

Bloomsburg Fair Blossoms With Livestock Champions

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BLOOMSBURG — The Bloomsburg Fair's grand champion steer set an all-time record at this year's sale, selling for \$5.05 per pound and topping the previous record of \$2.15 by nearly three dollars.

Nine-year-old Heather Hummel of Selinsgrove got a big boost to her educational fund by netting nearly \$5,800 for her grand champion purebred Angus. Larry Moore from Baymor Pet Feed, Cressona, purchased the steer in the spirited bidding that edged our Hoss' Steak and Seafood House.

Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hummel and a member of the Snyder County 4-H Club. Her parents are both leaders in the group.

The buyer from Hoss' settled for reserve champion owned and bred by Eddie Chapman of Benton. Chapman's steer netted over \$3,600 by bringing a bid of \$2.75 per pound.

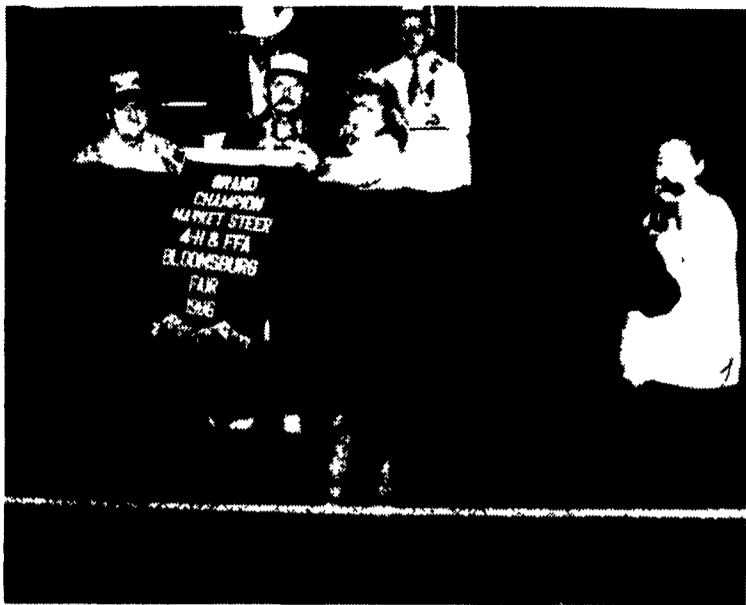
Eddie Chapman is a member of the Columbia County 4-H Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Chapman who are active 4-H club leaders. The Chapman family raises Angus. They promote the breed through research that results in high quality beef.

Bob Houston, Columbia County Extension agent said the record high prices were almost overwhelming and demonstrated that the business community was encouraging the 4-H members to stay in the beef business.

Area hospitals will benefit from other steers purchased by local businesses.

Market Lambs

Todd Laudenslager of Dalmatia, RD1, saw his grand champion market lamb bring a record \$3.45 per pound, netting \$427.80. John Fritz of Sunset Ice Cream Com-



Heather Hummel (at halter) showed Bloomsburg's grand champion steer, which sold to Larry Moore, (left) of Baymore Pet Feed, for a record \$5.05 a pound. Pa. Angus Queen Crystal Zechman holds banner.

pany of Williamsport purchased the lamb from the Northumberland County 4-H'er.

Kurt Brown's reserve champion lamb brought \$265.50 and was purchased by Breech's Ag Products, Danville. Brown is from Klingerstown.

Hog Show

Even though the hog barns were full to capacity at the Bloomsburg Fair, only two exhibitors entered the competition.

Swine exhibitors can reap some benefits from sales of breeding stock during fair week, a fact that brings hogmen back year after year. But, generally speaking, the hog show has had its setbacks in recent years. A pseudorabies breakout kept swine away from the fair several years. Also, many hogmen find the cost of trucking to the fair a burden.

Calvin Lazarus, White Hall showed the grand champion sow over all breeds at the open show with Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, showing the grand champion boar over all breeds.

Dairy Show

Two Millville-area youngsters took top honors in both the open Holstein dairy show and the 4-H Holstein show at the Bloomsburg Fair.

In the largest open dairy show of the fair, Corey Wolff, 13, Millville, showed the grand champion female and his brother, Ben, 11, showed the reserve champion female.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Wolff, the boys repeated their grand and reserve champion victories in the 4-H competition. Both are members of the Columbia County 4-H Dairy Club.

More than 50 youths from five counties participated in the 4-H show, which was judged by Neil Bowen, a cattle producer from Wellsboro.

