

Bloomsburg Fair Hosts Record-Breaking Livestock Sale

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BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — The show tent at the 2003 Bloomsburg Fair was filled to capacity as 4-H and FFA supporters bid on the 108 beef, sheep, and swine

available for auction. A record was set in the market lamb sale. For Jordan Schrock of Bloomsburg, owner of the grand champion market lamb, the sale was an exciting one. The lamb set a sale record at \$9.25 per pound,

purchased by Berger Sanitation Service, Muncy. In 2001, Jordan was the owner of the previous record-breaking sale at \$5.50 per pound.

In reaction to the final bid, Jordan was amazed at what happened. He said, "I did not think I was hearing (the auctioneer) right. I was shocked."

This four-year 4-H member is looking forward to investing her sale earnings into another 4-H project, a new horse. Outside of showing sheep and horses in 4-H, Jordan also enjoys participating in a 4-H rabbit project.

In the beef and swine sales, grand champion owner Colby Williamson of Cogan Station took home sale earnings of \$2.50 per pound for his beef steer, purchased by Sunset Ice Cream, Williamsport, and \$3.20 per pound for his market hog, purchased by Alexander Family Pontiac, bringing him one step closer to reaching a long term goal.

Although Colby plans to save most of his

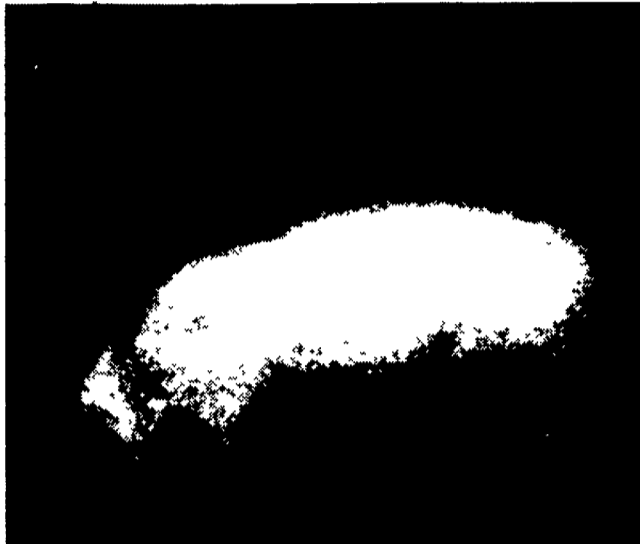
earnings for college, he is quick to note that he has another goal—a new car. Although he is only 14, has begun to save for a Mustang. By saving his earnings for a car, he hopes to miss out on having the "typical first car."

Outside of his sale success, Colby has another point of pride with his beef project. His grand champion steer was bred from his family's beef herd.

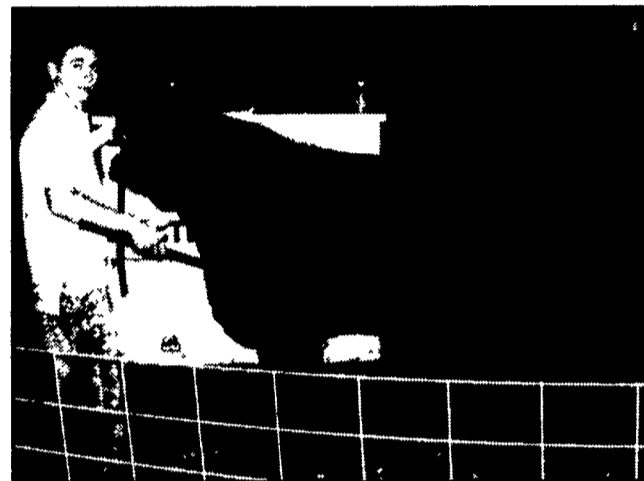
For Rhonda Hook, owner of the reserve grand champion market steer, this year's sale wraps up what has been a successful



Jordan Schrock, left set a new sale record with her champion market lamb at a selling price of \$9.20 per pound.



Colby Williamson of Cogan Station sold his champion market swine for \$3.20 per pound at the 2003 Livestock Sale.



Colby Williamson also sold his champion steer for \$2.50 per pound.

show season so far and a new "scholarship" to help this Bloomsburg University freshman.

This Mifflinburg FFA member has taken three reserve champion steer banners at three different fairs. However, as much as she has enjoyed this banner winning year, what she enjoys most about this whole experience is "being able to help others with their projects," said Hook. "(Each year) I can learn something new."

After the final wrap of the gavel, the Bloomsburg Fair Livestock Sale netted more than \$38,122 in proceeds for 4-H'ers and FFA members selling their livestock animals. The annual event featured 55 young people who sold their livestock projects.

The sale averages were as follows: steers, including the champions, \$1.39 per pound; lambs, including the champions, \$2.11 per pound; and hogs, including the champions, \$1.03 per pound.

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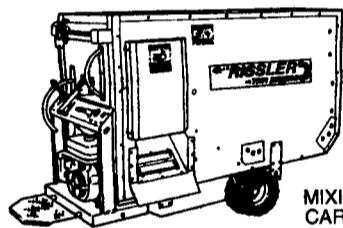
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