

Reserve champion brings top price at Solanco

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QUARRYVILLE — The Solanco Fair FFA steer sale took place last Friday afternoon at the closing day of the fair. Bernie Houghton, Christiana, showed the grand champion steer for the third year in a row. His 1235-pound steer brought a 30 cent increase over last year's champion. The \$2.05 figure totaled \$2,531.75.

As has been the tradition for the past 27 years, local grocer, Truman Ferguson was on hand to bid in the top bid for the FFA steer at the Solanco Fair. Swayne Disposal of Quarryville was the final contender to bow to Ferguson's buying bid.

A total of 17 steers were sold Friday afternoon. The reserve grand champion shown by Brett Holzhauser, Holtwood, was purchased by K and S, Inc., R1 Quarryville, for \$1.37 a pound. Holzhauser's heavyweight weighed in at 1185 pounds which cost the local equipment firm \$1,623.45.

The total sale amounted to \$17,018.60 for the 17 head bringing the average paid to \$1.10 a pound. Tom Herr's fourth place lightweight sold for 90 cents to James G. Kreider and Son. Willie the Butcher, Wilmer Kreider, Washington Boro, paid 87 cents for Jamie Frey's first place lightweight. Three other steers went for

over eighty cents a pound. Mussers at the Buck, Fredd-Eddy Realtors, Quarryville, and Willie the Butcher paid 80 cents, 83 cents and 84 cents for Ernie Frey's second place middleweight, Bill Coyne's third place lightweight and Dwight Herr's third place middleweight, respectively.

The remaining ten animals sold for prices in the seventy cent figures. Brian Trimble's 1080-pound middleweight sold for 78 cents to Kreider Brothers Milk Transportation. The check for \$842.40 for Trimble's steer will be given to Teen Challenge, Rehrersburg, it was announced at the close of the sale.

Farmers National Bank of Quarryville, Vernoy from Hickory Hill and Agway also bought steers at the sale.

At the market hog sale which concluded immediately before the FFA steer sale, Friday, the champion hog, shown by Vickie Warfel, R1 Quarryville, brought a record \$2.05 from Wilmer Kreider. Her hog weighed 239 pounds, bringing the total to \$489.95. Scott Trimble, Peach Bottom, sold his reserve champion hog to Powl's Feed Service, Peach Bottom, for \$2.35 a pound. Hatfield Packing contended with the local feed dealer for Scott's 219-pound hog.

Powl's Feed Service paid an even \$1 a pound for Karen Kauff-

man's first place 220-pound middleweight. Hatfield shelled out 85 cents a pound for Richard Baylis's champion pen of two which totaled 435 pounds for the pair. Lancaster Bone, Quarryville, paid 80 cents a pound for Sandy Kauffman's 225-pound second place middleweight. The First National Bank of Lancaster County paid 78 cents for Tracy Landis's reserve champion pen of two which totaled 435 pounds.

New Holland Sales bought Mark Welk's 200-pound hog for 76 cents. Hooper Feed of Paradise and paid Welk 73 cents a pound for his pair lightweights which weighed 399 pounds.

The remainder of the eighty hogs brought prices in the upper 50's and 60's. Agway, New Holland Sales, Fulton Grange #66, Dr. Larry Schmuck, Peach Bottom, Walter Dunlap, Lancaster Stockyards and Vintage Sales Stables, also bought hogs at the sale.

Penn State adds to staff

UNIVERSITY PARK — Matthew J. Parsons was recently appointed to Penn State Cooperative Extension Service staff as an animal scientist, effective September 1.

Thomas B. King, Penn State associate dean for extension, points out that Parsons is coordinating Extension swine programs in Pennsylvania.

A native of Hadley, Massachusetts, Parsons received three degrees from Michigan State University; a bachelor of science in animal husbandry in 1976; master of science in swine nutrition in 1979; and doctor of philosophy in swine nutrition and management in 1981.

Prior to being named to the College of Agriculture faculty, he was an assistant Extension swine specialist, a research assistant, and animal caretaker, all at Michigan State University.



Wilmer Kreider, Willie the Butcher, poses with Vickie Warfel, R1 Quarryville and grand champion market hog which sold for \$2.05 a pound at the Solanco Fair last week. The hog was a 239-pound heavyweight.



Bernie Houghton, Christiana, sold his 1235-pound grand champion FFA steer to Truman Ferguson, Quarryville, 1235 pounds. It was Ferguson's 27th year to buy the champion steer for the local grocery store.

Oley Valley Fair

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Showing
1 Mike Strauss 2 Carol Strauss, 3 Michele Harley

12-14 years old
Fitting
1 Kenianne Rarick, 2 Kirk Fisher, 3 Karen Rabenold, 4 Michele Harley, 5 Greg Stricker

Showing
1 Kirk Fisher, 2 Michele Harley, 3 Troy Werley, 4 Kenianne Rarick, 5 Karen Rabenold

9-11 years old
Fitting
1 Kent Fisher, 2 Travis Werley, 3 Lori Rabenold, 4 Matt Harley, 5 Jane Zook

Showing
1 Kent Fisher, 2 Travis Werley, 3 Lori Rabenold, 4 Jane Zook, 5 Marianne Yanos
Champion Fitter- Kenianne Rarick
Reserve Champion Fitter- Kirk Fisher
Champion Showman Mike Strauss
Reserve Champion Showman Kent Fisher

The swine show competition found Kirk Fisher being named cham-

pion showman while his younger brother, Kent was champion fitter. The champion market hog was exhibited by Charlie Seidel, Lenhartsville and Reserve Champion honors were given to Greg Stricker, Bernville.

Greg is an eighth grade student in the Hamburg Area School District and is 13-years-old. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stricker, Greg has been showing hogs and steers in 4-H for the past four years. His reserve champion hog was a 220-pound Duroc crossbred which place first in the light-heavyweight class.

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