

Junior Shows Highlight

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Supreme Champion - Curt Stockdale.
Reserve Supreme Champion - Bree Taggart.

SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Div.: Bree Taggart, Alyssa Myers.
Intermediate: Chad Miller, Heather Fuhls.
Junior: Sara Campbell, Megan Fuhls.

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STEER SHOW

Class 1 - Lightweight: 1. Casey High, 2. Robert Faber, 3. Adam, Wolfe.

Class 2 - Lightweight: 1. Shawn Waltmyer, 2. Matt Stover, 3. Megan Souder.

Class 3 - Lightweight: 1. Casey High, 2. Chad Miller, 3. Tad Francis.

Champion Lightweight - Casey High.
Reserve Champion Lightweight - Casey High.

Class 1 - Middleweight: 1. Megan Fuhls, 2. Kevin Campbell, 3. Alissa Myers.

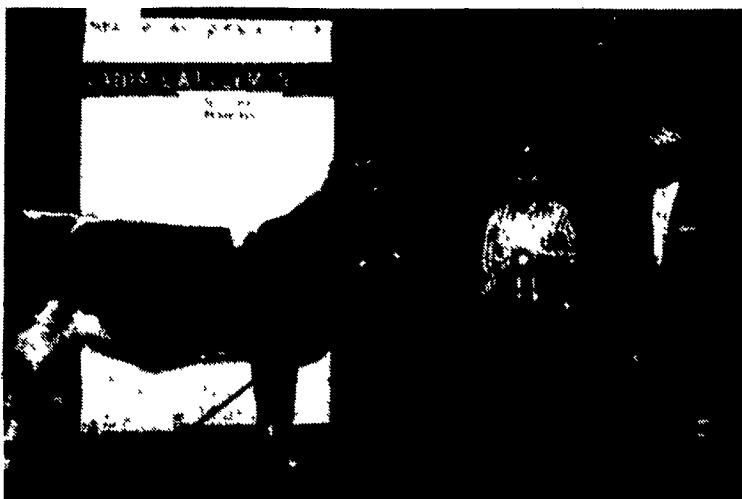
Class 2 - Middleweight: 1. Justin Fuhls, 2. Nathan Claycomb, 3. Eric Berkheimer.

Class 3 - Middleweight: 1. Sara Campbell, 2. Justin Claycomb, 3. Curt Stockdale.

Champion Middleweight - Justin Fuhls.
Reserve Champion Middleweight - Sara Campbell.

Class 1 - Heavyweight: 1. Heather Fuhls, 2. Bree Taggart, 3. Melissa Nallor.

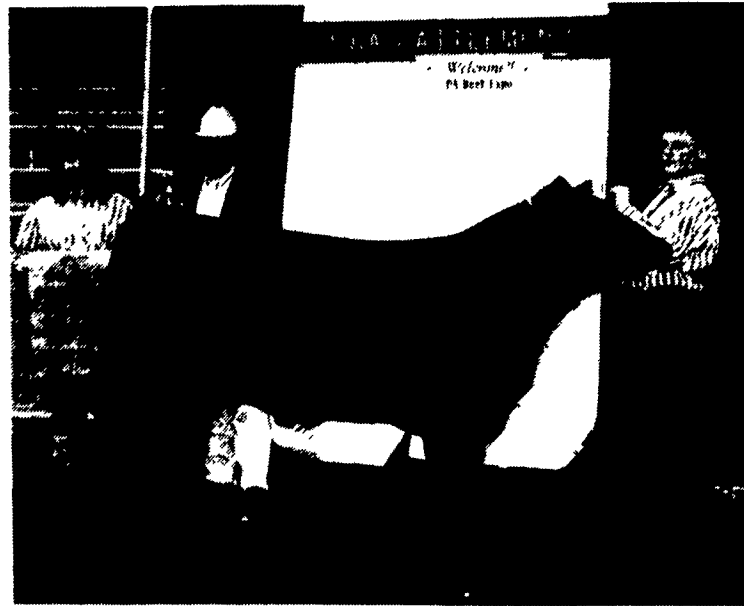
Class 2 - Heavyweight: 1. David Newpher, 2. Jessica Martin, 3. Grant Coleman.



Will Hoff showed the champion of all other breeds, a Shorthorn.

Class 3 - Heavyweight: 1. Will Hoff, 2. Carl Detwiler, 3. Andrea Myers.
Champion Heavyweight - Heather Fuhls.
Reserve Supreme Champion - David

Newpher.
Supreme Champion - Justin Fuhls.
Reserve Supreme Champion - Casey High.



Justin Fuhls, Stahlstown, won grand champion steer with this middleweight steer.

Pa. Farm Bureau Members Talk To Washington Legislators

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The leader of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau this week urged Pennsylvania's congressmen and U.S. senators to support bills aimed at protecting property rights from government intrusion and stopping costly and unnecessary regulations.

Keith Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, spoke about concerns during a breakfast

meeting with lawmakers and about 200 farmers participating in Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Washington Legislative Tour held March 15-16. The farmers had visited their congressmen and senators the day before to convey Farm Bureau's position on regulatory reform and other issues affecting agriculture.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is a voluntary farm organization

which represents 26,167 member families in 54 county units. It is affiliated with the nation's largest general farm organization, the 4.4-million member American Farm Bureau Federation.

"American Farm Bureau estimates that compliance with federal regulations is costing farmers from \$18 to \$20 billion dollars a year," Eckel told the lawmakers. "That's 3.5 percent of our net income . . . and does not include the cost of state regulations." Eckel said 55 different sets of laws and regulations have been identified at the federal level with which farmers must now be in compliance.

