Because Kerra Alien's lamb was quarantined from possible exposure to rables, a stuffed sheep was auctioned. A conglomerate bid from Friends of Kerra bid \$1,010. Tom Drumm represents the conglomerate with Marci Harnish, Farm Show Queen, on right.

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In the swine sale, John Stauffer collected a hefty \$7.50 a pound for his champion hog purchased by Manheim Auto Auction. Following close on his heels was Amy Becker whose reserve champion hog was sold to Bombergers Store for \$7 a pound. The swine sale had 140 hogs cross the auction block for an average price of \$1.46 per pound.

Lamb prices were down a bit this year with only 20 lambs sold by 4-H'ers and FFA'ers at an average of \$2.93 per pound. The 125-pound grand champion, shown by Brandon Ziegler, went to Hoss's Steak House for \$4 a pound. Three buyers, Lull's Construction, Jim's Welding, and Smucker's Meat, pooled their resources to purchase the reserve champion lamb from Travis Donough for \$3.35 a pound. Speedwell Construction paid \$4.10 a pound for Corby Ziegler's champion lightweight.

The reserve champion steer, owned by Casey High of Lititz, went for \$1.50 a pound to J.H. Brubaker and Sons of Manheim. Average price for the 16 steers was \$1.35 per round.

Earl Geib, president of the Manheim Farm Show board of directors, attributed the increase of buyers to the extras that kids do. These extras include letter writing and contacting potential buyers.

Deb Seibert, Manheim Central vocational ag teacher, said that the sale animals have been raised by FFA and 4-H members as learning experience projects. The support of the 70 registered buyers makes it possible for members to continue their projects.

As a token of their appreciation, FFA members offered doughnuts and beverages to the buyers. Buyers who purchased an animal from an Manheim FFA member received a special emblem cap as a token of appreciation.

FFA HAPPENINGS

FFA Degree

Jason Pontius, Millerstown, has been nominated to receive the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree.

This honor is based on demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

Pontius will be one of the 1,288 members receiving the degree at the 66th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., November 11-13.

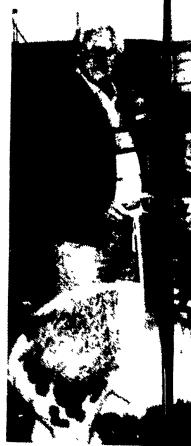
Only one in 323 of the 416,529 FFA members have advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree. Pontius, son of Marvin and Sue Pontius, is farming in the Millerstown area.

He is a member of the Greenwood chapter and his agricultural education instructor/FFA advisor is MeeCee Baker.

Manheim Buyers Double 1



Brandon Ziegler sells his grand champion lamb to Bill Campbell of Hoss's Steak House for \$4 per pound.



John Stauffer collects to per champion hog from Chur yer o tion as Manhelm Farm St. Duce

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