

# Carroll County Posts Sale Results

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WESTMINSTER, Md. — Support for the Carroll County 4-H and FFA programs was strong Friday night as this year's livestock projects went through the sale ring at the county fair.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of the fair, held at the ag center in Westminster.

A fundraising drive is under way to finance the construction of new facilities at the ag center, and a number of animals were generously donated back by buyers to help with the building fund.

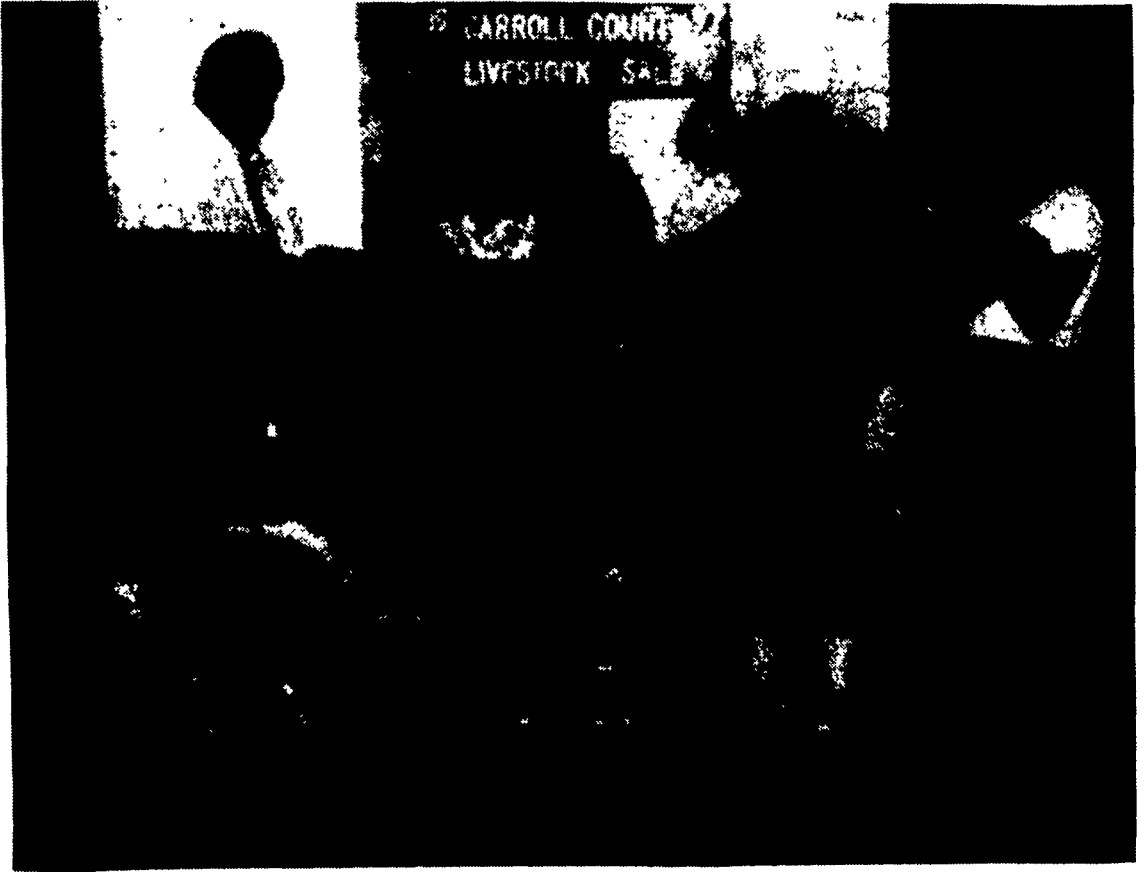
"I would invite everyone here to look at the plans for the new arena, and with the help and cooperation of everyone, I'm sure we'll be able to go over the top for this campaign," said Andy Cash-

man, president of the Carroll County fair.

