

Northampton youth, calves move into spotlight

EASTON — Calves were in the spotlight last week when Northampton County youngsters participated in the annual calf fitting and showing competition sponsored by the County Holstein Club.

The calves were selected in the morning and given to a pair of youngsters, one experienced and the other inexperienced. After watching fitting and showing demonstrations, the youngsters were on their own to clip, wash and halter break their calves.

In the afternoon, Don Fowler, Fulton County extension agent, judged the group in junior and senior showing and fitting. County agri-businesses donated supplies and prizes. Upstream Farm Corp. hosted the event.

Junior winners were eight-year-old Kevin McEwen and nine-year-old Cara Strohmeier. Senior winners were Tammy Minnich, 15, and Randy Ott, 13. Fitting was won by Mark Sandt, Bill Mack and Shelly Minnich



The big moment comes when the judge selects the winners in the Northampton County calf fitting and showing competition. Anticipation shows on

the faces of the youngsters as he moved toward the winner.



These youngsters, although a bit young and a few years shy of competing, thoroughly enjoy the activities in calf fitting and showing.



There's more than one way to attempt to move a balky calf. It helps to get a friend, with one pulling and the other pushing.



While a pair of strong hands firmly holds the calf, another pair gingerly operates clippers to give bovine facial in fitting and showing competition.



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