

4-H'ers capture Manheim beef honors

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MANHEIM — Competing against older FFA showmen and fellow 4-H members alike, two young 4-H'ers captured the overall championship titles at the Manheim Farm Show baby beef show Tuesday night. Earning the overall cham-

pionship with his Angus-Chianina cross was 12-year-old Greg Hoover, R3 Elizabethtown. Greg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoover, won the honor for the first time in his three years of 4-H competition. The steer, weighing in at 1,115 pounds, won his light heavyweight

class. Greg purchased his winner, named Frisky, at the Harrisburg Expo in March. Greg said he was surprised with his win and had no expectations of winning the show. However, Frisky had the qualities that judge Ted Teaford likes to see in a beef animal.

Teaford, a herdsman at Devereux Soleil Farms in Downingtown, said he likes a steer that looks at home in the feedlot. This quality, a medium-sized, meaty animal, is what he saw in his show champion.

The overall reserve champion title went to another Angus-Chianina cross, a "high credibility steer" which won the medium-weight class. The 1,065 pound winner was shown by 11-year-old Angela Longenecker.

Angela, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Longenecker, 789 Temperance Hill Road, Lititz, bought her steer from Jim Foreman, a Dauphin County breeder.

The FFA show was won by Jan Waltz, grand champion, and Barry Geib, reserve champion.

Jan, a junior at Manheim Central, won the title with his stylish, 1,100 pound light heavyweight entry. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Waltz, R6 Manheim, Jan, 16, has been showing for three years and won the Manheim Farm Show title last year.

Showing an Angus-Chianina steer, Jan said he chose this cross because they grow faster and put on weight more quickly. Since he bought the steer a year ago from Jim Foreman, the animal has gained 450 pounds at a 2 3/4 daily rate of gain.

The reserve champion title went to the 1,380 pound heavyweight class winner shown by Barry Geib. Geib, 20, is the son of Clarence R. Geib, R4 Manheim.

Barry bought his Chianina crossbred at the Piedmont Invitational Sale in Frederick, Md. The steer was bred by local breeders Elmer Stehman and Ken Brubaker, Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

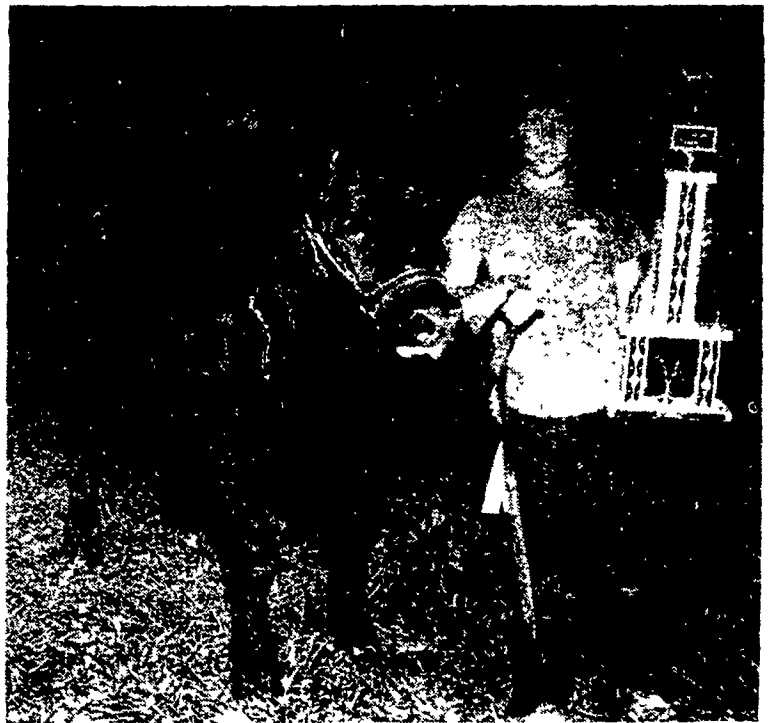
Following the beef judging, the show exhibitors competed for showmanship awards. The top three finishers in the junior class, ages 12 and under, were John



Cattle judge Ted Teaford, left, selected this 1,100 pound Angus-Chianina cross, show by Jan Waltz, R6 Manheim, as the Manheim FFA show champion.



Barry Geib, R4 Manheim, receives his trophy from judge Ted Teaford, left, for winning FFA reserve champion honors. The 1,380 pound steer was bred by local breeders Ken Brubaker and Elmer Stehman, Lancaster.



Overall show championship honors at the Manheim Farm Show were earned by 12-year-old Greg Hoover, R3 Elizabethtown, and his 1,115 pound Angus-Chianina cross.

Kettering, John Hess and Gena Myer Bowman.

Intermediate class winners, ages 13 to 16, were Kelly Rohrer, Gina Nissley and Kelly Eckert. Winning the senior class, ages 17 and over, were Jan Waltz, Lori Good and Alida Farrington.

The top three winners in steer competition are listed below. Thirty-seven entries competed for awards, with 21 in the 4-H Show and 14 in FFA.

FFA STEER SHOW
 Mediumweight
 1 Doug Hoover, 2 Kelly Echert, 3 Ed Nissley
 Light Heavyweight
 1 Jan Waltz, 2 Leon Heisey, 3 Chad Rohrer
 Heavyweight
 1 Barry Geib, 2 Alida Farrington, 3 Darwin

Grand Champion
 Jan Waltz
Reserve Grand Champion
 Barry Geib
4-H STEER SHOW
 Lightweight
 1 John Hess, 2 Gena Bowman, 3 Michelle Nissley
 Mediumweight
 1 Angela Longenecker, 2 Alida Farrington, 3 Derrick Nissley
 Light Heavyweight
 1 Greg Hoover, 2 Lori Good, 3 Elizabeth Hess
 Heavyweight
 1 Carol Ginder, 2 Jan Waltz, 3 John Kettering

Grand Champion
 Greg Hoover
Reserve Grand Champion
 Angela Longenecker
Overall Grand Champion
 Greg Hoover
Overall Reserve Grand Champion
 Angela Longenecker



Hog project starts in cardboard box

MANHEIM — There are many ways to prepare for raising a grand champion market hog and 16-year-old Bryan Hollinger displayed yet another on his way to the crown at the Manheim Fair Monday night.

Hollinger, son of Wilbur and Elaine Hollinger, R6 Manheim, only became involved with hogs

this past winter and started by raising four piglets in a cardboard box in his basement.

"A sow of Wayne Hess, a neighbor, had a litter of 17 and he gave me the four extra," Hollinger explained.

"We bottle-fed them every four hours for the first five weeks.

"Then, we moved them to my

sister's garage and finished raising them to market weight."

But his grand champion gilt at the Manheim Fair came out of Dutch Valley Farms and was one of two purchased. The other wasn't in the top placers at the county 4-H roundup.

Hollinger has worked for the past couple of years at the Donald Hershey farm. It was his first year of hog showing at the Manheim Fair and next year also hopes to get into beef showing.

The 240-pound heavyweight was selected out of the 120-hog field by Matt Parsons, Penn State swine specialist.

Parsons explained he was looking for hogs that buyers and packers would be glad to have — displaying muscling, thickness, leanness, but move about freely and easily.

Reserve champion was also a Dutch Valley hog shown by Chris Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, R5 Manheim.

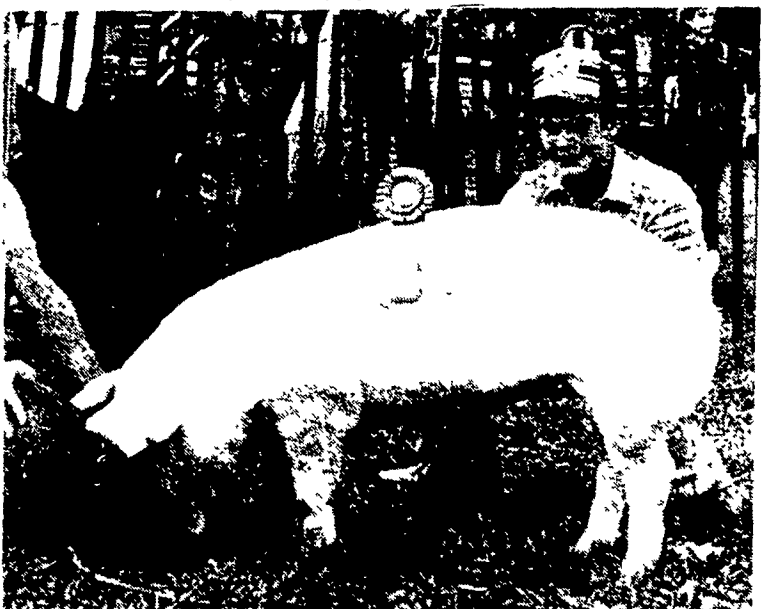
Results of the show:
LIGHTWEIGHT — Class 1 1 Smith Brothers 2 Karen Becker 3 Smith Brothers Class 2 1 Smith Brothers 2 Ken Nolt 3 Lamar King Class 3 1 Shawn Haldeman 2 Floyd Huber 3 Renee Haldeman Class 4 1 Floyd Huber 2 Karen Becker 3 Haldeman Lightweight Champion — Shawn Haldeman Reserve — Floyd Huber
MEDIUMWEIGHT — Class 1 1 Chris Chapman 2 Tom High 3 Chad Folker Class 2 1 Chris Chapman 2 Doug Musser 3 Tom High Class 3



Chris Chapman with reserve champion hog at Manheim Fair.

1 Tom High 2 Shawn Haldeman, 3 Laura Folker Class 4 1 Shawn Haldeman, 2 Smith Brothers 3 Duane Shelly Class 5 1 Stacy Nestleroth 2 Denise Haldeman, 3 Kerry Myer Class 6 1 Chris Chapman, 2 Stacy Nestleroth 3 Tim Plautz Class 7 1 Todd Pflieger, 2 Renee Haldeman, 3 Doug Musser Class 8 1 Chris Chapman 2 Sheldon Heisey, 3 Renee Haldeman Medium weight Champion — Chris Chapman Reserve — Stacy Nestleroth
HEAVYWEIGHT — Class 1 1 Beth Nestleroth, 2 Tim Plautz, 3 Karen Becker Class 2 Bryan Hollinger, 2 Jan Waltz, 3 Barry Geib Class 3 1 Stacy Nestleroth 2 Renee Haldeman 3 Steve Heisey Class 4 1 Todd Pflieger, 2 Steve Heisey, 3 Denise Haldeman Class 5 1 Heather

Haldeman 2 Gene Saylor 3 Barry Geib Class 6 1 Shawn Haldeman 2 Beth Nestleroth, 3 Gwen Myer Heavyweight Champion — Bryan Hollinger Reserve — Todd Pflieger
Grand Champion — Bryan Hollinger Reserve — Chris Chapman
PENS OF TWO — Lightweight (Class 1) 1 Barry Geib, 2 Duane Shelly (Class 2) 1 Dennis Shelly 2 Jan Waltz Mediumweight 1 Karen Becker, 2 Karen Becker, 3 Dennis Shelly Champion Pen — Karen Becker Reserve — Karen Becker
SHOWMANSHIP — Novice 1 Todd Pflieger, 2 Chad Folker, 3 Laura Folker, 5 Karen Becker Intermediate 1 Shawn Haldeman, 2 Sheldon Heisey, 3 Stacy Nestleroth Senior 1 Renee Haldeman, 2 Steve Smith, 3 Tim Plautz



Bryan Hollinger with grand champion market hog at Manheim Fair.