



Clancey Krahn, far right, took champion FFA swine showmanship honors Thursday morning at the Linn County Fair.

Youth livestock auction set for 1 p.m. Saturday

About 250 sheep, cattle, pigs, chickens and more will cross the auction block Saturday afternoon at the annual Linn County Youth Livestock Auction in the Calapooia Arena at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center.

Auction president Rob Damon said this year's event will be live and on-line. Last year's auction brought in more than \$500,000.

Daisy LaLonde's grand champion steer and was purchased by Elite Equipment Rental of Lebanon. Kaylee Silacci's reserve champion steer was purchased by Blue Lace Farms of Albany.

"On-line registration is underway at www.lcyla.com," Damon said. "Folks can also register the day of the auction. We will host the annual buyers' lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. and the auction will start at 1 p.m."

Anyone who wants to add cash to any of the purchases can do so on-line through Wednesday, July 21, Damon said.

Last year, the Ag Booster Club and oth-

ers added \$28,000 to the kitty.

"We're excited to be here and the kids are really excited to be back with their projects," Damon said. "Some of these kids have invested a lot of time and effort, some starting last September, in their projects."

Damon said buying an animal helps a 4-H or FFA member, you know where your meat is coming from and there is a tax benefit since anything paid over the base set per pound price, is tax deductible as a donation."

"We have butchering services available for all of the animals, so people don't have to worry about that," Damon said.

Auction officers and board members are: Rob Damon, president; Donald Fleckenstein, vice president; Andrea Leao, secretary; Stacey Lyle, treasurer; Sarah Neuschwander, 4-H representative; Brenda Phearson, FFA representative; Alissa Curry, business representative; Geoff Davis, community representative; Jason Lyle/Blaine Suing,

weigh masters; Hannah Glaser, 4-H youth representative; Chloe Brinson, FFA youth representative.

Members at large: Martha Glaser, Adam Haile, Declan O'Hara, Maddie Neuschwander, Abby Suing, Adrienne Lulay.

Top buyers at the 2020 auction were Advanced Mechanical, RAM Trucking, Weyerhaeuser Santiam Lumber, Tiger Lights, Cascade Timber Consulting, Anderson Ranches, Stahlbush Island Farms, Coastal, Morley Thomas Law Firm, Radiator Supply House, JZ Trucking, Pimm Farms, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Mid Valley Farms, River's Edge Pet Medical Center, Elite Equipment Rental, Robb Farms, Linn Vet Hospital, Timber Harvesting Inc. and Barenbrug USA.

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