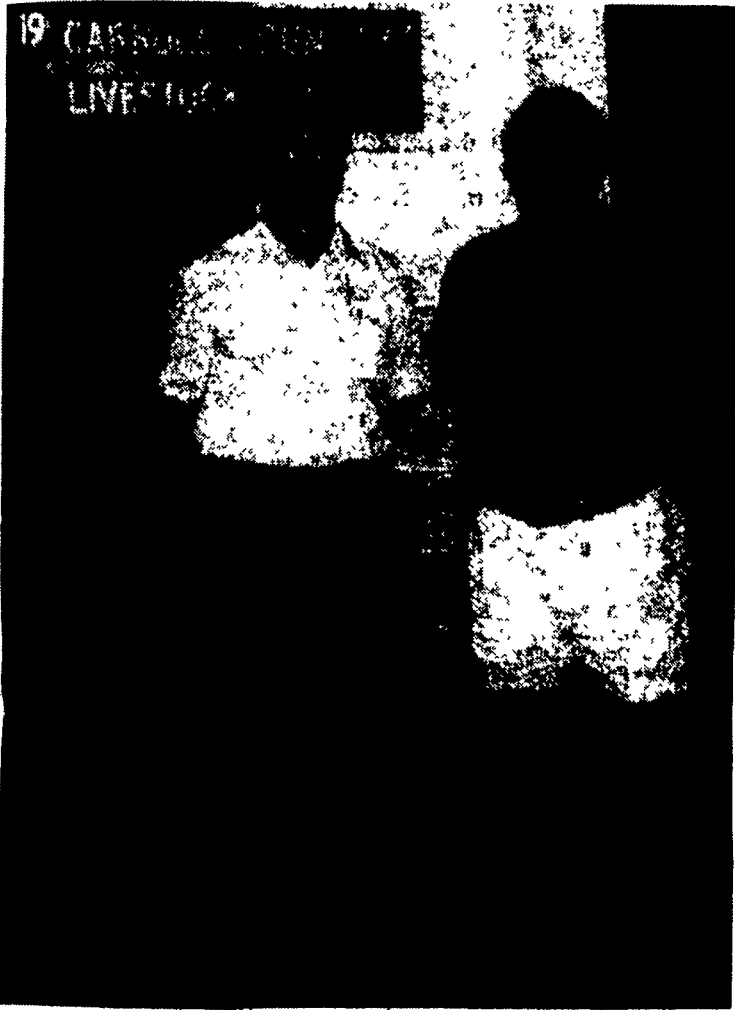
Cashman said later that support for the new facilities had been very good. Of the \$2.5 million needed to fund the project, so far approximately \$1.7 million had been given. "But it's probably going up after tonight," he said. "We've gotten some great support."

Sixteen-year-old Aubrey Meek of Taneytown sold his grand champion meat pen of rabbits to Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County for \$300. The homebred Californian littermates, two bucks and a doe, were then donated back as a fundraiser for the ag center building fund and purchased by the Carroll County 4-H rabbit club for \$130.

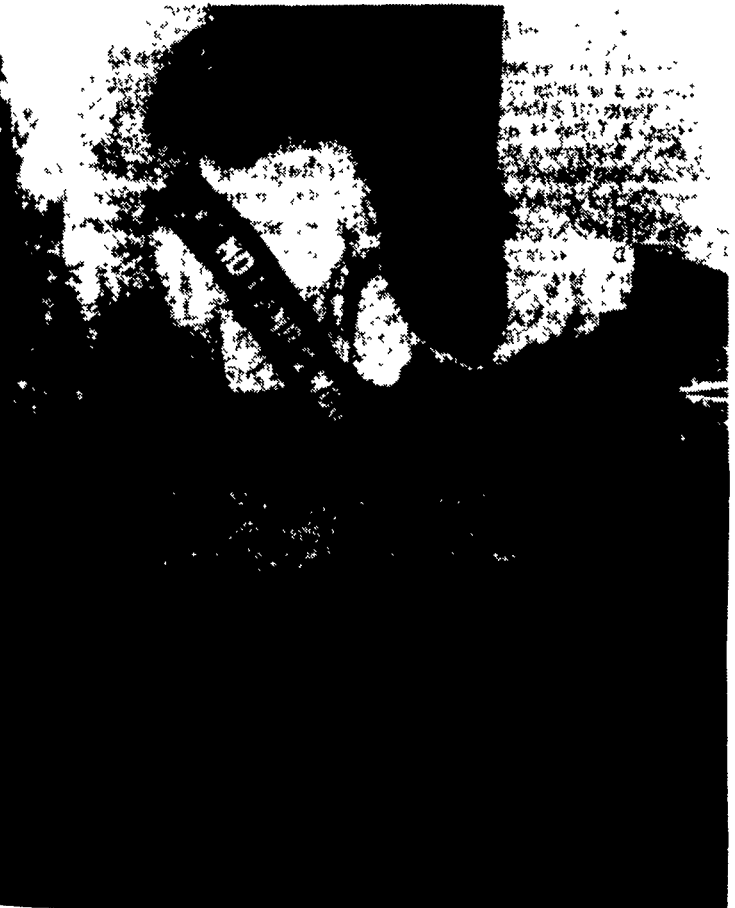
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Jen Wildesen, champion beef showman, sold her 1,240-pound champion Short-horn steer to Carroll Primary Care for \$2.25 per pound. From the left, Andy Cashman, Carroll County fair president, the Forst family representing Carroll Primary Care: Colleen, Kathleen, Caitlin, Paul holding Sarah; Jen Wildesen at the halter; and Jessica Fritz, Carroll County farm queen.



