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AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction raised \$267,000 for AKSARBEN 4-H Scholarships, prizes, and awards.

Grand Island, Neb. (October 25, 2017) – The pinnacle event of the AKSARBEN Stock Show is the AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction which raised \$267,246 for AKSARBEN 4-H Scholarships, prizes, and awards on Sunday, October 1, 2017. The auction is the culmination of the stock show activities and serves as the vehicle for the 4-H AKSARBEN Foundation scholarships.

The 90th annual AKSARBEN Stock Show was held September 28-October 1, 2017 at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Neb. With over 1,400 animal entries from Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming showed cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, dairy cattle, poultry and rabbits.

The **Grand Champion Steer** shown by Joe Herr from Fontanelle, IA; purchased by Edgar & Frances Reynolds Foundation for \$13,000. Additional results were as follows:

Lot 2 Reserve Champion Steer: David Roberts, from Dunlap, IA; purchased by Union Pacific for \$12,500.

Lot 3 Champion Wether Lamb: Nicole Zuber, from Marengo, IA; purchased by Bank of the West for \$10,000.

Lot 4 Reserve Champion Wether Lamb: Madison Rule, from Hawarden, IA; purchased by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for \$10,000.

Lot 5 Champion Market Barrow: Larissa Becker, from Granada, MN; purchased by Anonymous for \$8,500.

Lot 6 Reserve Champion Market Barrow: Pierce Woodruff, from Moorland, IA; purchased by Physicians Mutual for \$7,000.

Lot 7 Champion Meat Wether Goat: Soren Freund, from Elizabeth, CO; purchased by Bank of the West for \$6,500.

Lot 8 Reserve Champion Meat Wether Goat: Grey Porter, from Mercer, MO; purchased by Tom Dinsdale Automotive for \$4,500.

Lot 9 **Champion Market Broiler**: Anne Bennier, from Unadilla, NE; purchased by Kiewit for \$4,500.

Lot 10 **Division Champion Calf Challenge**: Megan Schroeder, from Wisner, NE; purchased by Kathy & Jeff Albers for \$10,000.

Lot 11 **Reserve Champion Calf Challenge**: Ralston Ripp, from Kearney, NE; purchased by David & Lori Scott for \$14,500.

Lot 12 **Division Champion Lamb Challenge**: Lexi Barnes, from Burlington, CO; purchased by Edgar & Frances Reynolds Foundation for \$6,000.

Lot 13 **Reserve Champion Lamb Challenge**: Colton June, from Malmo, NE; purchased by Five Points Bank and Pump & Pantry / Thunder Road for \$7,500.

Lot 14 **Division Champion Market Heifer**: Mackenzie Stohlmann, from Louisville, NE; purchased by Best Western Motel for \$11,500.

Lot 15 **Champion Ewe Lamb**: Cal Sidwell, from Gill, CO; purchased by Edgar & Frances Reynolds Foundation for \$3,500.

Lot 16 **Champion Market Gilt**: Cash Voegelé, from Lennox, SD; purchased by Fred & Amanda Glade Foundation for \$10,000.

Lot 17 **Champion Meat Goat Doe**: Abbigale Steeke, from Rahme, ND; purchased by Jerry's Sheet Metal and Novatech Inc. for \$3,500.

Lot 18 **Reserve Champion Market Steer**: Vada Vickland, from Longmont, CO; purchased by Greg Baxter and Jason Hornady for \$10,500.

Lot 19 **Division Champion Market Wether Lamb**: Creighton Hirschfeld, from Benedict, NE; purchased by Harry & Janie Hoch for \$5,000.

Lot 20 **Division Reserve Champion Market Barrow**: Brinn Begalka, from Castlewood, SD; purchased by Physicians Mutual for \$3,000.

Lot 21 **Division Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether**: Jaysie Schoenfeld, from Oakley, KS; purchased by Mid Nebraska Disposal for \$2,500.

Lot 22 **Reserve Champion Market Broiler**: Brylee Sherer, from Pisgah, IA; purchased by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for \$4,500.

Lot 23 **Division 3rd Place Calf Challenge**: Thomas Netzke, from Lamberton, MN; purchased by Wells Fargo Bank for \$9,000.

Lot 24 **Division 3rd Place Lamb Challenge**: Chase Devries, from Fairfield, NE; purchased by First National Bank for \$4,500.

Lot 25 **Division Reserve Champion Market Wether Lamb**: Brooke Kuesel, from Brooklyn, IA; purchased by Beattie Family Farm and Home Federal Bank for \$2,500.

Lot 26 **Division Reserve Champion Market Heifer**: Kolton Rasmussen, from Newman Grove, NE; purchased by Kiewit for \$9,500.

Lot 27 **Division Reserve Champion Market Steer**: Vada Vickland, from Longmont, CO; purchased by Wolbach Foundation, and Edgar & Frances Reynolds Foundation for \$6,500.

Lot 28 **Division Reserve Champion Market Ewe Lamb**: Edward Hanson, from Clifton, IL; purchased by Behlen County and Reinke Manufacturing Comp Inc. and Tom Dinsdale Automotive for \$6,000.

Lot 29 **Division Reserve Champion Market Gilt**: Katie Vander Wal, from Milbank, SD; purchased by Great Western Bank and Heartland Ag and Midway Chevrolet and Anonymous Donor for \$6,000.

Lot 30 **Division Reserve Champion Meat Goat Doe**: Cora Svoboda, from Ord, NE; purchased by Bank of the West for \$5,000.

Lot 31 **Division Reserve Champion Market Wether Lamb**: Neal Ehler, from Fairbury, NE; purchased by Pinnacle Bank and Equitable Bank for \$5,000.

Lot 32 **Division Reserve Champion Market Barrow**: William Freking, from Alpha, MN; purchased by Edgar & Frances Reynolds Foundation for \$3,000.

Lot 33 **Division Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether**: Mason Forkner, from Richards, MO; purchased by Ag Services Inc and Lutz and Industrial Irrigation Services and Edgar & Cash-Wa Distributing for \$4,500.

Lot 34 **Division Reserve Champion Market Wether Lamb**: Brooke Kuesel, from Brooklyn, IA; purchased by Performance Plus, Lynne & Tom Werner, Pathway Bank, and an anonymous donor for \$5,000.

Additionally, there was over \$30,000 raised that contributed to the AKSARBEN Ag Leaders Scholarships.

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About AKSARBEN Foundation

Established in 1895, AKSARBEN Foundation represents the premier employers in Nebraska and western Iowa. AKSARBEN Foundation works as a unified network to influence change for the betterment of youth, the economy and Heartland communities. We advance our mission *to leverage collective business leadership to build a more prosperous Heartland* by funding and guiding best practice, needs-based scholarship programs, awarding over \$1 million annually; promoting the Heartland's cultural heritage through top-ranking community celebrations, attended by over 100,000 annually; and honoring community leaders who carry on the Heartland's tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism.