

# 4-H, FFA Students Raise Nearly \$21,000 At Sale

GRATZ (Dauphin Co.)-4-H and FFA students raised nearly \$21,000 for their project animals at the annual Gratz Fair livestock sale on Friday, September 24.

The sale total was a record, as was the number of buyers - 60 - as the event enjoyed its first year in the new livestock show arena on the fairgrounds.

Money was also raised for the Dauphin County Dairy Promotion Committee and for the Gratz Fair

Scholarship Fund through the auctioning of a gallon of milk from the fair's supreme dairy cows in both the open and youth divisions.

Fred Rudy with Dauphin County 4-H told the audience of about 200 people that the \$1,000 4-H scholarship fund, started at last year's sale when the buyer of the grand champion market steer donated it back to be sold again, has turned into about \$14,000. The people involved in that purch-



A gallon of milk from both the open and youth division supreme champion dairy cows at the Gratz Fair was auctioned as part of the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale. The gallon from this open class Guernsey was auctioned for \$250, with proceeds going to the Dauphin County Dairy Promotion Committee. From left are Becky Mauser, Elizabethville, owner of the cow; Tonya Scholl, Dairy Promotion Committee, with gift she presented to Mauser; fair queen Betty Wehry; and Bill Lenker, R.R.1 Shamokin, the high bidder, holding his gallon of milk.



Champion swine show from left, Wehry; buyers Dick, Charles Bisking, Tim Meyers, Glenn Warfel; and kneeling, Dobbin.



Garth and Jill Campbell, Gratz, owners of the cow; Wehry; and Earl Campbell, Gratz, high bidder, representing Farmland Dairies, Wallingtown, N.J. The gallon was auctioned for \$375, which goes to the Gratz Fair Scholarship Fund.



Grand champion steer show: from left, seller Dobbin; fair queen Betty Wehry; and buyer Bill Campbell, Hoss's.



Grand champion lamb show; from left, fair queen Betty Wehry; Jonathan Eure (filling in for Reinert); and buyer Campbell.

ase and repurchase last year — Bill Cambell from Hoss's Steak and Seafood House, Duncansville; Lynn Schwalm of Hatfield Packing Co., Hatfield; and John Fritz of Sunset Ice Cream, Williamsport — were recognized Friday night.

Campbell gave the 4-H scholarship fund another boost this year when he purchased Jeremy Dobbin's grand champion market steer at \$1.60 per pound (\$2,160) and donated it back for resale. He purchased it again at \$1 per pound (\$1,350), with that money to be split between the 4-H and Gratz Fair scholarship funds. Dobbin, of Halifax, was the benefactor of a record Gratz Fair sale bid for a market steer, topping last year's \$1.50 per pound.

The 1,345-pound reserve grand champion of Doug Reinert, Halifax, was purchased at \$1 per pound by Bob Evanchalk, representing Keystone Farm Credit, Shoemakersville.

In the market lamb sale, Reinert had the grand champion and earned \$372 when it was pur-

chased for \$3 per pound by Hoss's. Dobbin had the reserve grand champion and earned \$161 when it was purchased for \$1.40 per pound by Serman Masser, representing Pennsylvania National Bank's Agricultural Banking Division, Hamburg.

Also in the lamb sale, student Adam Oman of Halifax added to the 4-H scholarship fund by donating 10 percent of his \$141.05 sale to the fund. Bruce Allen of Allen Chiropractic Center, Millersburg, purchased a lamb that he donated back for resale, raising \$121 for the Millersburg Little League.

Dobbin also had the grand champion market swine and sold the 250-pound animal at \$2.78 per pound, \$695, with Dick Bisking of the Carsonville Hotel winning the bidding battle. Jeff Eure, of Pillow, sold his reserve grand champion at a Gratz Fair sale record of \$2.34 per pound, \$561.60, to Lynn Schwalm, representing Haftfield.

The first gallon of milk auctioned, coming from the open

Division dairy champion, a guernsey owned by Terry and Becky Mauser of Elizabethville, brought \$250 for the Dauphin County Dairy Promotion Committee. It was purchased by Bill Lenker of Bill's Toy Shop, R.R.1 Shamokin. The second, from the youth division winning Holstein owned by Garth Campbell of Gratz, was sold for \$375, which goes to the fair scholarship fund. The buyer was Farmland Dairies, Wallingtown, N.J.

A total of six steers, 17 lambs, and 48 hogs were sold. Following is a list of the sellers, buyers, price per pound, and sale price for those animals not already mentioned.

**Market Steer**  
Jeff Eure, Pillow, purchased by Sunset Ice Cream, \$.93, \$1,083.45.

Lynn Leffler, Gratz; Seaman's Market, Spring Glen, \$1, \$855.

Tonya Scholl, Elizabethville; Hoss's, \$1, \$1,075.

Jonathan Campbell, Elizabethville; Lynn Schwalm Livestock, R.D. Herndon, \$.95, \$1,083.

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