

Big hearts and smiles abundant at Blair Co. Livestock Show and Sale

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MARTINSBURG — Big smiles

and big hearts dominated the scene at the annual Blair County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and

Sale held Tuesday, August 19.

The show and sale held at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park grossed \$33,509 for Blair County 4-H and FFA members.

The lamb show started things off with Holli Pheasant taking top honors with a Suffolk-Hampshire cross. Judge Terri Coons, a Penn State graduate, judged Holli's medium weight lamb the best over the 16 lambs entered in the show. This lamb was later brought by Morrison's Cove Livestock Market for \$6.10 per pound. Larry, Larry Jr. and Jake Weyant, owners of the Livestock Market, returned the lamb to Holli.

The reserve champion lamb was owned by Sam Hayes III of Tryone. Jack Igou of Juniata Packing Co. bought this lamb for \$4.30 per pound. He also returned the lamb to its previous owner.

Sam Hayes III and his brother Lee, sold a lamb and donated their money, \$102.68, to the Pennsylvania State University ag Arena Fund. Samuel Curtis, head of the agricultural education department, accepted the donation.

In the junior fitting competition Sam Stahl took top honors. In junior showmanship Christine Rhodes demonstrated her ability to exhibit her lamb.

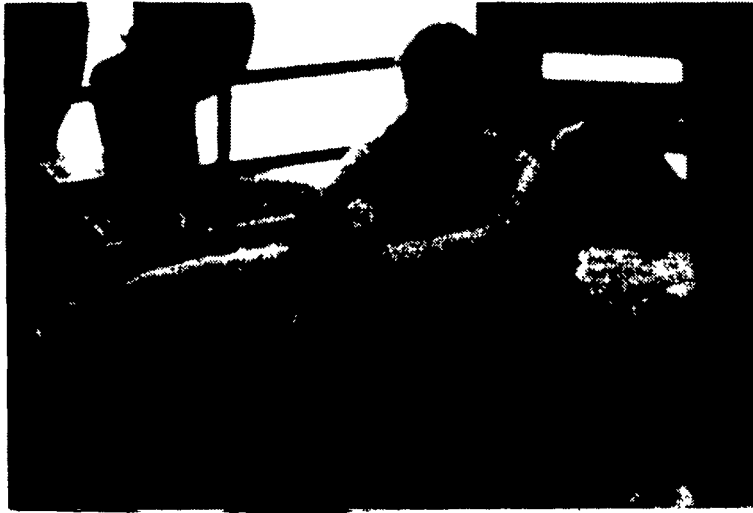
Holli Pheasant won the senior fitting class with an exceptionally white, well groomed lamb. In the senior showmanship class Sam Hayes III took the top spot.

In the market hog competition, the judge saw "Spots" before her eyes; Spotted Poland China hogs that is.

Winning grand champion was Sheila Biddle of Williamsburg with a Spot. Sheila's pig, a massive



Exhibiting their champion hogs are Sheila Biddle, left, with her grand champion Spot. At right is John Dowe with the reserve champion.



Holli Pheasant poses with her grand champion lamb, a Suffolk-Hampshire cross.



The grand champion steer at the Blair County Livestock Show was sold by Harry Edwards to Shaw Brothers Packing Co. represented by Richard Shaw.

and structurally perfect gilt according to the judge, was purchased for \$3.30 per pound by Shaw Brother Packing Co.

Shaw Brother Packing Co. also bought the reserve champion, also a spot, for \$1.80 per pound. John Dowe was the owner of that hog.

Kevin Dowe proved to be an all-around good hog exhibitor, winning both the junior fitting and junior showmanship competitions.

In the senior fitting competition Brenda Noye captured the top spot. Kevin Rhodes, a veteran of the showing won the senior showmanship division.

Twenty-four exhibitors were competing for the top honor in market steer competition. Harry Edwards, with a Simmental-cross named Clyde, walked away with that top honor. Shaw Brothers

Packing Co. paid \$1.67 per pound for the 1,170 lb. steer.

The reserve champion steer owned by Tom Harris weighed in at 1,075 pounds and brought a \$1 per pound. Allensville Planning Mill bought his steer.

A long-time supporter of the livestock show, Lester Longenecker bought a steer and donated it to the Morrisons Cove Home. Longenecker has done this for the past ten years.

Tom Harris also won the senior grooming competition. Holli Pheasant of Williamsburg won the senior showmanship.

In the junior showmanship competition Rob Hileman won the trophy. Kristen Longenecker showed the proper way to fit a steer by winning the junior grooming trophy.

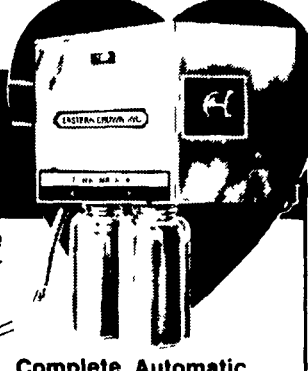
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