

She has sure-fire way to pick hog champ

MANHEIM — How do you go about picking a potential champion market hog when it's just a wee, little feeder pig yet?

Everyone — present and past 4-H'ers and FFA'ers alike — probably has their own little system and check list to follow.

Hog finishers who do it for a living probably go into it a little deeper.

And breeders, like Mark Nestleroth, of R5 Manheim, pay close attention to things like blood lines and other ancestral factors.

But take note, pop, and all you others, too, — there's an easier way to do it. Here's the advice of nine-year-old Beth Nestleroth, who showed the grand champion at the Manheim Fair Monday night in only her second outing in the show ring and her first fair competition in Lancaster County.

"I liked the way he looked," Beth said.

"I like the red, spotted pigs."

And that little red, spotted feeder she picked when she could probably hold it in her arms grew into a tall, long, lean barrow that ended up weighing nearly four times more than she does.

Judge Larry Arnold commented:

"He's super lean for his weight and when you find a hog like that there's only one way to go."

The championship circle at Manheim was a Dutch Valley Farms affair all the way, too. In addition to the grand champion that came out of the heavyweights, Chris Chapman had the mediumweight champion that went on to the show's reserve grand championship and older sister, Liz, had the lightweight champion.

And the Chapman sisters couldn't have been happier if they had won themselves. Both embraced the diminutive Beth as her Duroc-Yorkshire-Landrace cross was picked.

It was only the second competition for Beth, who had her debut in the recent 4-H Roundup.

Results in the 93-hog show:

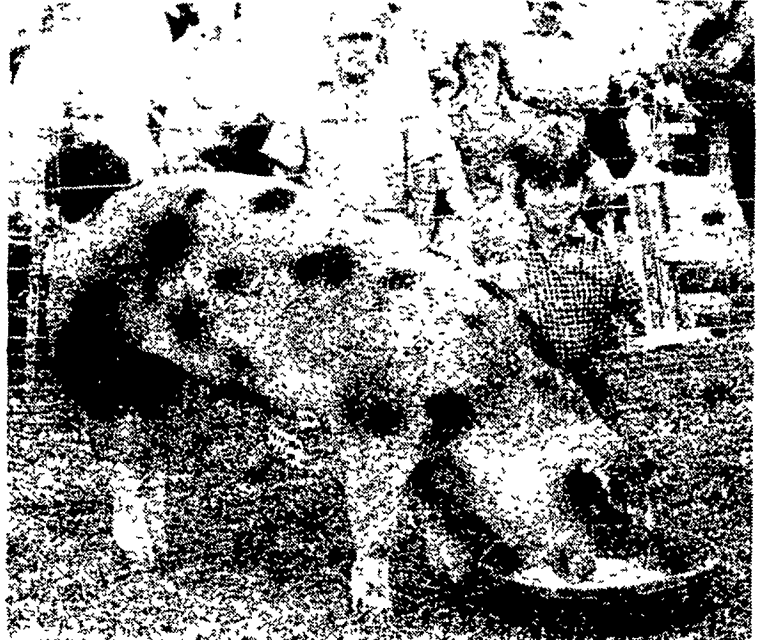
LIGHTWEIGHT
 Class I — 1 and 4 Rus Ackley 2 and 3 Dennis Shelly
 Class II — 1 Ken Nolt 2 Gordon Long, 3 Smith Bros, 4 Steve Nissley
 Class III — 1 Liz Chapman, 2 Mike Pflieger 3 Mike Pfautz, 4 Steve Nissley
 Lightweight Champion — Liz Chapman
 Lightweight reserve — Mike Pflieger

MEDIUMWEIGHTS
 Class I — 1 Dean Allison, 2 Matt Pflieger, 3 Tim Pfautz, 4 Bob Carnathan, 5 Steve Nissley
 Class II — 1 Dean Allison, 2 Rob Witman 3 Steve Nissley, 4 Duane Shelly 5 Jeff Gerlach
 Class III — 1 Chris Chapman, 2 Barry Geib, 3 Dean Allison, 4 Darwin Myer 5 Duane Shelly
 Class IV — 1 Kerry Myer, 2 Tim Pfautz, 3 Ken Nolt 4 Smith Bros, 5 Dennis Shelly
 Class V — 1 Chris Chapman, 2 Jeff Gerlach 3 Ken Nolt, 4 Mike Gorman 5 Mike Gorman
 Class VI — 1 Ken Nolt, 2 John Wiker, 3 Mike Gorman
 Middleweight Champion — Chris Chapman, reserve champion — Kerry Myer

HEAVYWEIGHTS
 Class I — 1 Beth Nestleroth, 2 Mike Pfautz 3 Gordon Long, 4 Renee Haldeman 5 Barry Geib
 Class II — 1 Bob Carnathan, 2 Judy Zimmerman, 3 Sheldon Heisey, 4 Barry Geib, 5 Jeff Kreider
 Class III — 1 Beth Nestleroth, 2 Judy Zimmerman, 3 Barry Geib, 4 Jeff Gerlach, 5 Mike Pflieger

