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AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction raised \$250,000 for AKSARBEN 4-H Scholarships, prizes and awards

Omaha, Neb. (October 19, 2016) – The pinnacle event of the AKSARBEN Stock Show is the AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction which raised \$250,000 for AKSARBEN 4-H Scholarships, prizes and awards on Sunday Sept. 25, 2016. The auction is the culmination of the stock show activities and serves as a fundraising vehicle for AKSARBEN Foundation scholarships.

The 89th annual AKSARBEN Stock Show was held Sept. 22-25, 2016 at the CenturyLink Center in downtown Omaha. Over 1,000 4-H Exhibitors from a 10-state region, including 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 Ben Bravard from Jefferson, Iowa was purchased by the Maverick & T-Bone Buyers Group in memory of Dr. Jack Lewis for \$14,000.

“Dr. Lewis exhibited outstanding leadership and volunteered on the AKSARBEN Buyers Club Committee for many years. His dedication to the AKSARBEN Stock Show and 4-H youth was remarkable.” stated Kevin Kock, executive director of agricultural initiatives.

The Purple Ribbon Auction included 31 lots of livestock and six lots of agricultural themed artwork submitted by Heartland youth.

During the Purple Ribbon Auction, the AKSARBEN Buyers Club annually presents the Hero’s Award to an individual, couple or family who has exhibited outstanding

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leadership and volunteer commitment to youth involved in agriculture or the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show. This year Dr. Linda Ford was the honored recipient. Her involvement with AKSARBEN Foundation includes serving on the Purple Ribbon Auction Committee and as co-chair of the L.B.'s North Forty Buyers Group. Since 1995 L.B.'s North Forty Buyers Group has given \$359,390 to support AKSARBEN 4-H Scholarships, prizes and awards.

Lot 1 Grand Champion Steer: Ben Bravard, Jefferson, Iowa; purchased by Maverick & T-Bone Buyers Group in memory of Dr. Jack Lewis for \$14,000.

Lot 2 Reserve Champion Steer: David Roberts, Dunlap, Iowa; purchased by L.B.'s North Forty Buyers Group for \$11,000.

Lot 3 Champion Wether Lamb: Jed Sidwell, Gill, Colorado; purchased by Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation for \$8,000.

Lot 4 Reserve Champion Wether Lamb: Lexie Berry, Sac City, Iowa; purchased by Bank of the West for \$8,000.

Lot 5 Champion Market Barrow: Aaron Cain, Chariton, Iowa; purchased by Physicians Mutual for \$9,000.

Lot 6 Reserve Champion Market Barrow: Tanner Langemeier, Mead, Neb; purchased by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for \$7,000.

Lot 7 Champion Wether Goat: Jera Schoenfed, Thomas, Kan.; purchased by Midwest Laboratories for \$7,000.

Lot 8 Reserve Champion Wether Goat: Grey Porter, Wayne, Mo.; purchased by Scoular Foundation for \$4,000.

Lot 9 Champion Heifer: Mackenzie Stohlmann, Loisville, Neb.; purchased by Union Pacific for \$17,000.

Lot 10 Champion Broiler: Tigh Renken, Bertrand, Neb.; purchased by Lincoln Financial Group for \$4,000.

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Lot 11 **Champion Calf Challenge**: Taylor Heim, Plattsmouth, Neb.; purchased by Bank of the West for \$16,000.

Lot 12 **Reserve Champion Calf Challenge**: Neleigh Gehl, Fremont, Neb.; purchased by David and Lori Scott for \$20,000.

Lot 13 **Champion Lamb Challenge**: Greg Gaston, McCook, Neb.; purchased by Kiewit for \$5,000.

Lot 14 **Reserve Champion Lamb Challenge**: Glen Van Bummel, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; purchased by Maverick & T-Bone Buying Group for \$5,500.

Lot 15 **Champion Ewe Lamb**: Edward Hanson, Clifton, Ill.; purchased by Midwest Laboratories for \$10,000.

Lot 16 **Champion Market Gilt**: Kauren Kaliff, York, Neb.; purchased by Wells Fargo for \$6,000.

Lot 17 **Champion Meat Doe**: Jessica Baker, Pueblo, Colo; purchased by Scoular for \$5,000.

Lot 18 **Reserve Champion Heifer**: Dalton Smith, Charter Oak, Iowa; purchased by Kiewit and Lincoln Financial Group for \$6,000.

Lot 19 **Reserve Champion Broiler**: Brylee Sherer, Pisgah, Iowa; purchased by L.B.'s North Forty Buyers Group & Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska for \$3,000.

Lot 20 **3rd Overall Steer**: Addisyn Albers, Wisner, Neb; purchased by First National Bank for \$16,000.

Lot 21 **Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb**: Jed Sidwell, Gill, Colo; purchased by Wells Fargo for \$4,500.

Lot 22 **Reserve Champion Market Gilt**: Jaclyn Heinrich, Hickman, Neb; purchased by Midwest Laboratories for \$5,000.

Lot 23 **Third Place Calf Challenge**: Paige Schroeder, Fremont, Neb: purchased by Pinnacle Bank for \$6,000.

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Lot 24 **Third Place Lamb Challenge:** Sophia Lentfer, Firth, Neb: purchased by BBG for \$3,500.

Lot 25 **Third Place Meat Goat Wether:** Skyler Scotten, Vernon, Mo: purchased by Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska for \$3,000.

Lot 26 **Division Champion Lamb:** Nicole Zuber, Marengo, Iowa: purchased by BBG for \$3,500.

Lot 27 **Division Champion Barrow:** Isaac Ihnen, Round Lake, Minn: purchased by Merck for \$3,000.

Lot 28 **Division Champion Lamb:** Zach Zuber, Marengo, Iowa: purchased by Gale and Judy Wickersham for \$2,500.

Lot 29 **Reserve Division Barrow:** Brook Moore, Knoxville, Iowa: purchased by Gale and Judy Wickersham for \$3,000.

Lot 30 **Reserve Division Lamb:** Halle Hindman, Albia, Iowa: purchased by Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska for \$3,000.

Lot 31 **Reserve Division Lamb:** Lexie Berry, Sac City, Iowa: purchased by Gale and Judy Wickersham for \$3,000.

Lot 32 **Art - Grand Champion:** Macey Vontleeder, Ainsworth, Neb: purchased by Wells Fargo for \$1,000.

Lot 33 **Art - 2nd Place Grades 9-12:** Chase Preister, Petersburg, Neb: purchased by Security National Bank for \$1,000.

Lot 34 **Art - 1st Place Grades 6-8:** Alli Rhea Novak, Dorchester, Neb: purchased by Novak Farms \$1,000.

Lot 35 **Art - 2nd Place Grades 6-8:** Anne Eckert, Omaha, Neb: purchased by Midwest Laboratories for \$1,300.

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Lot 36 **Art - 1st Place Grades 1-5:** Bridget McGill, Omaha, Neb: purchased by Lori Scott for \$1,300.

Lot 37 **Art - 2nd Place Grades 1-5:** Sam Brummond, Omaha, Neb: purchased by NebraskaLand Bank for \$2,500.

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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.

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