

Champ Pike steer brings \$1.80

PIKETON — Prices seemed to be holding steady compared to last year at the Pike County Fair's Junior Fair livestock sales Friday night.

The 1,085-pound grand champion steer exhibited by Matt Branscomb was sold to Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers of Waverly for \$1.80 per pound. That gave Branscomb, son of the Bill Branscombs of Lapparel Road, Bainbridge, a check for \$1,953. That price was a penny per pound less than last year's champion brought.

The reserve champion steer brought \$1,573 to Brad Bapst, son of the Paul Bapsts of Beaver. The 1,210-pound steer was sold

for \$1.30 per pound, up from a year ago, to Camp-town's Best Way Super-market of Piketon.

Branscomb also got \$480, at \$2 per pound, for his 240-pound reserve champion market pig. It was bought by JB Construction Co. and Cox Funeral Home of Beaver.

The grand champion pig, shown by Steve Schrader, sold for \$4.35 per pound to Bob and Floyd's Tires of Portsmouth. The 215-pound pig brought a total of \$935.25 for Schrader, the son of the Dana Schraders of Ohio 335, Beaver. The price was 25 cents higher per pound than last year's champion.

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The going rate for market pigs Friday was 46 cents per pound.

The grand champion sheep was sold for \$5.50 per pound, \$1.50 less than last year's. Joetta Oyer, daughter of the James Oyers of 1490 Blain Highway, Waverly, showed the 110-pound champion which brought a total of \$605 from Bob and Floyd's Tires of Portsmouth.

The 120-pound reserve champion shown by Michelle Gragg brought \$3.75 per pound, however, up 75 cents from a year ago. Gragg, the daughter of Meredith and Mary Gragg of 1121 Fish and Game Road, Waverly, got \$450 for

her sheep which was bought by Foster's Gulf Oil Co. of Waverly.

Attendance remained good at the fair despite rain Friday afternoon, the first of the fair. Western High School and the Adelphi Community bands have been providing musical entertainment between heats of the harness races. More racing is scheduled today at 2.

Today, the last day of the fair, will also feature the Junior Fair goat, rabbit and chicken sale, starting at 1:30 p.m. Union Stock Yards of Hillsboro is handling the livestock sales.

The only other activities scheduled are the kiddie tractor pull at 10 a.m. and the demolition derby at 8 p.m.

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