

Brother And Sister Duo Show Top Market Lamb At Denver Fair

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DENVER — Jenny Wenger battled a 135-pound Suffolk to win first place for her brother in the Market Lamb Division at the Denver Fair on Thursday night. The sheep leaped, yanked and kicked

Jenny on the chin, but she hung on and kept smiling.

After receiving the trophy, twelve-year-old Brad Wenger hugged his sophomore sister and said, "Thanks, Jen, I couldn't have done it without you."

Brad explained that all of their nine sheep are a lively bunch bred from their own Ram. "Because they're so lively I didn't think we had a chance," Jenny admitted.

But whatever their sheep had, the judge, David Lytle a Hamp-



Brad and Jenny Wenger had a difficult time quieting their energetic Suffolk, but they earned the grand champion market lamb trophy and numerous other top awards.

shire breeder from New London, liked because both Jenny and Brad won numerous ribbons at the 4th year Denver show slated as second largest sheep show in the county.

Teary-eyed Tracy and Gina Montes, Lititz, accepted the Special Exhibitor Award and explained how thrilled they are since last year, their first for sheep showing, they had experience a tragedy. Then, the two daughters of Marilyn Montes, lost a sheep during a Manheim show from a polio virus. The sisters have four Oxford, Becky, Peaches, Autumn Surprise, Dora Dee and a Hampshire named Thermador.

Gina, a twelveth-grader, said her interest in sheep was launched while participating in Warwick High School's FFA program. Her

eleventh-grade sister became mesmerized by the cute antics of Gina's first sheep and this year joined her sister in the sheep show pen. Both girls won numerous awards for their ewes and lambs.

This was the first year the show presented a Special Exhibitor Award. Terry Kauffman who is in charge of the sheep show explained that this year they wanted to do something special for the participants. It isn't based upon sheep or showmanship but recognizes the outstanding helpful qualities the winner shows toward other participants and guests.

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Grand Champion Showman Gary Crills displays his trophy and his suffolk who enabled him to win.



Teary-eyed Tracy and Gina Montes listen as Terry Kauffman, Denver Sheep Show's coordinator, tells the audience why the sisters won the Special Exhibitor Award.

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