

County fair brings ribbons to Sandy area

The Clackamas County Fair, which has established a pattern of breaking attendance records in recent years, did it again this year.

A total of 127,240 people passed through the gates during the six-day fair, which ended Sunday, Aug. 21. That boosted attendance to above the 1982 record by 8 percent, reports Jerry Mickelsen, fair manager.

Sunday was particularly gratifying, she says, noting that attendance that day was up some 35 percent over 1982. Cash receipts at the gate, in the parking lots, and in every other department also showed substantial increases, the fair manager reports.

The Junior Livestock Auction, this being its 15th year as a Clackamas County Fair feature, set a new record of \$99,221.20 in sales. A bit of drama was added to the auction when it was announced that the

last animal being offered for sale in the beef division belonged to Karen Hamm of Clackamas, a 15-year-old member of the North Clackamas FFA chapter, who lay near death at the University of Oregon Hospital in Portland, a victim of cancer. Auctioneer Gary Day's moving presentation to the audience generated pooled bids adding up to \$5.80 a pound for the 1083-pound Angus. The \$6281.40 raised for the purchase represented the largest amount ever paid for an animal at the Clackamas County Junior Livestock Auction. Karen Hamm died less than two hours after the sale.

Dale and Karen Kropf of Molalla won the "Sweetheart Award," a contest tied to the theme, Love-a-Fair. The award, an annual event, goes to the couple married the longest whose wedding anniversary occurs during the fair. A total of 247 cowboys

and cowgirls participated in this year's IRA rodeo in competition for purses that totaled \$17,660.

Locally, Clackamas County Dairy Queen Ami Aschoff of Boring took three firsts for champion dairy showman.

In FFA swine competition Doug Butler of Sandy took a first and a third. Parker Daughhetee had five firsts. He had the reserve champion sow, champion junior and overall reserve grand champion.

In other swine competition, Kelly Kappel and Julie Mann each finished with a first and a second,

Danny Schmantz received a second, David Torres a first and a third, and Chris Youngberg two firsts.

Tana Nonamaker had two firsts and two seconds. She had the champion senior sow, reserve champion junior, grand champion and all breed grand champion.

In division 3-swine, Traci Nonamaker of Sandy received an engraved trophy for best litter of pigs.

In FFA sheep competition, Ami Aschoff had a first with the reserve champion ewe.

Lori Aschoff had a first with the champion ewe.

In other sheep competition, Patti Danielson received a second, Keith Gouchner a second and a fourth, Robin Johnson a third, Todd Kasch a first, Rachael Larson a first and Gina Vaeretti a first, second, third and fourth.

In the hobby hall department, Michelle Dean of Boring received \$5 from the Bank of Oregon for winning adult handicapped-class 4.

In FFA beef competition,

Jess McKague of Sandy received a first and a second.

Dave Shaw of Sandy took first in class 6-hereford, with the best junior hereford calf.

The Ten Eyck Ranch of Sandy had the senior champion female simmental.

In pillows-class 4 needlepoint, Jancy Ekberg of Sandy took first.

In division A-guernsey, Carl Aschoff of Boring took 12 firsts with the top junior heifer calf, intermediate

heifer calf, senior heifer calf, junior yearling, senior yearling, junior champion-female, reserve junior champion-female, senior-2 year old, cow-3 year old, cow-5 year old, junior best three females, senior best three females. He also won the Exhibitor's Award and the Premier Breeder Award.

In the art exhibition, Audrey Moore of Sandy had the best of show in class B-art faculty members. She received a

first-place ribbon, and a special award for an "Outstanding" exhibit.

In class C, non-professional, Kathleen Depro of Sandy received a third in watercolor.

In the floral competition-dahlia, Diane McMahon of Sandy took first for collette and third for ball-over 2 inches.

In class 29-garden clubs, the Sunny Hills Garden Club of Boring received mention in potpourri and fall's rustle.

Wetlands still bring questions

The gap continues to grow between differing factions on opinions toward a proposed "wetland" preserve south of Rutledge Road in Welches.

Clackamas County Commissioners heard a recommendation by the planning commission last week reporting the wetland is not significant enough to preserve.

A study by the U.S. Corps of Engineers had recommended designating an 85-acre wetland, and the county planning staff had proposed a smaller 18-acre area be preserved.

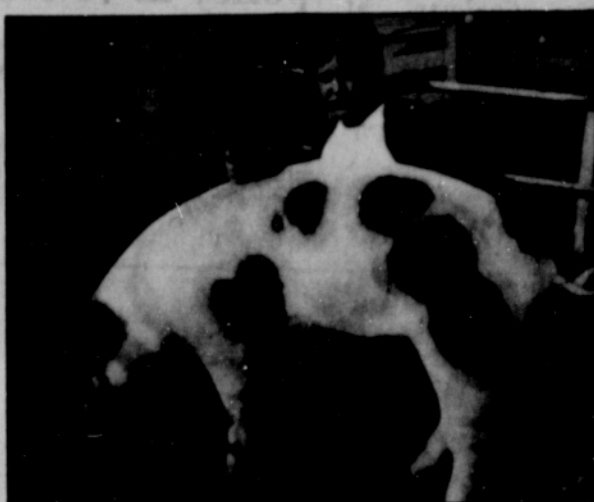
Still other studies provided further conflicting testimony.

The main opposition to designating any area as wetlands appears to come from property owners in the area and the Hoodland Service District, which had anticipated development of the area in its financial planning.

Opponents include other area residents concerned about possible effects development would have as far as drainage into the Sandy River system. The Audubon Society, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and representatives from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, also testified for setting aside land to preserve the wetlands.

A work session was to be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, by commissioners to discuss the issue.

The commissioners will render a decision for the area Oct. 5.



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Extension officers will meet

With a new slate of officers, the Dover Extension Study Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Jean Kendall, 22770 S.E. 42nd. The study topic will be "Spud Savvy."

An active year is anticipated by the group, which will be led by Kendall, chairman; Barbara Boswell, vice-chairman; Barbara Sytsma, secretary; and Wanda Witt, treasurer.

Topics to be studied during the year include "Speed Sewing," "Earning Money at Home," "Say Cheese," "Portable Edibles," "Simple Home Repairs," "Wheat-Northwest's Natural Food," "Color Analysis," and a visit from a master food preserver. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at members' homes.

Dover Study Group is a part of the Clackamas County extension service, and is supported, also, by the Oregon State University extension service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Meetings are open to residents of the Sandy-Firwood-Dover area, and the extension programs are available to everyone, regardless of race, sex, religion or economic status.

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