Class IV — 1 Smith Bros, 2 Steve Heisey, 3 Sheldon Heisey 4 Bob Carnathan 5 Jeff Kreider
 Class V — 1 Renee Haldeman, 2 Jeff Gerlach 3 Barry Geib, 4 Jim Wiker 5 Jan Waltz
 Class VI — 1 Matt Pflieger, 2 Jan Waltz, 3 Shawn Haldeman, 4 Smith Bros, 5 Cliff Weaver
 Class VII — 1 Liz Chapman, 2 Kerry Myer, 3 Barry Geiber, 4 Shawn Haldeman, 5 Smith Bros
 Class VIII — 1 Gordon Long, 2 Shawn Haldeman, 3 Mike Pfautz, 4 Smith Bros, 5 (tie) Steve Heisey and Dwayne Shelly
 Heavyweight Champion — Beth Nestleroth
 Reserve — Liz Chapman
 Show Grand Champion — Beth Nestleroth,
 Show Reserve Champion — Chris Chapman
 Pairs — Champion Gordon Long, reserve Chris Chapman

SHOWING
 Senior — 1 Jan Waltz 2 Chris Chapman
 Junior — 1 Steve Heisey, 2 Sheldon Heisey
 Novice — 1 Shawn Haldeman 2 Beth Nestleroth



Nine-year-old Beth Nestleroth proudly displays her Manheim Farm Show rosette and trophy while her grand champion market hog takes a well-deserved snack break.



Chris Chapman with her reserve grand champion market hog of the Manheim Farm Show.

Book learnin', training pay off

MANHEIM — Take note all you FFA'ers out there — all that book learning and classroom instruction does pay off.

At least it did for 15-year-old Jan Waltz, of the Manheim FFA Chapter Tuesday night, when his 1200-pound Angus-Chianina cross won the grand championship of the steer competition at the Manheim Farm Show.

In addition, the second-year FFA member had the lightweight 4-H champ and finished first in the senior showing competition.

Just as it was a busy night for the youthful FFA'er, his first year in the Future Farmers of America last year was an eventful one, too.

At the conclusion of his greenhand year, Jan finished second in the state livestock judging competition at Penn State in June and will be going to Kansas City in about a month for the national competition. He's chaplain of the Manheim chapter, too.

He explains that a combination of three years of 4-H showing, reading books and his FFA training all contributed to his increasing knowledge of what it

takes to produce a good beef animal.

And he has the practical background, too. His parents, Ardith and Nancy Waltz, finish steers on their Manheim R6 farm.

His coal-black champion, named J.R. because he's a bit stubborn, came from the Keystone Cattle Service operation of Cliff and Lynn Orley at Lebanon.

The grand champion baby beef is out of an Angus dam sired by the three-quarter Chianina bull, Silver Dollar.

The show's reserve champion and champion of the 4-H competition was shown by another Manheim Central sophomore, Kelly Rohrer, 15, daughter of Yvonne Rohrer, R5 Manheim.

Also, an Angus-Chianina cross, it tipped the scales at just 25 pounds less than the grand champ. It came from Marlee Farms in Maryland.

Judge Bill Holloway, of York County, admitted it was a tight competition between the two but picked the FFA animal over the 4-H because of its heavier muscling, thicker top and heavier loin.

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Results of the show:

FFA DIVISION
 Mediumweight — 1 Vernon Heisey, 2 Mike Pflieger 3 Phil Nissley, 4 Duane Shelly, 5 Brian Lowe, 6 Gail Ginder
 Light Heavyweight — 1 Jan Waltz, 2 Matt Pflieger, 3 Randy Gibble, 4 Duane Gernert, 5 Dennis Shelly, 6 Jeannie Ginder
 Heavyweight — 1 Jeff Rohrer, 2 Barry Geib, 3 Ed Nissley, 4 Stacey Shenk, 5 Doug Hoover
 FFA Champion — Jan Waltz Reserve — Vernon Heisey
4-H DIVISION
 Lightweight — 1 Jan Waltz, 2 Bryan Balmer, 3 Carol Ginder, 4 Diane Musser, 5 Becky Lefeaver, 6 Gail Ginder, 7 Jill Kettering
 Mediumweight — 1 John Hess, 2 Vernon Heisey,

3 Alida Farrington, 4 Doug Musser, 5 Julie Hershey, 6 Angela Longenecker, 7 Trevor Hershey
 Light Heavyweight — 1 Michelle Nissley, 2 Joe Garber, 3 Chris Chapman, 4 Gini Nissley, 5 Greg Hoover, 5 Jeannie Ginder
 Heavyweight — 1 Kelly Rohrer, 2 Lori Good, 3 Phil Nissley, 4 Chad Rohrer, 5 Liz Chapman, 6 Stacey Shenk
 4-H Champion — Kelly Rohrer Reserve — Lori Good
 Grand champion — Jan Waltz, Reserve grand champion — Kelly Rohrer
SHOWING
 Junior — 1 Carol Ginder, 2 Kelly Rohrer, 3 Angie Longenecker, 4 Gini Nissley
 Senior — 1 Jan Waltz, 2 Lori Good, 3 John Hess, 4 Phil Nissley



With grand champion steer of Manheim Farm Show are Jan Waltz, second-year FFA member at Manheim Central, and his mother, Nancy.



With her reserve grand champion Manheim Farm Show steer is 4-H'er Kelly Rohrer, R5 Manheim.