

Blair County Posts Livestock Champions

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MARTINSBURG — FFA and 4-H livestock exhibitors from across Blair County brought market hogs, lambs and steers to Morrison's Cove Memorial Park on Aug. 19 for a busy yet rewarding day at the annual livestock show and sale.

During the day, quality classes throughout the show presented judge Brenda Walters from York County with a difficult job in grand champion selection.

During the evening, Gene Gontis auctioned off the animals at prices that satisfied everyone in attendance.

John Dowey, a recent graduate of Williamsburg High School, exhibited the grand champion steer. Buddy, a 1,150-pound Chiania cross, garnered a price of \$5 per pound, for a total selling price of \$5,750, from Hoss's Steak and Seafood House.

While John has shown at many swine shows, this is his first year showing steers. Yet, he went onto win both the champion showing and grooming trophies.

Christine Rhodes, Martinsburg, a ninth grader at Spring Cove Junior High School, showed the reserve grand champion steer. Giant Eagle Supermarket paid \$2 per pound for her 1,048-pound, Angus-cross steer.

The sale's 27 steers averaged 90 cents per pound without the champions. This average is 26 cents above top market price.

Robbie Stultz, son of Mrs. Marsha Stultz of Williamsburg, exhibited the grand champion hog, a 230-pounds Duroc cross. Robbie, a member of the 4-H Swine Club, sold his champion to Shaw Packing Company for a sale record of \$5 per pound or a total of \$1,150.

Corina Frye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frye of Williamsburg, showed the reserve champion hog. Her 244-pound entry sold to Hoss's Steak and Seafood House for \$3.75 per pound and a total of \$915.

Without the champions, the sale's 35 hogs averaged 93 cents per pound.

Lee Hayes, son of Sen. Samuel Hayes of Tyrone, exhibited the grand champion lamb. His 136-

pound, Suffolk-Hampshire cross garnered a price of \$4.25 per pound. Shaw Packing Company bought the Tyrone FFA member's lamb for \$578.

The reserve champion lamb,

shown by Doug Myers, Williamsburg, sold to Giant Eagle for \$3 per pound. The 96-pound champion sold for a total price of \$288.

Sixteen lambs at the sale, excluding champions, averaged \$1.13 per pound.

Several animals were resold with the proceeds being donated to the Allan Sollenberger Medical Fund. Allan has had two liver transplants.

Results of the show follow.

BLAIR COUNTY LIVESTOCK ROUNDUP
 LAMB SHOW

Heavyweight
 1 Lee Hayes 2 Kristen Longenecker 3 Paula Longenecker

Mediumweight
 1 Crystal Sollenberger 2 Michele Stultz 3 Laura Rhodes

Lightweight
 1 Doug Myers 2 Roger Stock 3 Cathy Longenecker

Grand Champion
 Lee Hayes
Reserve Grand Champion
 Doug Myers
SWINE SHOW
Lightweight

1 Crystal Sollenberger 2 Benny Barnes 3 Lori McCormick

Mediumweight
 1 Robbie Stultz 2 Holli Pheasant 3 Jamie Barnes

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Robbie Stultz sold his grand champion hog to Gary Blakely of Shaw Packing Company. The final bid was a record \$5 per pound.



John Dowey, right, sold his champion steer to Hoss's Steak and Seafood represented here by John Prugar, left, Bill Campbell, Len Huramel and Dave Shaw. They paid \$5 per pound.

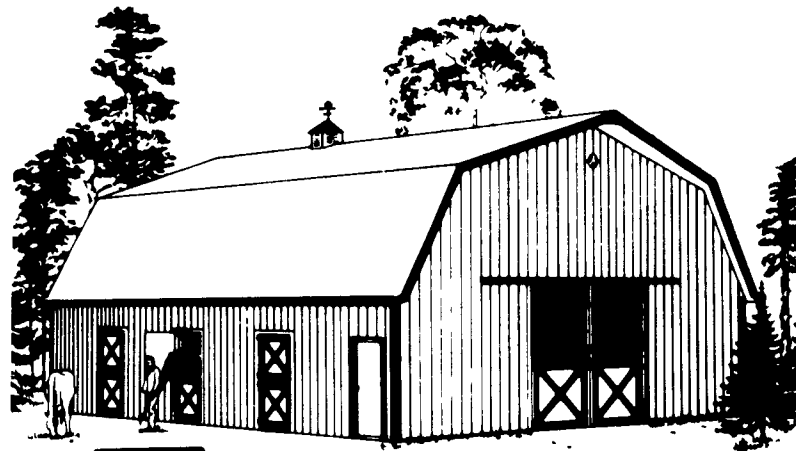
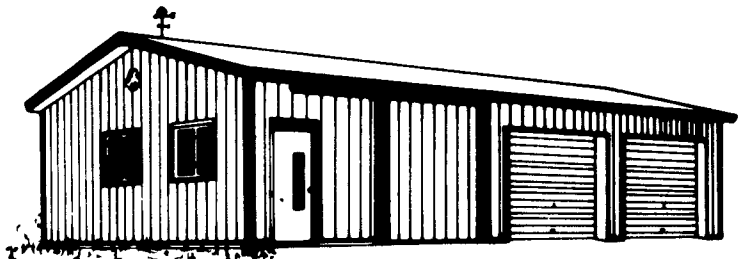


Gary Blakely, left, of Shaw Packing Company purchased Lee Hayes' grand champion lamb for \$4.25 per pound.

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