

Hoss's Sets Farm Show Record On Market Steer

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Bill Campbell, CEO of the popular Hoss's Steak and Sea House chain of family style restaurants, on Thursday set a new Pennsylvania Farm Show record by paying \$27,000 for the grand champion market steer.

Campbell broke the previous record of \$26,000, he set last year.

The grand champion animal, a Chianina-Angus crossbred steer exhibited by Tim Kosiorek of Wattsburg, was the first animal sold in the annual sale of three species of market animals exhibited at the state Farm Show.

In opening remarks, state Secretary of Agriculture thanked the buyers in the auction of market animals. He said that in preparing for the next century, that the youth participating in 4-H and FFA programs will continue to need strong support from the entire community, especially the business community.

He said that to indicate the willingness to take on the challenge of preparing youth for a healthy future, that it would be a great sign if the buyers could see their way to setting new Farm Show records, for highest price paid, in each of the three species.

The tradition of the auction is that buyers assume that the inflated prices they pay for the animals will result in money the youth can use to improve their lives, mainly through pursuing additional education, or improving their animal raising projects.

Further, since establishing the

Farm Show Scholarship Fund in 1993, a portion of the price paid for a champion automatically goes into the scholarship fund.

This year, 13 Farm Show 4-H and FFA exhibitors, who are currently in college or advanced studies, each received \$2,000 scholarships. That came directly from last year's sale, as well as from donations made through the Ambassadors Club of the Pa. Farm Show Scholarship Fund.

The Ambassadors Club started last year as a way for contributions to be made into the fund. In addition, charter members of the Ambassadors Club receive an engraved wall plaque, a gold lapel pin and tickets to a special reception.

The bidding on the steer started high and advanced quickly up to the previous record of \$26,000 set last year, when Bill Campbell of Hoss's purchased the grand champion steer from Casey High of Lititz.

After getting to \$26,500 and actually breaking the previous record, auctioneer Harry Bachman of Anville, paused his rhythmic bid calling to talk briefly about the significance of the event. After returning to the bidding, it went up to \$27,000 and settled there.

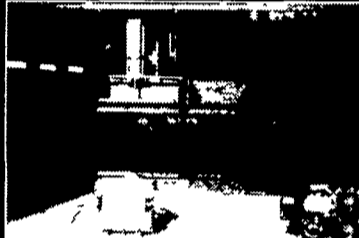
The sale of champions event included pre-sale entertainment provided by a Pennsylvania county fair singing phenom, 11-year-old Crystal Marie of Altoona. She also sang the national anthem.

After the sale of champions and the presentation of scholarships, Campbell was presented with a

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From the left, William Campbell, CEO of Hoss's Steak and Sea House, holds the banner of the Farm Show grand champion junior market steer, after paying \$27,000 for it to set a Farm Show record. He is joined by the Hoss Man mascot, and state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes, while Tim Kosiorek, who showed the champion, holds its halter.



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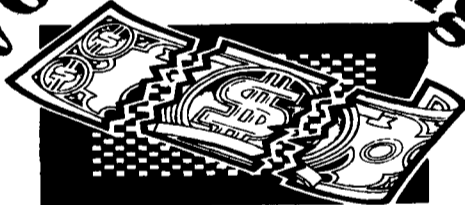
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