"What does Farm Bureau want from Congress?" Eckel asked. "First, we want you to hold some field hearings out where we live, not in Washington, D.C. We want you to learn from ordinary citizens who cannot afford to come to Washington to tell you how they've been smothered by excessive regulations."

Farm Bureau is urging passage of H.R. 450 which would put a moratorium on new regulations except those affecting human health and safety. While regulations are on hold, Congress should undertake real regulatory reform, Eckel said. "We need to apply a cost/benefit analysis to regulations, to make sure that the cost of a regulation to government and business does not vastly exceed any benefits it would provide. We

also need the use of good science on regulations proposed to reduce risks to make sure the dangers being prevented are real and not hypothetical."

In addition, Eckel said, "We also must have built-in protection for private property rights in any regulations coming out of Washington. Finally, the federal government has to redirect its policy from the overuse of the regulatory 'stick' in reaching goals to the use of the 'carrot' of incentives for agriculture and private industry."

Eckel also voiced support for legislation aimed at protecting property rights "The Fifth Amendment's 'takings' clause, based on James Madison's belief that property rights are fundamental and inviolable, bars the government from taking private property 'without just compensation,'" Eckel said. Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, such as *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council* and *Dolan v. City of Tigard*, have made the high court an ally of property rights advocates. "The Supreme Court is saying that governments cannot ride roughshod over property owners," Eckel said.

"Yet," he added, "with the advent of extensive environmental regulation in the past two decades, regulators and the lower courts have increasingly abandoned the principal that property owners

have the fundamental right to use and pursue profit from their land, absent harm to others."

Farm Bureau is supporting property rights protection legislation which was recently passed by the House H.R. 925, approved on March 3 by a vote of 277-148, would require federal agencies to compensate private property owners for federal actions that reduce the value of any section of their property by 20 percent or more. Compensation would not be required if the regulatory action was undertaken to protect the public health or safety, to prevent damage to other specific property, or the federal action was in agreement with state law.

Eckel also expressed disappointment over the defeat of the balanced budget amendment in the Senate, even though both senators Specter and Santorum supported the measure. Farm Bureau strongly believes Congress must take action to balance the federal budget.

The budget should be balanced through spending restraints and cutbacks — not tax hikes. All programs, including all entitlements, should be considered for spending controls.

"Yes, these are exciting times," Eckel told the lawmakers. "There are some really tough decisions facing us. Your vote is sought. We want you to support us. We look forward to working with you."

USDA Names Oertly Pa. State Conservationist

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Janet Oertly, originally of Pennsylvania, has returned to take the top job in the state office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Formerly called the USDA Soil Conservation Service, the agency was renamed after reorganization of the USDA in the fall. The name change was also made to better reflect the mission of the agency, and the fact that several programs were transferred to its purview, including the USDA Wetlands Reserve Program and the Forest Stewardship Program.

Oertly, originally from Johnsonburg, in Elk County, has been named to be the next state conservationist — a new title for the top administrative position for the NRCS.

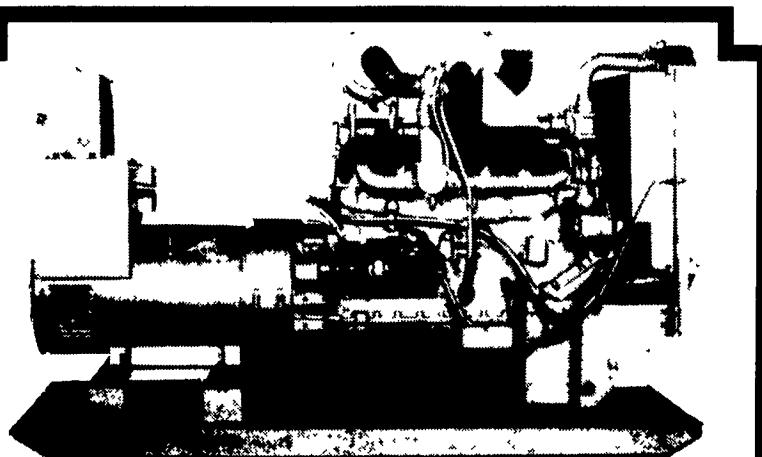
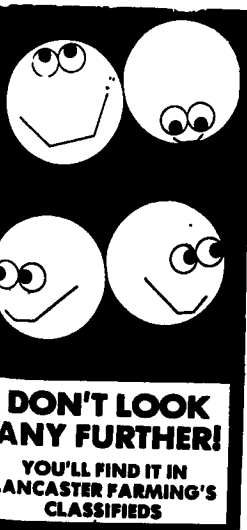
The position was left vacant with the January retirement of Richard Duncan, who retired from the agency after 32 years, serving six years as its chief.

In her new position, Oertly is to oversee the agency which employs about 200 people and which has a main office in Harrisburg, four regional offices and 70 field and special project offices.

She began her career in 1979 as a soil scientist in Faulkton S.D., after receiving a bachelor's degree in geology from Thiel College, in Greenville, and a master's degree in agronomy from Penn State University.

She worked as a soil scientist in various locations in South Dakota, and then headed east to Maryland with a promotion to area conservationist. Another career advancement came with a move to the Midwest to Indiana where she became a district conservationist.

She was promoted again in the meantime to her current position as an area conservationist, a post she will leave to take the Pennsylvania state conservationist job on March 20.



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