

# Roundup Champs Attribute Success To Parental Prodding

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THOMASVILLE — In the behind-the-scenes confusion of moving gates, milling steers, and the chant of auctioneer Harry Bachman selling from the ring, York's top 4-H steer show exhibitors giggled and confessed their formula to winning.

"Our Dads made us get out and walk them."

Champion exhibitor Elizabeth Bishard and reserve winner Gail Rishel admitted to getting occasional parental prodding to exercise their project steers as they compared notes during the

wind-up of the annual roundup and sale, held Tuesday at the Weikert's Buying Station.

But the prodding paid off for 10-year-old Elizabeth Bishard, who took the top bid of \$2 per pound when she opened the sale with her champion. The 1,170-pound purebred Black Angus was purchased by the York area construction firm of Robert Kinsley, Incorporated.

Appropriately named "Banner," the winning steer had been bred in Kinsley's South Branch Angus herd and purchased a year ago by Elizabeth for her project work. A ration of oats, corn and hay, and

regular walks, "about three times a night around the field," earned her the champion nod from Judge Lester Burdette, a Penn State livestock specialist.

Elizabeth is showing for just her second year in 4-H. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Bishard, York R10, and a fifth grader at Seven Valleys Elementary School. While Elizabeth already has a homebred calf started for 4-H project use, she plans to bank part of her more than \$2,000 champion earnings, plus use a portion to invest in another steer.

A family bred and owned purebred Angus, weighing in at 1,245 pounds, claimed the reserve champion honors for Gail Rishel.

As the 13-year-old Seven Valleys R2 4-H member led her reserve winner around the ring, bidding went to \$1.55 per pound, before going under the gavel to the Spring Grove National Bank.

Ms. Rishel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rishel, and a third generation of winning Angus exhibitors. She credited regular walks of up to a mile and tying her steer out at night to improve his hair coat to help earn her the highest placing thus far in her five-year 4-H career.

Cathy Shive's champion lightweight entry sold to the People Bank of Glen Rock, which paid \$1.30 per pound for the 1,145-pounder. Champion heavyweight, exhibited by John Eaton, Jr., went to Mary Beaverson, Wrightsville, for a 79 cents per pound bid.

The four reserve champion class winners followed in the sale order, with the lightweight bringing top price. Gordon Shive Insurance Agency purchased the 1,155-pound entry exhibited by Suzanne Bishard, paying an even dollar per



Elizabeth Bishard's purebred Angus swept the York 4-H Beef show Tuesday, then topped the sale which followed. Winning bidder at \$2 per pound for the 1,170-pound "Banner" was Robert Kinsley, Inc. Representing the firm were Chris Kinsley, left, and Dale Rains, manager of Kinsley's South Branch Angus Farm, where the champion was bred.



One of the area's best known cake-buying syndicates, B & B Enterprises, bid successfully on Lois Rankin's yellow and chocolate flavored salute to 4-H roundup winners. With the creator of the \$40 fund-raising cake are syndicate partners Roger Bankert, left, and Harry Bachman.

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Byron Waggoner's runnerup mediumweight earned the Dover youngster a 70-cents bid, going to Lancaster County meat retailer Willie the Butcher. Carl Erb, Abbottstown, was winning bidder on Karena Rankin's reserve light heavyweight, which brought 73 cents per pound. The reserve heavyweight, exhibited by Allen Werner, also sold to a 73 cent bid, purchased by show and sale host Robert Weikert.

The total 48 head in the annual roundup sale averaged 82 cents per

pound with the champion price, and 78 cents without the champion.

For the third consecutive year, Lois Rankin of Abbottstown donated a cake which she baked and decorated to commemorate

the champion winners. Auctioned prior to the steer sale, the yellow-and-chocolate layered cake sold for \$40 to B and B Enterprises, a cake-buying syndicate of swine breeder Roger Bankert and auctioneer Harry Bachman. Proceeds from the cake went to help defray costs of the hospitality hour, held for buyers prior to the steer and lamb sales.



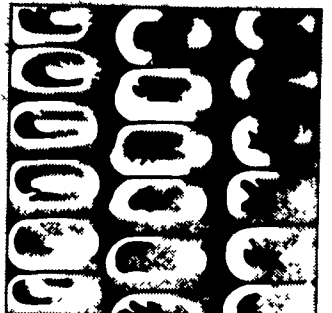
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