

Sheep, Livestock Show Highlights Beaver Fair

KREAMER (Beaver Co.) — A Dorset ewe was named supreme champion and a Southdown ram named supreme ram recently at the

Beaver Community Fair Breeding Sheep and Youth Livestock Show. Also, the youth livestock sale raised a total of \$13,017.63

through the support of a number of agricultural businesses and individuals.

Most of the sale money went directly to the youth, which is normally used for reinvestment and savings.

However, of that money, \$313 was raised during the auction to help raise funds for building a livestock barn at the Beaver Community Fairgrounds.

The money was raised when first-round lamb buyers put the animals back in the ring to specifically raise money for the barn, and the Lewis Meiser family donated a lamb solely for the purpose of raising funds for that purpose. That lamb was sold three times.

The open and junior breeding sheep show covered a number of different sheep breeds. However, six of the 11 breeds represented were entries by one breeder.

Robert Richard, Beavertown, showed the Cheviots; Steven Erb, Beavertown, showed the Corriedale; Tiffany Hoffman, Kreamer, showed the Suffolk; Matthew Zerby, Beavertown, showed Columbia; Josh Eberly, Troxelville, showed Oxford, and the Lewis Meiser family, of Mt. Pleasant Mills, showed Polypay. Therefore, each of these exhibitors automatically were presented grand champion awards for the breed.

Nevertheless, the quality of the animals was excellent, according to show officials.

In the Dorset breed, Jenny Zerby, Beavertown, showed the grand champion ewe which later went on to be declared supreme ewe of the show, and she also showed the champion ram. There were a total of five different breeders registered in the Dorset show.

In the Hampshire breed, Henry Zerby, of Beavertown, showed both the champion ram and ewe. Zerby was one of five different breeders showing Hampshires.

In the Shropshire breed, Greg Erb, Beavertown, showed the grand champion ram, while Deborah Etzler, Beavertown, showed the grand champion ewe. There were three breeders showing animals in this show.

In the Southdown breed, competition was between three breeders with Luke Zerby showing the champion ewe and the ram, which later was named supreme champion ram.

The champion Tunis ram and ewe was shown by Wendy Pursley, of Mt. Pleasant Mills. The Meiser family also showed the tan and brown Tunis.

In the livestock show, the grand champion market hog was shown by Steve Erb, while the reserve champion was shown by Jason Woodling.

Erb's 222-pound champion hog was purchased by Corey Klingler, of Klingler's Produce for \$1.85 per pound. Woodling's reserve champion weighed 218 pounds and brought \$1.25 bid from Len Hummel, buying for Hoss's Steak and Seahouse.

Overall, the market hog show and sale was the largest with 39 head sold for an average \$1.57 per pound, raising a total of \$5,322.

The champion market lamb was shown by Jenny Zerby, who sold the 127-pound lamb for \$2.45 per pound to Hassinger-Courtney Auctioneering. The 114-pound reserve champion market lamb was shown by Johanna Kodlick and sold to Kish Vet Service for \$1.75 per pound.

Overall, the lamb sale generated



Jenny Zerby holds the banner over her grand champion market lamb as buyers hold up their business sign.



Wayne Hassinger shows the grand champion market steer of the Beaver Fair.



From the left, Bob Livingston, judge, and Lewis Meiser Jr., present a \$50 savings bond to Jenny Zerby after declaring her Dorset ewe to be the supreme ewe of the Beaver Community Fair.



Steve Erb shows the grand champion market hog of the Beaver Fair, while Corey Klingler, of Klingler's Produce, holds the banner.



From the left, in the front, Alan Pursley Jr. gets help from his sister Wendy in holding his grand champion pair of meat rabbits. In the back row, from the left, Dale Longacre and Roger Lauver, runner-up bidders, stand with buyer Harold Meiser, with Meiserville Milling Co.

\$2,768.13 on 28 head for an average per pound of \$1.07, not counting the resale fund-raising.

In the market steer show, Wayne Hassinger showed the grand champion, a 1,260-pound animal which he sold to Hoss's for \$1.60 per pound, or \$2,016.

The reserve champion was shown by Jason Woodling, and was purchased by Klingler's Produce for 85 cents per pound. With his steer weighing 1,160 pounds, Woodling earned \$986 with the sale.

The sale of four steers brought a

total of \$4,514, or an average of 93 cents per pound.

In the market rabbits, Alan Pursley Jr., a 4-H member, showed the champion pen of meat rabbits, selling the pair for \$22.50 to Harold Meiser, of Meiserville Milling Co.

The reserve pen of rabbits was shown by Larissa Baney, who sold her pair to Brett Middleswarth, buyer for Middleswarth Chips, for \$20.

Overall, the six pair of meat rabbits earned \$100 and averaged \$16.66 per pair.

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