

# Three 4-H State Winners Continue Lancaster County Tradition

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LANCASTER — It has become a Lancaster County tradition to have winners among the top ten finalists at State 4-H Fashion

Revue. This year, three 4-H'ers carried on that winning tradition. Judy Rohrer, 17; Alissa Hooper, 16; and Lucinda Harnish, 18, swept through regional competition to go on to Penn State. A

fourth regional winner from Lancaster County, Deb Shenk, was unable to attend the Penn State competition.

Cindy Harnish has finished in the top ten three times during her nine year 4-H career. Alissa also finished in the top ten last year. This year Alissa accomplished a first in the contest - she got a perfect score from each of the three judges.

Lancaster County Home Economist Doris Thomas said the perfect score is particularly significant because under the new system of judging, each of the three judges scored all areas of competition. "I think Alissa deserves some recognition. This is a first."

It was Judy's first time to go both to regional and state fashion revue, and she says, "I was surprised. I never even got alternate before."

Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rohrer, Lime Valley Road, Lancaster, found the experience of traveling to Pennsylvania 4-H Week at Penn State an exciting one, adding that she especially enjoyed meeting girls from other parts of the state. "There were lots of meetings and different workshops," she recalled.

The most difficult part for Judy was wearing the required heavy makeup so that she & the other models could be seen more clearly

by the audience in the large auditorium. She commented, "The stiffest competition is within Lancaster County."

Judy originally planned to make a suit, "because a suit always wins." However, when looking for patterns and fabric, she found a McCall's dress that she liked plus a "laundered" chambray fabric that resembled the fabric on the pattern.

Because the dress itself is so simple, Judy was especially surprised that it caught the judge's eye. But the judges noticed that the dress features some beautiful top stitching and unique construction details which made it a winning garment. Judy admits that she had difficulty finding a matching color tape to use on the hem, and she changed it after county fashion revue to increase her chance of winning. Unfortunately when she tried to put the new tape on, she found it did not go on correctly and she ended up ripping it out and starting again.

The completely washable fabric turned out to be a boon for Judy, because she did not have to show the extreme concern in transporting her garment or in wearing it during the long hours of judging and practicing for the state fashion revue.

Judy's 4-H career follows the path of older sisters and a brother

who preceded her as 4-H members. Her mother, who was a member of the Donegal 4-H Club as a child, also encouraged Judy to enroll. A member of Lampeter Strasburg Guys and Gals, the Solanco Cake Decorating Club and Golden Guernsey Club, Judy says, "I'm glad I joined 4-H." Her older sister Sue went to regional fashion revue, but Judy is the first in her family to go to the state competition.

This was not Judy's first trip to competition on a state level. Previously, she gave a dairy demonstration and participated on the clothing and consumerama judging teams.

She enjoys sewing for pleasure & makes most of her own clothing. She said, "I can easily make clothing and save money too."

All in all, Judy credits 4-H with helping her learn to do things by herself as well as helping her learn to know a lot of new people. She is now gearing up for a busy school year by playing field hockey and basketball for Lampeter-Strasburg High School where she will be a senior. Judy is also active with the Future Business Leaders of America. She will continue her activities with her church youth group, and, of course, has several years left to continue sewing in 4-H.

Alissa Hooper, daughter of Mr.

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Judy Rohrer models her prize-winning shirtwaist dress outside the family farmhouse in southern Lancaster County. Finely sewn details, like a double row of top stitching, help to make this dress appealing to the judges.



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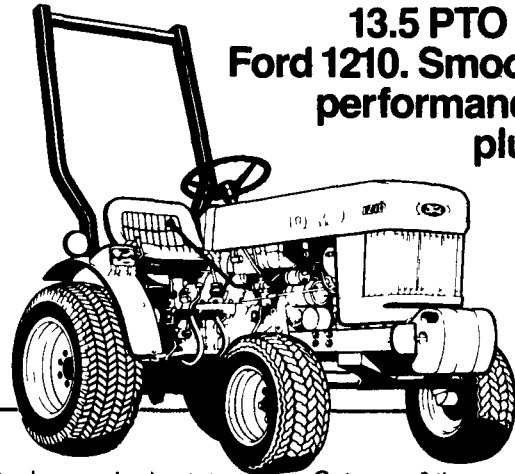
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