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717-935-2948 PRIME LINE East Central 4-H winners



Grand champion hog of the East Central 4-H District Show held August 24 at the Danville Livestock Market was purchased by Hatfield Packing for \$5.10/lb. With champion is Todd Mansteller, left, of Montour County, and Melvin Lettman, of Market.



Reserve grand champion of the East Central 4-H District Show stands with Richard Davis, of Montour County, and Melvin Lettman, of Danville Livestock Market. Reserve was bought by Hatfield for \$3.05/lb.

Agent explains oil and gas leases

HONESDALE - Recent success in discovering new oil and gas reserves in Pennsylvania have encouraged oil & gas companies to establish new leases for large blocks of land for oil & gas exploration according to Joe Macialek Community, Development Agent.

Since oil and gas leases may have a great impact on the land, the landowner and the community, Macialek stated, it is important that all aspects of a lease be thoroughly understood and agreed

The gas exploration company, the lessor, generally has a common lease form which is offered to the landowners, the lessee. The landowner, however, may choose to attempt to negotiate change in any part of the lease or offer a substitute lease prepared by the landowner's attorney.

Some key points for consideration in an oil & gas lease according to Macialek are as

When a lease is established, an agreement is reached on how long the lessee can hold the land prior to drilling or renewing the lease. This primary term is often for a 5-year period.

A bonus payment is made for the initial year of the lease. An annual delayed rental fee is due each year thereafter during the primary term.

Failure to pay this delayed rental fee may automatically cause the lease to expire. Some leases, however, may continue to be in effect- even though the delayed rental fee has not been

If drilling commences, the primary term expires and delayed rental fees cease to be paid. However, the lease is still in effect. If drilling stops and no oil or gas is produced, delay rental fees must begin again to continue to keep the lease in force. If production of oil or gas begins, the lease generally continues to be in effect as long as the lessee continues to take oil or

gas from the well.

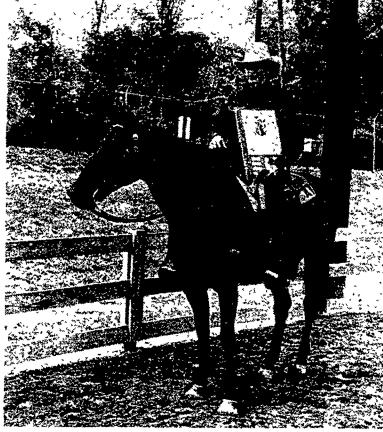
An educational meeting on gas and oil leases for farmers and landowners will be held Thursday evening, September 17 at 8:00 p.m. in Court Room No. 2, Court House, Honesdale The meeting is being sponsored by the Wayne County Farmers Association

cooperation with the Wayne County, Agricultural Extension

The featured speakers will be Macialek and Donald Hummell, Director of Training, Farm Business Management Service, Pa. Farmers Association.

All interested persons are

Tauraso wins memorial trophy



Andrea Tauraso, 17, of Frederick, Md. holds Linda C. Baron memorial trophy as winner of the horsemanship class: during senior Western 4-H and pony show in August at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Andrea and her horse, Dee's Turp Lady, also placed first in one Western performance class and second in another.