

Community Shows Support At Mifflin Youth Fair

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A commendable show of community support enabled the Mifflin County Youth Park Board to reduce its debt from an initial \$80,000 just a year and a half ago to \$9,000 just before this year's livestock sale.

Heavy snow in March 1994 crushed the "green building" roof, a building that houses non-livestock exhibits.

Auctioneer Mark Glick made this announcement just minutes before the recent FFA and 4-H livestock sale.

Mifflin County Extension Director Dave Filson stepped forward to accept a \$300 donation from the Beef Club, raised during a fundraiser to support the cause. Later on that evening, Mark Bonson cast the highest bid on a gallon of milk from the grand champion Holstein shown by Andy Reed. The \$185 bid will also be donated to the Youth Park Board.

Hours later, when the gavel fell for the final time, buyers purchased \$66,194.62 worth of 4-H and FFA market livestock, slightly lower than last year's record-setting total of \$67,772.94.

Beth Ann Cooper's grand champion meat rabbit sold for \$65 per pound to Sunny Brook Farm. Joe Krentzman and Son paid \$193 for Heidi Shaffer's three and a half pound reserve grand champion.

Seven other market rabbits were sold for a total rabbit sale price per pound of \$29.75.

Charlie Fisher's grand champion market goat entered the sale ring next, bringing a total of \$2.30 per pound for his 72-pound animal. Eugene Glick purchased that animal. Dick Cramer Insurance cast a bid of \$2.20 per pound for Salinda Speicher's reserve grand champion goat, a 60-pound animal.

Timothy Blystone's grand champion lamb, purchased by Eastern Industries, went for \$478.80 while Beth Pennepacker's reserve champion lamb sold for \$3.10 per pound to Watson's Landscaping. That animal weighed 124 pounds.

Vaughn Kanagy's 243-pound grand champion market swine brought a total of \$777.60 from Big Valley Feed and Grain. The reserve champion swine, owned by Timothy Blystone, was purchased by Hoss's Steak and Sea House for \$642.60.

Hoss's Steak and Sea House cast another winning bid for Josh Bowen's grand champion market steer, earning for him \$3,978. This steer was then donated to Hartman Center in Milroy. Vaughn Kanagy's reserve champion steer brought \$2,261 from a final bid cast by Juniata Concrete.

The Mifflin County Youth Fair Dairy Show was held in the same



Brown Swiss champions at the Mifflin County Youth Fair include, from left, Clinton Staley, grand champion; Chris Uhland, reserve grand champion; Clinton Staley's reserve junior champion held by Carl Staley; and Jessica Filson, junior champion.



Champion honors belong to, from left, Michael Yoder, youth show reserve grand champion and youth junior champion; Chase Peachey, open show junior champion; Mifflin County Dairy Princess Dianne Yoder; Perry Meinnert, open show reserve grand champion; and Andrew Reed, youth and open grand champion and youth reserve junior champion.



Gene Glick purchased Charlie Fishers grand champion market goat for \$165.60.

ring the previous evening. By the end of the evening, Andy Reed had received rosettes for showing the grand champion Holstein in both the youth and open shows and, earlier in the week, the grand champion showman award. Reed's junior 2-year-old, Reed-Gap S. Buck Enchantment, received supreme champion of the show and was awarded best udder. Perry Meinnert's junior 3-year-old, In-Tim-Idate Super Studette, earned reserve grand champion honors for him in the open show.

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Jersey breed champions include Crystal Staley's grand champion, reserve grand champion and reserve junior champion animals held by Carl Staley, left, Crystal Staley, third from left, and Clinton Staley, right. Melissa Gro, second from left, won junior champion with her winter calf.



Cassandra Houser of Milroy won Ayrshire grand champion honors with her spring calf.