

Auction:

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save (the money) for college and they can use the experience.”

Katie Hoffman, of the Joseph Charter School FFA, had the grand champion FFA market steer, and sold it for \$3,100 to Chris Cunningham of Rock ‘n’ J Ranch.

But although this is by far from her first year, she, too, was choked up at the sale of her yellow Angus cross steer. Katie declined to comment.

Auction — sheep

Kane Johnson’s grand champion FFA market lamb sold for \$1,300 to Marvin Gibbs, a buyer for Chrisman Development. He was pleased with the price he got for his efforts with the lamb.

“I think it’s really generous,” Kane said.

Now in his third year of FFA, Kane did 4-H before it. He’ll be a sophomore at Joseph Charter School in the fall, where he also plays football, basketball and runs track.

The son of Eric and Sarah Johnson, he said that after he pays off the debts that he owes raising the lamb, he’s going to put the rest in the bank as he saves up for a pickup. He hopes to go to college for agricultural engineering.

Tripp Stewart, of Heppner, sold his 4-H grand champion market lamb for \$1,250 to Knapp Law Office. While he goes to school in Heppner, he spends summers — and the bulk of his 4-H time — on the Wallowa County ranch of his grandparents, Skye and Penny Krebs. His parents are Jason Stewart and Sybil Krebs.

Tripp, who will be in the seventh grade, has been in 4-H for four years. He was pleased with the price he got.



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Gabriel Neveau holds his grand champion 4-H market turkey Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, that he’s just sold to a representative of Rock ‘n’ J Ranch, left, at the Wallowa County Fair.

“I really like it. It was a pretty good price,” he said. “I’ll put most of it in college, but I’ll keep a couple hundred in my pocket for my dirt bike. ... I’ve got to have some fun out of it.”

He hopes to one day work on his grandparents’ ranch.

The highest-selling market lamb was Aubrina Melville’s FFA project that sold for \$1,350 to Les Schwab.

Auction — swine

Wade Williams, the son of Jared and Mishelle Williams, of Joseph, sold his grand champion 4-H market hog to Viridian Management for \$3,300.

Wade, just in his second year of 4-H, was another youngster who had developed an emotional tie to his market animal, saying he’d become friends with “Spot” and would miss her. He said he doesn’t think it’ll be so emotionally tough the next time. He also hasn’t yet

decided he’ll do with the proceeds of the sale other than paying debts incurred from cost of raising Spot.

Landon Greenshields, son of Randy and Jeni Greenshields, sold his grand champion market swine for \$2,900 to Valley Meat Service. But he said the price could’ve been better.

“I liked the price; it’s not quite what I was expecting, but it’ll do,” he said. “I was thinking to get at least three grand.”

He said he’ll save the bulk of it for college after he pays his debts for pig feed.

The top-selling market swine was James Royes’ 4-H hog that sold for \$3,800 to Pam Royes.

Auction — others

Other top sellers at the auction included:

- Elijah Parker’s FFA Grand champion market goat that sold for \$650 by to

Tyler Schaffeld, DMD.

- Autumn Diggins’ 4-H grand champion market goat that sold for \$750 to Barreto Manufacturing.

- Jaeden Cudmore’s highest-selling 4-H goat went for \$1,350 to the Idaho Forest Group.

- Gabriel Neveau’s grand champion 4-H market turkey that sold for \$700 by to Joe and Shari Warnock.

- Carter Schnetzky’s pen of three 4-H champion market chickens that sold for \$550 to Wallowa County Employees.

Plenty of thanks to go around

In opening the auction, Nash had a long list of people and businesses to thank for making the fair possible. Among those were Community Bank; which floated a zero-interest loan to facilitate paying the livestock sellers quickly; Craig and Candi Willis from Farm Supply, who donate shipping the livestock to Pasco, Washington, and their truck

driver Tony Yost; Inter-mountain Livestock and Dennis Arnzen floor the livestock; Anderson Land and Livestock who gives \$50 for each steer; Oregon State University Extension, which oversees the 4-H program; the FFA advisers in each Wallowa County school; Wallowa Memorial Hospital, which donated up to \$200,000 to help get a new furnace and generator at the Cloverleaf Hall, which the hospital used for an overflow space during the coronavirus pandemic; the city of Enterprise, which donated \$5,000 from its transient lodging tax; an anonymous donor who gave \$14,000 for a new sound system; and others.

There also were the individuals Nash mentioned, such as Fair Board Secretary Tera Elliott, who will leave the post after five years for another job with the county, and the Fair Board, headed by Chairwoman Stanley.

“You guys go above and

beyond,” Nash said. “The community has no idea how much effort you put into this and it’s very much appreciated.”

The commissioner also noted the fair is on the receiving end of \$270,000 in video lottery funds from the state and \$500,000 in federal American Rescue Plan funds state Rep. Bobby Levy channeled to the fair.

“That will be a big shot in the arm,” Nash said.

All in all, he said, the fair is a great demonstration of how the Wallowa County community comes together.

“I thought it was fantastic. I love our fair. I love the fact that it’s community based and that it supports our young people,” he said. “I love the fact that it shows the resiliency of our ag community, that urban kids can house livestock other places and still participate. It’s the very best of our community and what it can be.”

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Masks:

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actions,” Nash said.

He touted Wallowa County as being successful in protecting its most susceptible population during the pandemic, and noted it has one of the highest vaccination rates among the “frontier counties.”

“In our community we did a good job of making sure our most vulnerable were protected. Our businesses went out of the way” to help, he said, noting, for example, that a number went to measures such as curbside pickup to protect them.

On Monday, Aug. 16, the OHA reported 11 new cases in Wallowa County among the 4,396 in the state over the weekend. The county total now stands at 297, and has added nearly 100 cases in the last month. The 200th case of COVID-19 was reported on July 19.

OHA and OHSU officials

have pointed to several counties where no action was taking place despite having infection rates double the state average of 9.5%. The state percentage is already twice the OHA target of no more than 5% that epidemiologists say is the highest rates at which growth of the virus can be kept under control.

Statistics show the highest rates concentrated in two areas: Umatilla, Baker, Union, Malheur and Wallowa counties in eastern Oregon, and Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Curry counties in southwestern Oregon. Crook County in central Oregon also has twice the state rate.

State employees must be vaccinated

Brown on Tuesday ordered all state executive branch employees will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine by Oct. 18.

“Delta is a different virus — it has changed everything,” Brown said.

But the order does not have a target end date as the delta variant’s impact is still being gauged by state officials.

Wallowa County on Monday, Aug. 16, was reported by OHA as having reached a 50% vaccination rate among all its residents, and 59.9% among those 18 and older.

“I think each individual makes that decision (whether or not to get vaccinated) on their own with their physician,” Nash said. “It’s worthy of having that conversation. I would encourage people to go and talk to their physician on what is the best option for them.”

He added that conversations need to be had about negative effects from the vaccine, even if they are statistically low.

“It is worth talking about,” he said. “People can assess the risk on both sides.”

Ronald Bond of the Wallowa County Chieftain contributed to this report.

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7am	Registration Continues at Main Street Motors
7am	Parking for Show and Shine Begins
7am – 10am	Elks Breakfast Fundraiser at Main Street Motors
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