

# Steer and hog prices go down at the Tuscola fair

In contrast to the 1979 Tuscola County Fair, when record prices were paid at the 4-H and Future Farmers of America livestock sale for the top steer and hog, prices paid last Thursday took a tumble.

In contrast, the price paid for the top market lamb was up substantially, though not a record.

John Gallagher of the Cass City FFA received \$2.15 a pound for his grand champion steer, a 1,260 Simmental crossbreed (photo appeared in last week's Chronicle). The purchaser was Blount Agriculture of Gagetown.

The price he received compares to the \$2.70 per pound paid last year, but still far above the \$1 per pound the 1978 grand champion received. Gallagher's steer finished third in rate of gain.

The reserve champion 1,225 pound reserve champion steer of Wendy Graham of the Dayton Clover 4-H Club was purchased for \$1.90 per pound by the Mayville State Bank, compared to \$2.15 paid last year.

Other top steers and the prices they sold for were:

Eric Stoll, May-King 4-H Club, first place middleweight, \$1.05 paid by Kingston Farm Service; Greg Daily, May-King, first place lightweight, \$1.01 to Wickes Agriculture of Vassar; Clinton Massingale, Road Run-

ner 4-H, first place dairy steer and junior showmanship, 83 cents to Richard Fox, Caro; Tim Ruggles, May-King, first place rate of gain, \$1.01 to Kingston State Bank; Beth Ruggles, May-King, second place rate of gain, \$1.01 to Kingston insurance agent Don Freilich, and Bob Leslie, Cass City FFA, first place senior showmanship, \$1 to Metamora cattle dealer Ron Walker.

## MARKET LAMBS

Scott Hobart of the Cass City FFA saw his grand champion individual market lamb purchased by the Thumb National Bank, Cass City branch, for \$3.55 for each of its 137 pounds. The price compares to the \$2.55 per pound paid for the 1979 grand champion.

He also had the grand champion pen, with Pigeon Co-operative Elevator buying the 130-pounder for \$1.05 per pound and Thumb Co-operative Terminal of Elkton purchasing the 134-pounder for 95 cents. (Comparative prices last year were \$1.55 and \$1.45.)

Scott Hutchinson of the Cass City 4-H Livestock Club has the reserve champion individual lamb, purchased for \$1.50 per pound by Richard Fox. He also had the reserve champion last year, which sold for \$1.40 per

pound. Randy Severance of Cass City FFA had the reserve champion pen. State Rep. Loren Armbruster of Caro bought the 125-pounder for 85 cents per pound. Cass City Michigan Livestock Exchange Manager Bob Labor bought the other, 124 pounds, for 80 cents per pound. All the top sheep were Suffolk. The market price last Thursday was 62 cents per pound.

## SWINE

Richville 4-H Livestock Club members made a clean sweep of all the top swine categories.

The 226-pound grand champion of Mark Palmer was purchased by Laethem Farm Service of Fairgrove for \$2.50 a pound, down from the record \$3.60 per pound paid last year. Buyer of Stephanie Trump's 230-pound reserve champion was Uckele Animal Health Distributors of Blissfield for \$2 per pound (\$1.80 paid last year).

Frankenmuth Bank and Trust, Reese branch, bought half of Audra Keinath's grand champion pen for \$1.75 per pound. Farmer Pete's bought the other animal for \$1.15.

Frankenmuth Bank and Trust of Richville was pur-

chaser of one of Scott Trump's reserve champion pen for \$1.15 per pound. Weber Lumber of Richville bought the other for \$1.20.

The market price last Thursday was 46 cents per pound.

The sale ran about 4½ hours, longer than in 1979, because more animals went on the auction block this year. There were 113 hogs sold this year, compared to 91 last year; 43 lambs (41 in 1979); 27 steers (23), 10 rabbits (11), and for the first time this year, five broiler pens (chickens).

Auctioneers were Lorn Hillaker, Boyd Tait and Al Brown.