Contributors to the ag center building fund recognized at the sale, left: C.J. "Buck" Miller Jr. representing C.J. Miller, Inc., and right: Lewis M. Stoms Jr. representing Bare Truck Center, Inc.



Kirra Pilson, left, Maryland lamb and wool queen, stands with Jenn Wildesen and her grand champion market lamb. The Suffolk crossbred wether sold for \$12 per pound to Peggy Bailey.

Lisa Meek, had the reserve grand champion pen at the Carroll County show last year.

The reserve grand champion meat pen owned by James Thompson brought \$200 from Plumbing, Heating, and Supplies, Inc. of Westminster.

Jonathan Gibson sold his grand champion capons to Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Carroll County for \$335 each. The 11-pound, 12-ounce capons were then donated back and purchased by To Each His Own Antiques, with the funds going to the ag center building fund.

Jonathan, the son of Bill and Nini Gibson of Westminster, has shown the grand champion capon for six out of the last eight years. He attributes his success with capons to a regimen that includes feeding them protein rich food, keeping the cages clean, and giving the birds daily exercise.

"I let them out during the day to exercise. It keeps them going. If you keep them in during the day their legs don't grow with the rest of them," said the Deer Park and Black Rock 4-H club member.

Amy Ridinger sold the only other pair of capons for \$50 each to Lizzie's Lockers of Hampstead.

Sixty-eight market lambs went through the sale ring for an average of \$2.91. Jen Wildesen sold her 115-pound grand champion Suffolk cross wether to Peggy Bailey for \$12 per pound.

This was Jen's final year as a 4-H'er, and she went out with a bang, having not only the grand champion market lamb but also the grand champion market hog, the reserve grand champion steer, and being named champion beef showman of the fair. "A lot of hard work, paying attention to small details, and learning from older 4-H'ers are the keys to her winning projects, according to the Union Bridge teen-ager.

Ali Jones had the reserve grand champion market lamb. Weighing 100 pounds, the lamb brought \$7 per pound from Giant Food of Maryland, Inc.

In market goats, Brandy Feeser of Taneytown sold her 75-pound grand champion Nubian Borwe La



Brandy Feeser sold her grand champion market goat to Save A Patriot fellowship for \$575. From the left, John Kotmayer representing Save A Patriot, Brandy Feeser, and Jessica Fritz, Carroll County farm queen.

Mancha crossbred doe to Save-A-Patriot for \$575.

This was Brandy's first year with a goat project. In the past she has had lambs. Speaking of her goat, "Ariel," 10-year-old Brandy said, "My Mommy said don't worry about winning because we wanted to breed her, but I guess it's too late now." Brandy is the daughter of David and Barbara Feeser.

Jason Ridinger sold his reserve grand champion market goat, an Alpine Sonnen cross, for \$125 to PTL Acres, Woodbine.

Steers averaged \$1.19 for 49 head.

Matt Fogle's grand champion steer, a 1,185-pound crossbred out of a Black Angus-Simmental dam crossed with the Main-Anjou sire "Full Throttle," brought \$4.75 per pound. Purchasers were C.J. Miller, Inc. of Hampstead, Mason Contractors, Inc. of Manchester, and Martin Hill Landscaping of Manchester. The steer was donated back by the buyers with the funds going toward the building fund. He was then purchased

by Tevis Oil Modern Comfort for 95 cents per pound.

Matt Fogle, who showed this year as a 12-year-old, is the son of Dale and Kim Fogle of New Windsor. He said his steer "Bud" has been gaining 2.64 pounds a day. "I'd like to have him a little bit higher, but that's a good goal," said the Woodbine Winners 4-H club member of his first steer project.

The reserve grand champion steer did not sell. Owned by Jen Wildesen and weighing 1,125 pounds, the crossbred sired by the Chianina bull "Foreplay" crossed with an Angus cow was the steer she won the champion beef showman award with. Jen plans to take the steer, "Baxter," on to the state fair later this summer.

Market swine averaged \$1.92 per pound on 72 hogs.

Jen Wildesen sold her 230-pound grand champion Hampshire cross gilt to Leroy Schaefer of Baltimore County for \$6 per pound.

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