

Lamb, Found In Field, Rises To Grand Champion At Chester 4-H Sale

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HONEY BROOK (Chester Co.) — Chester County Lamb Club 4-H'er Joann Bachrach may not know the age-old story about the return of the king. But she knows about a lamb who would be champion.

Joann's friend, Jeremy, 17, found a lamb in a field and nicknamed the wether after himself. That same lamb, nurtured by Joann and family, became grand champion market lamb Monday at the Chester County 4-H Roundup.

The grand champion, the 119-pound light heavyweight lamb, was sold for \$3.25 a pound to Ken Smoker of Parkesburg.

The Chester County 4-H Livestock Sale was conducted Wednesday evening at the Romano 4-H Center near Honey Brook.

Joann, 11, in the sixth grade at Renaissance Academy, swept the lamb show. With parents Joanna and Chris, Pottstown, Joann watched in awe as 100 percent of the price paid for the reserve champion lamb (\$5 per pound) was donated to the Romano 4-H Center. The lamb was purchased by a consortium of buyers, including George Ley, Bill Beam, Bill and Betsy MacCauley, Dale Pfeifer, Nelson Beam, Don Cairns, Carl Lindborg, and Ken Walker.

The lamb, donated back, was then purchased by Karen Martynick, chair of the Chester County Commissioners, for \$3.50 per pound, making the total donated to the 4-H center of \$969.

The 102-pound reserve light heavyweight champion, a

wether, was nicknamed "Rico." This is Joann's first roundup grand champion.

Phillip McAllister, 16, exhibited the grand champion steer at the roundup.

The 1,273-pound grand champion, light heavyweight division winner, was purchased by Hoss's Steak and Seafood House of Lionville for \$2 per pound. Representing Hoss's were Sarah Smith, assistant manager, and Rick Kinderman, general manager.

Phillip, son of Bill and Karen McAllister, Spring City, is a senior at Owen J. Roberts High School. The Chester County 4-H Beef Club member exhibited "Black Jack," purchased from Ken Walker, Honey Brook. Phillip said he exhibited reserve champion at the roundup last year.

Phillip said the calf was good to work with. He said his father, a former 4-H'er, chose it. "He saw its potential," said Phillip.

Reserve champion market steer was exhibited by Eliza Walton, Kennett Square.

Eliza, 15, is the daughter of Margaret and David Walton, Kennett Square. The Unionville High School 10th grader exhibited "Rocky," weighing 1,305 pounds.

The homebred steer, pasture-raised, from the family farm bull "Sleepeasy," is walked about two miles daily, Eliza noted.

The steer was purchased by Don Beidler from Hooper Inc., Intercourse, for \$1.61 per pound.

Eliza, who said she won grand champion last year, plans to show at Allentown Fair, Keystone International Livestock



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Expo, Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Show, and Farm Show.

Cheryl Fairbairn, livestock agent, said the steer show was a record sale. She said steers are usually the most expensive 4-H projects and usually, "kids don't make any money on steers." But the great sale Wednesday evening disproved all that.

Laurell Stoltzfus, 10, daughter of Bertha and Scott Stoltzfus, Geigertown, exhibited the grand champion hog.

The 250-pound light heavyweight champion gilt was sold to Bill Fairbairn for \$3.25 per pound.

Laurell, in the fifth grade at Twin Valley Elementary School, said she picked the hog from a group of three that her dad helped select. She chose the last one, named "Marcy" after the Snoopy cartoon character. She plans to attend Farm Show.

Laurell's sister Angela, 15, exhibited the reserve champion, a 240-pound gilt that won champion medium weight at the roundup.

Angela, in the 11th grade at Twin Valley High School, sold the hog to Hoss's Steak and Seafood House for \$2.85 per pound.

Angela said she obtained the hog from Nelson Beam, Elverston. Angela said she plans to attend Farm Show.

Cheryl Fairbairn of the extension office said the hog sale was another record-setter.

Bill MacCauley, president of John Rock, Inc., Downingtown, was auctioneer.

At the sale, steers sold for an average of \$1.74 per pound with champions and \$1.73 without champions.

Hogs sold for an average of 1.25 per pound with champions and 1.23 per pound without champions.

Lambs sold for an average of 2.82 per pound with champions and 2.71 without champions.

Following is a list of show placings.

CHESTER COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP RESULTS MARKET STEERS

- Lightweight (1036-1096 lbs.): 1. Caitlin Marie Fairbairn. 2. Laura Howe.
- Medium Weight (1156-1209 lbs.): 1. Eliza Walton. 2. Leah Walton. 3. Caitlin Marie Fairbairn.
- Light Heavyweight (1249-1273 lbs.): 1. Phillip McAllister. 2. Ryan Fairbairn. 3. Julia Howe.
- Heavyweight (1304-1305 lbs.): 1. Eliza Walton. 2. Ryan Fairbairn.
- Grand Champion: Phillip McAllister.
- Reserve: Eliza Walton.

BREEDS ANGUS

- May Heifers: 1. Eliza Walton.
- April Heifers: Ryan Fairbairn. 2. Phillip McAllister.
- January Heifers: 1. Caitlin Fairbairn.
- Champion Heifer: Eliza Walton. Reserve: Caitlin Fairbairn.

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- December Heifers: 1. Danielle Newlin.
- June Heifer: 1. Tommy Travelino.
- April Heifer: 1. Kyle Newlin.
- Champion Heifer: Kyle Newlin. Reserve: Danielle Newlin.

SIMMENTAL

- May Heifer: 1. Eliza Walton.
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- Champion Heifer: Eliza Walton. Reserve: Eliza Walton.

SHOWMANSHIP

- Seniors: 1. Sara Howe. 2. Julia Howe. 3. Eliza Walton.

- Juniors: 1. Caitlin Fairbairn. 2. Ryan Fairbairn. 3. Leah Walton.
- First Year: 1. Tommy Travelino. 2. Danielle Newlin. 3. Kyle Newlin.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

- Seniors Class 1 (15-16 Years): 1. Phillip McAllister. 2. Angela Stoltzfus. 3. Julia Howe.
- Seniors Class 2 (13-15 Years Old): 1. Amanda Stoltzfus. 2. John Stratton. 3. Tom Marsh.
- Senior Champion: Phillip McAllister. Reserve: Amanda Stoltzfus. Honorary: Amanda Stoltzfus.
- Juniors Class 3 (11-13 Years Old): 1. Caitlin Fairbairn. 2. Lisa Maguire. 3. Joshua Bowman.
- Juniors Class 4 (10-11 Years Old): 1. Ryan Fairbairn. 2. Shawn Beam. 3. Megan

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