**CLEAN SWEEP** -- In only his second year of showing sheep, Scott Hobart, 16, had the grand champion individual market lamb at the Tuscola County Fair, and the grand champion pen. The champion individual, shown here, was sold at the livestock sale for \$3.55 a pound to Thumb National Bank, Cass City branch, represented by Paul Clabuesch (left) and Curt Strickland (right). Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hobart of Hobart Road, Gagetown. The grand champion steer of John Gallagher, sold to Blount Agriculture of Gagetown, was shown in last week's Chronicle.

## Three injured in accident Monday

A Monday afternoon accident resulted in minor injuries to three persons, all of whom sought their own treatment.

Sheriff's deputies reported that Daniel H. Keyser, 20, of 5303 Cumber Road, Cass City, was southbound on Warner Road at 3:05 p.m., failed to yield at DeLong

Road, and collided with the eastbound vehicle of James K. Watros, 20, of 5620 DeLong Road, Cass City.

Injured were Watros and two of his five passengers, Brian Watros, 6, of the same address, and Jeffery D. Raatz of 6693 State Street, Gagetown.

Keyser was cited by officers on a charge of failure to yield right of way.

Walter J. Connolly of 1890 N. Kingston Road, Deford, was ticketed by deputies on a charge of no proof of insurance after an accident at 3:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Officers reported he was eastbound on Akron Road, near Green Road, when his car went off the south side of the road and struck several trees.

William L. Vanderpoel, 22, of White Creek Road, Kingston, was ticketed by deputies on a charge of driving the wrong way on an undivided highway after a 1:51 a.m. accident Sunday in Kingston.

He was eastbound on State Street, east of Linden Street, they reported, when his car went off the north side of the street, struck a mail box and spun around.

At 1:50 p.m. Monday, Cass City police reported, William L. Finkbeiner, 27, of Mount Clemens was westbound on Main Street, west of Downing Street, when his car was sideswiped by a passing auto driven by James J. Spencer of Akron.

At 3:30 p.m. that day, police said, Martha E.

Emmons, 56, of 5871 Bay City-Forestville Road, drove into Frank's Service Station at the corner of Leach and Church Streets, drove too close to the pump and her car door ripped off the face of one of the gas pumps.

At 4:30 p.m., they reported, Peter Severn, 85, of 3639 Fifth Street, Owendale, was northbound on Seeger Street. Barbara Ann Fackler, 16, of 7249 Daus Road, westbound on Church Street, stopped at Seeger, then pulled into the intersection and the two vehicles collided.

The sheriff's department reported a mishap at 12:40 a.m. Saturday at the service station at the corner of M-24 and M-46, south of Caro.

Deputies reported that Evelyn Sue Langenburg, 19, of 6197 Koepfgen Road, Cass City, was turning around, headed back to the pumps.

