

# Divelbiss Shows Franklin County Grand

GREENCASTLE (Franklin Co.) — When 11-year-old Brad Divelbiss, who suffers from mild cerebral palsy and weights only 44 lbs., found out there was no place for him on the area Little League teams, he thought perhaps he could get interested in the cattle business like his idol Texas Ranger Pitcher Nolan Ryan, who is also a rancher.

Brad told his parents, Steve and Rolanda, he would like to show a 4-H steer. They never dreamed it would come to showing the grand champion at the Franklin County Roundup.

Eleven months ago Brad bought the so-called runt of the litter—a 1/4 Limousin, 3/4 Angus crossbred steer from a local farmer—because he was tame and small. Even with Brad's limitations every day he would still feed, water, and tell Nolan he would be a champion someday like his namesake.

Saturday, Brad paraded his 1,225-pound steer, along with 18

other members of the club, under the watchful eye of Judge Ernie Reeves from Mr. Solan, Va. After winning champion of the medium weight, he was named grand champion of the show. The judge praised the steer for his thickness of quarters, square rump, wide loin, and even finish. Brad also won novice fitting and was selected champion fitter of the show. Hoss's Steak and Sea House purchased the animal that evening for \$2.90 a pound.

Crystal Meyers of Greencastle won the reserve champion with her 1,270-pound crossbred steer after being named champion of the light heavyweight class. Crystal also won fitting and showing of the intermediate division. Her steer sold for \$2.65 a pound to Detrich's Elevator of Williamson that evening. She is the daughter of Dean and Nancy Meyers.

Winning the lightweight class was Valerie Bittinger of Cham-

bersburg with her 1,190-pound Angus/Chianina crossbred steer, which sold for \$1.05 a pound to Willard Agri Service of Marion.

First-year member Spencer Walk of Chambersburg won the medium heavyweight class with his 1,300 pound Angus/Chianina crossbred steer which sold for \$1 a pound to McDowell Insurance. Spencer also won fitting and showing in the senior division and went on to be selected champion shower.

A 1,440-pound Charlois steer shown by Darren Statler of Greencastle won the heavyweight class and was bought by Snider's Elevator of Lemasters for \$1.20 a pound.

Cheryl Hawbaker of Mercersburg won first in fitting and showing in the junior division, and her brother Matt won the showing in the novice division.

Following is a partial list of show placings.

#### Franklin Co. Roundup Results

**Fitting**  
Novice: 1 Brad Divelbiss; 2 Justin Conner; 3 Matt Hawbaker.

Intermediate: 1 Crystal Meyers; 2 Ryan Eshleman; 3 Brad Rife

Junior: 1. Cheryl Hawbaker; 2 Valerie Bittinger; 3. Chad Grove

Senior: 1 Spencer Walk; 2 Darren Statler; 3 Lorrnda Hawbaker

**Showing**  
Novice: 1. Matt Hawbaker; 2. Justin Conner; 3. Brad Divelbiss

Intermediate: 1 Crystal Meyers; 2 Michael Schellhase; 3 Ryan Eshleman.

Junior: 1. Cheryl Hawbaker; 2 Valerie Bittinger; 3. Chad Grove

Senior: 1. Spencer Walk; 2. Steve Clapsaddle; 3. Karen Eshleman.

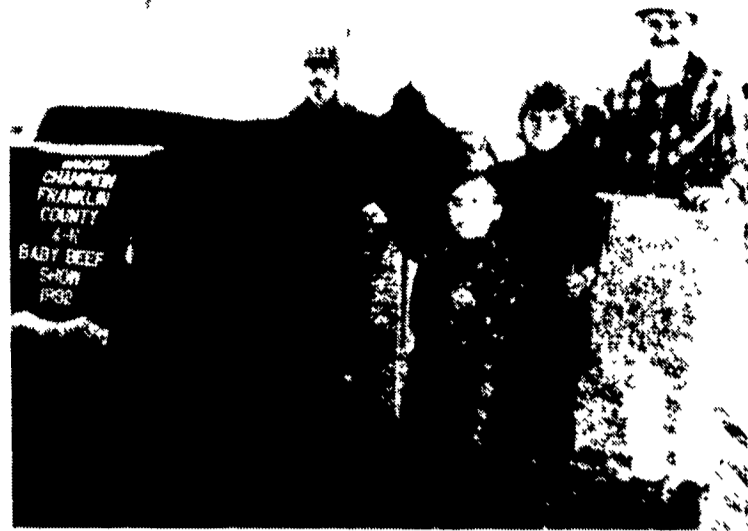
**Conformation**  
Class 1: 1. Valerie Bittinger; 2. Steve Clapsaddle; 3. Tim Mackey.

Class 2: 1. Brad Divelbiss; 2. Michael Schellhase; 3. Jim Clapsaddle.

Class 3: 1. Crystal Myers; 2. Jordan Conner; 3. Brad Rife.

Class 4: 1. Spencer Walk; 2. Justin Conner; 3. Benjamin Schellhase.

Class 5: 1. Darren Statler; 2 Lorrnda Hawbaker; 3. Matt Hawbaker.



From left, judge Ernie Reeves, grand champion Brad Divelbiss, res. champion Crystal Meyers, and representative of York Farm Credit Dan Bragdon.



Left to right, champion fitter Brad Divelbiss, champion showperson Spencer Walker, and judge Ernie Reeves.

## Crop Damage Office

HARRISBURG Dauphin Co. — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff has announced the relocation of the USDA Animal Damage Control (ADC) office to the Agriculture Building in Harrisburg.

The USDA ADC office assists farmers with complaints and damage mitigation relating to animal destruction of crops.

"Crop losses due to deer and other animals have increased over the past decade," Wolff said. "The ADC office is accessible to farmers who sustain animal crop damage, and it saves the common-

wealth more than \$30,000 a year because we won't need to open our own office independently."

In addition to deer, other examples of wildlife damage include loss of fruit, vegetables and grains due to birds, black bear damage to bee hives and corn, raccoons eating sweet corn, and coyotes killing sheep.

For more information on the ADC program, contact Bob Fisher, Wildlife Biologist, ADC Program, 2301 North Cameron Street, Room 413, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408, telephone (717) 238-4127.

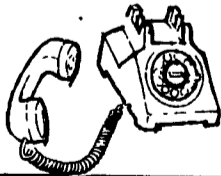
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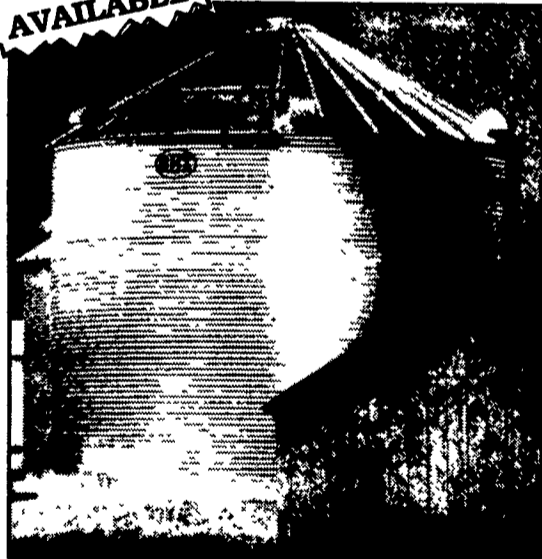
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