

Homework Pays Off At Livestock Sale

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in parting with his pet goat named Cooper. Brian plans to purchase a bike or a discman with some of the money.

Brian also received notable bids on his hogs. He had requested that his orthodontist and his dentist come to bid on his animals and, of course, the more competition, the better the profits.

Jill Hoffines' supreme champion steer brought \$1,450 from Hoss's Steak and Sea House. John Messick of Middletown took home \$1,300 for his reserve champion steer purchased by Hoss's Steak and Sea House.

For the reserve champion goat, Travis Leber received \$250 from Fulton Bank.

A pen of champion rabbits raised by Monica George sold to E-town Fair board member Sally Nolt for \$110. E-town Fair board president and farmer Ken Myers paid \$75 to Michele Haldeman for her reserve champion pen of rabbits.

Jim Adams of Wenger Feeds paid \$700 for the champion hog exhibited by Elizabeth Bard of Elizabethtown. Eric Ober of Manheim received \$800 for his reserve champion hog purchased by Jack Garner representing Jack Garner and Sons.

Corby Ziegler sold his grand champion lamb to John Ebersole of Speedwell Construction for \$600. For \$300, Fulton Bank purchased the reserve grand champion lamb from Travis Donough of Manheim.

Although high bids add excitement to the sale and are wonderful monetary profits, some struggle with the validity of it.

"I hate to see an ordinary animal go for more than a champion one," said a longtime fair supporter. "It doesn't teach the kids to work harder. Instead it teaches them that they can raise a mediocre animal that will bring high profits because a grandparent or family friend will take care of them."

Perhaps. But like in anything else, perhaps the most valuable lesson is to accept that life is unfair and learn to maintain a good attitude in spite of it.

"It's the inequities of life," said Chet Hughes, livestock agent for Lancaster County.



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Fulton Bank purchased the reserve grand champion lamb from Travis Donough of Manheim. Bank representatives Mike Firestone, Sean McKinney, and Sylvia Beamesderfer paid \$300. Fair Queen Sarah Wolgemuth holds the commorative plaque.



Eric Ober of Manheim receives \$800 for his reserve champion hog purchased by Jack Garner representing Jack Garner and Sons. Fair Queen Sarah Wolgemuth holds the commorative plaque.



Travis Leber receives \$250 for his reserve champion goat given by representatives of Fulton Bank, Mike Firestone, Sean McKinney, and Sylvia Beamesderfer. Fair Queen Sarah Wolgemuth holds the commorative plaque.

Supreme Show Held For Breeding And Marketing

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — For the first time in its 25 year history, Elizabethtown Fair selected a supreme champion from non-selling supreme champions in the dairy, goat, beef, swine, and sheep. Ordinarily a supreme champion is selected from market animals only.

"We wanted to recognized the kids who raise top quality animals that are kept on the farm," said Deb Hess of the award given in honor of her dad George Mentzler, who passed away last year and was a nationally known Polled Hereford

breeder and owner of Salunga Acres.

A hefty trophy was presented to Heather Brubaker who exhibited Great View B-Star Mabel, a 5-year-old Holstein, selected as supreme champion over all other species. Heather is the daughter of Lowell and Deb Brubaker of Hilltop Heritage Holsteins, Manheim.

The Holstein won over a supreme lamb shown by Jessica Stoltzfus, E-town; a supreme milking goat shown by Amanda Grube, and a supreme steer shown by Jessica Schmidt, Drumore.

In the supreme market livestock competition, Jill Hoffines' steer

took the trophy over competition against a sheep owned by Corby Zeigler, Manheim; a goat owned by Brian Geib, Manheim; and a hog shown by Elizabeth Bard, Elizabethtown.

Jill's Black Angus best fit the judging standards for meat for the table and muscling.

Appropriately named Cash because the sire was named Payback, Jill said that the homebred steer was her first champion at the fair, although she had previously shown a reserve champion. Jill is using the profit to finance her tuition at Penn College, where she is studying floral design.