Other dairy show winners included:

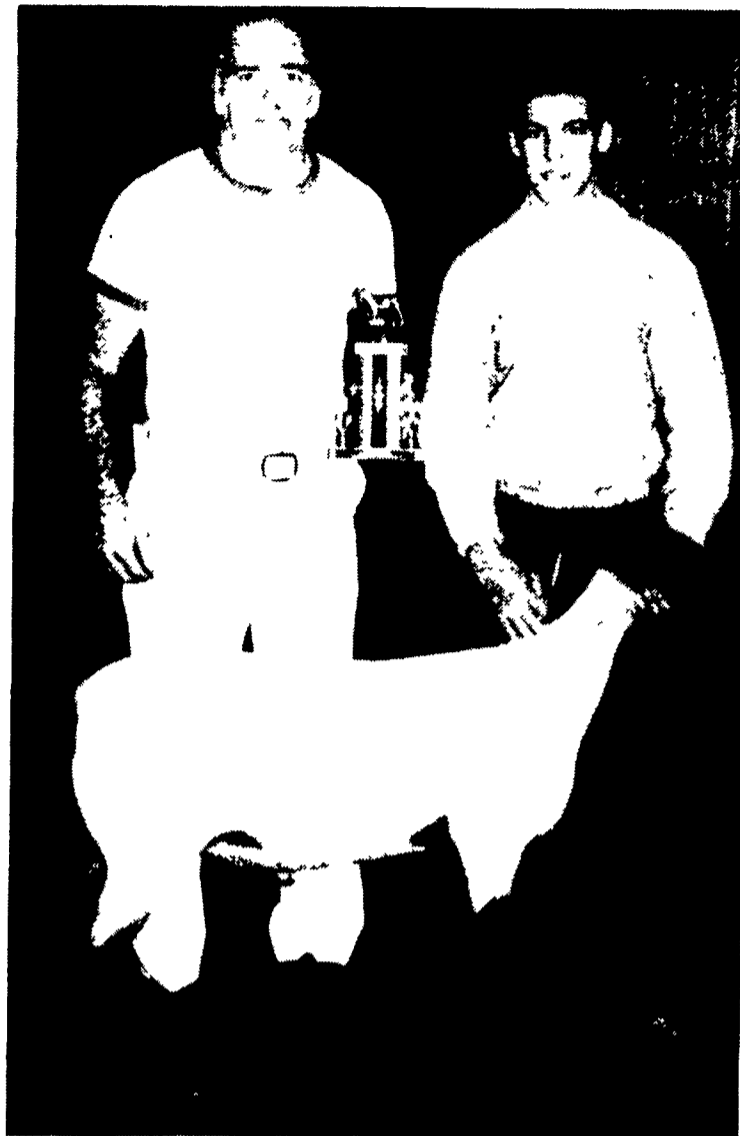
- Ayrshire: grand champion, Brad Shultz, Danville; reserve champion, Marilyn Kiess, Jersey Shore.

- Brown Swiss: grand champion, Frank T. Miller, Tamaqua; reserve champion, Kyle W. Brown, Klingerstown.

- Guernsey: grand champion, Rhonda K. Peterman, Muncy; reserve champion, Susan Moslock, Danville.

- Jersey: grand champion, Timothy Landis, Herndon; reserve champion, Wanda Derr, Muncy.

Rebecca Fairchilds of Berwick won the junior showmanship contest with Lucinda Ann Schlichter, Benton, taking top honors in the senior division showing.



John Fritz (left) of Sunset Ice Cream bought Todd Laudenslager's grand champion lamb for \$3.45 a pound.



Pen-Col Farm captured several honors in open Holstein show. From left are Dennis Wolff with top intermediate yearling, Ben Wolff with junior champion and Corey Wolff with grand champion.



Steve Hill holds Susan Moslock's reserve champion Guernsey and Brenda Moslock holds her junior champion.



Mildred Seeds showed Jersey champions at Bloomsburg Fair. From left is Steve Van Kuren with reserve junior champion, Marjorie Baker Singer with reserve grand and Seeds with grand champion of open show.



Russel Miller has been showing dairy cattle for nearly 30 years. Here he and his family are pictured with some Bloomsburg winners. From left, Miller and sr. champion Swiss bull, Christine and jr. champion Swiss heifer, Frank and grand champion Swiss, Heidi and jr. champion Holstein in 4-H division, Judy and jr. champion Guernsey, Carl and champion Guernsey bull.