

# A fair way of life

## 4-H YOUTH SELL SWINE, STEER, LAMBS AND A GOAT AT LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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Dozens of animals were auctioned off to local businesses to help support hardworking youth at the Grant County Fair's livestock auction.

Steer, swine, lambs and a goat, all raised by members of the local 4-H clubs, were sold.

Raney Anderson raised this year's 1,254-pound reserve grand market champion steer, which sold for \$3.75 a pound. This is her third year raising and selling a steer, and she plans to do it again next year.

"Every one is a new experience, a different experience," she said. "This year, my steer was the thoroughbred champion, so I've never had that happen before."

Anderson said the hardest part is getting the animal ready for the show, including washing, feeding and watering the animal.

"I kind of just naturally started showing," she said. "I wanted to, too. It wasn't like I was forced into it."

Her brother, Cinch Anderson, also sold his 1,354-pound steer for \$2.40 a pound at the auction.

It was the sixth steer he has sold in as many years.

Cinch said the work leading up to the fair can be tough, but the fair itself is always a really good time.

"My mom grew up doing it, I enjoy doing it and I've done it almost my entire life," he said.

It's a good way to make money for college, Cinch said, and he plans on raising another animal next year.

Shannon Springer said the auction is important for the 4-H kids because profits from the auction allow them to fund other projects.

"It's the important final step in their market project because they've taken a young animal and raised it, fed it, cared for it through the time it takes to grow up," Springer said.

### Champions

Grand champion market swine: Preston Boethin, 267 pounds, sold to Timbers Bistro for \$10 per pound.

Reserve grand champion market swine: Sarah Ennis, 258 pounds, sold to Chester's Thriftway for \$5.75 per pound.

Grand champion market steer: Reece Jacobs, 1,261 pounds, sold to Triangle Oil for \$5 per pound.

Reserve grand champion market steer: Raney Anderson, 1,254 pounds, sold to Chester's Thriftway for \$3.75 per pound.

Champion market goat: Gauge Jenks, 68 pounds, sold to Ed Staub and Sons for \$6.50 per pound.

Grand champion market lamb: Erika Dickens, 140 pounds, sold to Timbers Bistro for \$7.50 per pound.

Reserve grand champion market lamb: Adeline Northway, 142 pounds, sold to Bank of Eastern Oregon for \$7 per pound.



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Reece Jacobs and Tegan Wright stand for a photo with the grand champion market steer at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The steer weighed 1,261 pounds and sold for \$5 a pound to Triangle Oil.



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Erika Dickens, right, stands with the grand champion market lamb after selling it to Timbers Bistro during the livestock auction at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The lamb weighed 140 pounds and sold for \$7.50 a pound.



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Gauge Jenks leads his champion goat after selling it to Ed Staub and Sons during the livestock auction at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The goat was 68 pounds and sold for \$6.50 a pound.



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Addy Northway, left, stands with her lamb after selling it to Bank of Eastern Oregon during the livestock auction at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The lamb weighed 143 pounds and sold for \$7 a pound.



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Raney Anderson and Bob Cowan Thompson stand for a photo with the reserve grand champion market steer at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The steer was 1,254 pounds and sold for \$3.75 a pound to Chester's Thriftway.



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Preston Boethin, right, stands with the grand champion market swine after selling it to Timbers Bistro. The pig weighed 267 pounds and sold for \$10 a pound.



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Sarah Ennis stands with the reserve grand champion market hog at the Grant County Fair Saturday, Aug. 12. The pig weighed 258 pounds and sold for \$5.75 a pound to Chester's Thriftway.

Larry & Barbara Henderson celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary, Aug. 14th.

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