

# Danny Miller Steer Wins Grand At Somerset

MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — "I'm so happy my dream came true," reported an ecstatic Danny Miller, 17, Meyersdale, when his Angus cross steer at the Somerset County Fair was pronounced grand champion of the 1999 Market Steer Show.

When judge Jameson Walker

from Guys Mills, Crawford County, commented that the steer's finish was great and its muscling excellent, the words were music to Miller's ears.

"The steer has power and balance," Walker said.

Danny's parents are Lee and Bonnie Miller and his sister,

Beth is 12.

The Buffalo Creek 4-H'er had exercised the steer daily, taking the fine specimen out at 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. when temperatures were most comfortable.

Morning and evening, neighbors of "Just an Acre Farm," located on the edge of Meyersdale, would watch the progression down the hill and up again.

At weigh-in, "Snots" registered 1,255 pounds.

The teen-ager believes much is owed to his parents for their support last year when Danny spent three months recovering from serious back surgery in October. The steer's feeding and fitting at the time was temporarily handled by them.

Gabriel Svonavec of Rockwood had the reserve champion with a crossbred steer weighing 1,170 pounds. The animal was the club calf sale champion as well. Gabriel, 14, is Dave and Betty Lou Svonavec's son.

Shawn Troutman's Chi Angus Maine cross-bred steer was the county bred champion and Jesse Brant, Rockwood, had the county bred reserve champion, a 1,215-pound Main Angus crossbred.

Troutman, 13, is the son of Larry and Kathy Troutman, Wellersburg. The 17-year-old Brant is the son of David and Carol Brant.

Because of the drought, hosing the animals was permitted only on the day of judging. Some farms, however, to ease the burden off the county fairground's water system, reportedly provided water for themselves by filling bulk tanks at home and bringing it with them.

But ironically, considering the extremely dry conditions that have persisted since last spring, the typical rains that folks have come to expect for the annual affair arrived as usual. Several scheduled outdoor activities were thoroughly dampened by soaking downpours.

Following are the top three placings in each class:

CLASS 1 1 Heather Will 2 Emily Baer 3 Angela S Brant.

CLASS 2 1 Todd Custer 2 Kerl Lynn Miller 3 Vernon Livengood

GROUP CHAMPION 1 Todd Custer 2 Heather Will

CLASS 3 1 Jill Brant 2 Travis Brant 3 Andrew Brant

CLASS 4 1 Amanda Darr 2 Kayla Wedge 3 Nicole Baer

CLASS 5 1 Gabe Svonavec 2 Jason Knotts 3 April Coberly

GROUP CHAMPION 1 Gabe Svonavec 2 Amanda Darr

CLASS 6 1 Jesse Brant 2 William Sines 3 Deidra Smith

CLASS 7 1 Danny Miller 2 Shawn Troutman 3 Bryan Hay

GROUP CHAMPION 1 Danny Miller 2 Shawn Troutman

CLASS 8 1 Joshua King 2 Valene Hay 3 Tim Latuch

CLASS 9 1 Adam Luce 2 Jonathan Spangler 3 Kyle Hillegass

GROUP CHAMPION 1 Josh King 2 Valene Hay

### SHOWMANSHIP

JUNIOR 1 Shawn Troutman 2 Bryan Hay 3 Kayla Wedge

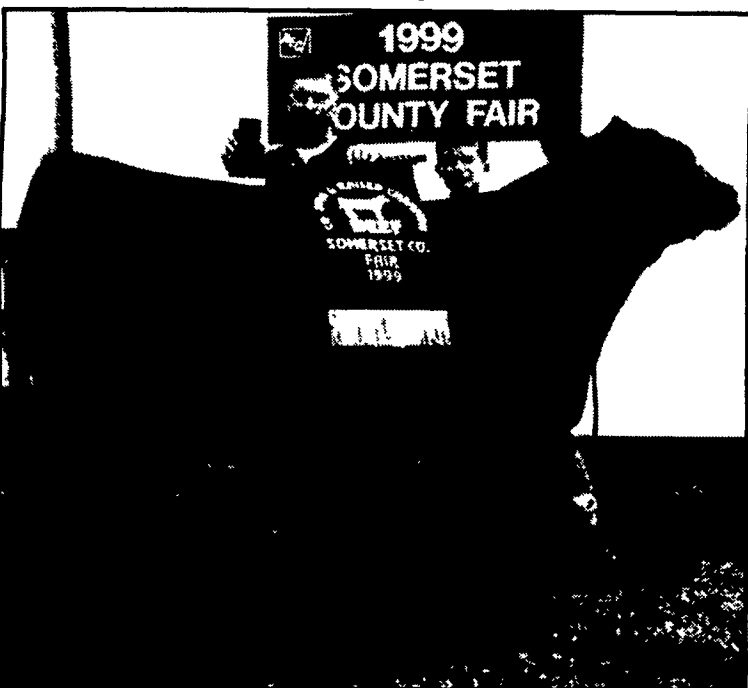
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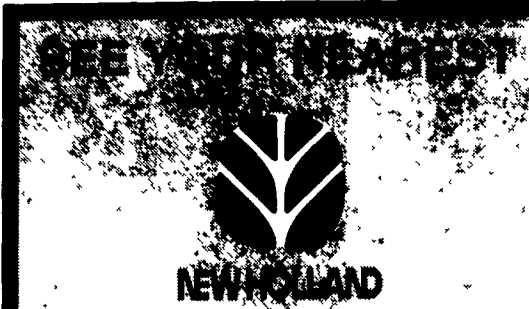
Dan Miller, 17, of the Buffalo Creek 4-H Club, had the grand champion steer at the Somerset County Fair, and Angus weighing 1,255 pounds. With him is Jameson Walker, type judge and Natalie Foxwell, fair queen.



Gabriel Svonavec, 14, Rockwood, had the reserve champion steer at the Somerset County Fair. It was also the club calf sale champion. Also pictured are fair queen Natalie Foxwell, Meyersdale, and judge Jameson Walker from Guys Mills, Crawford County.



Shawn Troutman shows off his county bred champion steer at the Somerset County Fair in Meyersdale. The 1,260-pound animal came from Tom and Pam Fisher of Boswell. The 13-year old from Wellersburg is joined by judge Jameson Walker from Guys Mills.



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