steer was previously tagged grand champ at Dauphin County's 4-H Fair, held in August. It was selected as champion lightweight in competition at KILE.

Neither Kaye's steer nor the experienced showman and cattleman herself are strangers to the Farm Show arena. In her last year of 4-H competition, Kaye has earned an enviable tanbark record of championships and the trophies to prove it. The freshman at Harrisburg Area Community College, is the daughter of Kenneth and Marie Sweigard, Halifax.

Another Sweigard also left the

Monday event with a championship. Monique Sweigard, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Eugene and Janice Sweigard, Halifax, showed her home-bred Angus x Chianina steer to win senior champion showman honors. The steer, B.J. (Black Jack) was the reserve grand champ at the Dauphin County 4-H Fair and placed second in its class at KILE.

Intermediate champion showman was Rebecca Webster,

the fourteen-year-old daughter of Debbie and Melvin Lebo, Halifax. Her black steer, an Angus x Chianina cross was bred by Eugene Sweigard.

It was a championship day for eleven-year-old Mike Messick, the son of Mylin and Doris Messick, Middletown. The young cattleman was chosen as top showman in the junior competition and also earned a championship ribbon with his

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Kaye Sweigard, Halifax, completed her final county round-up competition by showing her Angus x Chianina steer, "10", to the reserve grand champion slot.



Monique Sweigard, Halifax, demonstrated her "cool" in the showing and won senior champion showman honors.