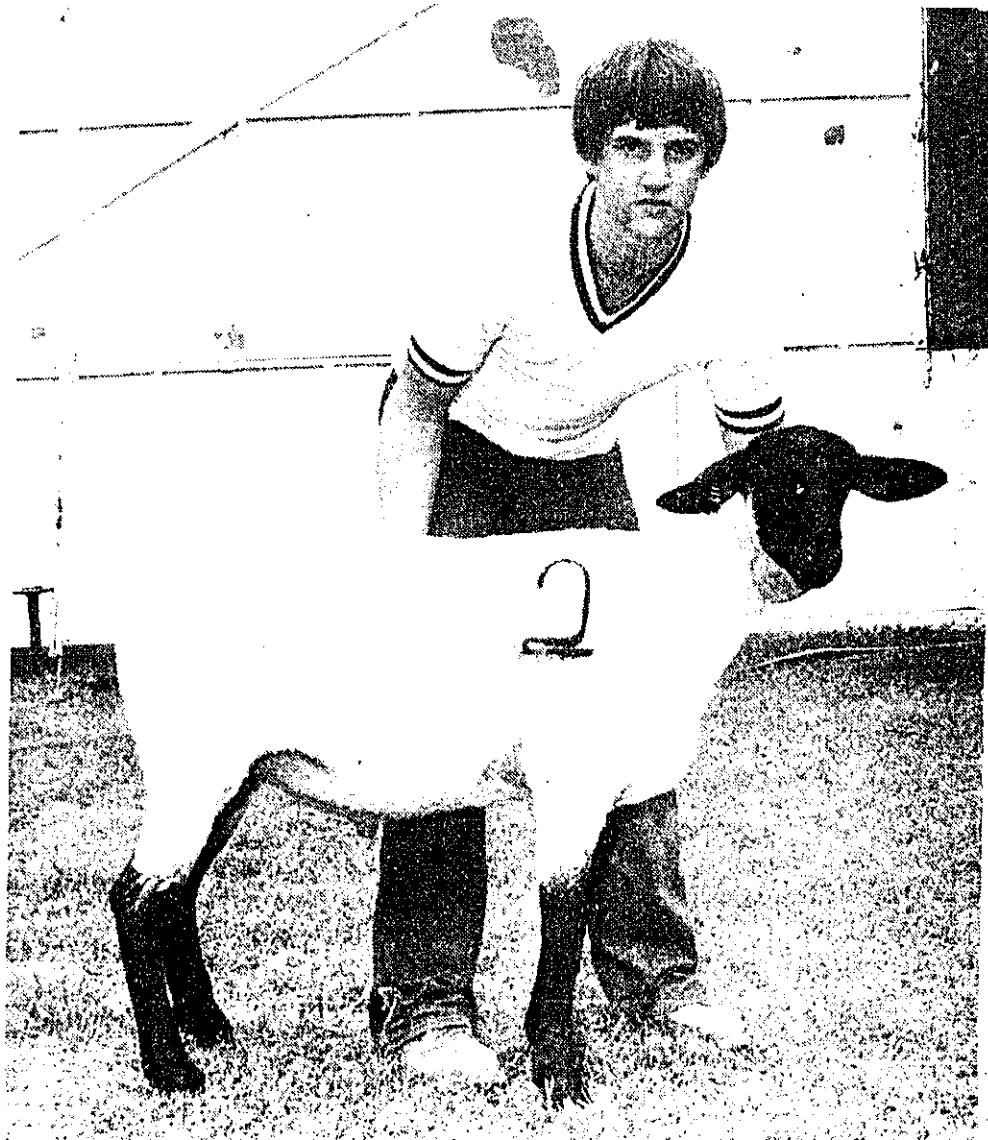
James A. Hascall II, 18, of Mayville, was pulling away from the pumps, headed east, then turned to avoid the oncoming Langenburg auto. His car was still struck in the right rear by her car.

Shirley Geiger of 6645 Garfield Street, injured in a July 16 accident near Reese, was reported in fair condition Tuesday afternoon at Saginaw General Hospital. She is still in the intensive care unit.

A Vassar woman, Dorothy L. Rittenberg, was killed in the crash, which began when a truck on M-81 apparently failed to stop at the M-15 intersection.



**TOP MIDDLEWEIGHT** -- The Limousin-Angus of Eric Stoll, 14, was judged the top middleweight steer at the fair. The May-King 4-H Club member is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Stoll of English Road, Kingston.



**RESERVE CHAMPION** market lamb at the Tuscola County Fair belonged to Scott Hutchinson, 13, son of Dean and Nancy Hutchinson, 4630 Spencer Road, Cass City. He is a member of the Cass City Livestock Club. The number was for the livestock sale.

**Munising bank joins with FABC of Kalamazoo**

Latest bank to join First American Bank Corporation of Kalamazoo is First National Bank of Alger County in Munising, according to James H. Duncan, chairman of FABC, and Robert A. Schweyen, executive vice-president of First National. An agreement of affiliation between the two banking organizations has been completed, and is subject to approval by the Upper Peninsula bank's shareholders and regulatory authorities.

The agreement is of special interest to this area, because Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Sebewaing became an affiliate of First American Bank Corporation earlier this year. Another point of interest is that Norman H. Schroeder, president of Farmers & Merchants, was chief executive officer of the Munising banking institution prior to coming to Sebewaing.

First National was founded in 1908, and is headquartered in Munising, a vacation center known for its access to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior. The bank has a branch office in Grand Marais, and has assets of \$15,109,000. If the affiliation agreement is approved, FABC will purchase all of First National's shares at \$66.50, through a combination of cash and notes. Total purchase price is \$1,064,000.

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