

Catch The Manheim Farm Show Spirit

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MANHEIM (Lancaster) — What Manheim lacks in size, it makes up in spirit. From Monday through Friday, hometown residents strutted their stuff at the Manheim Farm Show.

For some, that meant exhibiting such items as handicrafts, animals or produce; for others, competing in goat racing, pedal tractor pulls or tug-of-war. If you didn't compete in those areas, well...you could always indulge in the tantalizing fair food while vocalizing support for the competitions.

That's exactly what onlookers did Monday night when they watched the town's first goat race.

Goats came in all sizes, shapes and colors. Ugly or cute, the proverbial mischievous goats entertained the audience with their unpredictable antics. Their owners were as young as six-years and as old as—well, should we say past

their prime. As the goats raced in pairs, their masters tugged or hung on to the ropes attached to the goats' halters. Some goats tore off from the starting line only to balk a few feet from the finish line. That caused a few owners to push, grunt and shove while spectators cheered and screamed.

Said Earl Geib, president of the Farm Show committee, "It was the first time we had a goat race, and from the audience's response, I think we'll expand it next year."

Not all the activities carried the same screeching support as the goat race did; but they still attracted crowds. Needlework chairman, Christine Rohrer, Manheim, said seeing all the pretty things people enter keep people returning year after year. She's been organizing the judging events for the past 15 to 16 years.

This year, Gloria Edmonds, Ephrata, judged knitting, crochet-



The Manheim Farm Show Queen and her court were chosen Monday evening. From left: Rob Mumma, Queen Stefanie Brubaker, 1987 Queen Melanie Rohrer, Rob Mumma, Carey Donches, Chris Trovinger, June Lehman and Jay Rohrer.



Debbie Strickler judged the clothing division at the Manheim Farm Show.



It takes many hands to record, judge and display the exhibits. Here, part of the needlework crew examine the sweaters. From left: Esther Lefever, Christine Rohrer, Pat Rohrer, and Gloria Edmonds.

ing and embroidery. Gloria picked up a mohair sweater knit in an intricate pattern. Although lovely to the inexperienced eye, Gloria pointed out that the finishing techniques were sloppy. "You should not be able to see the seams if it is put together properly," she explained. As she examined several multi-colored yarn sweaters she said, "Multi-colored yarn hides a multitude of sins because it's much

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"We're looking for the perfect flower," said Kathryn Fry. She and her husband Albert serve as co-chairpersons for the flower division.



Dressed in their woolly best, these elegant sheep and their leadpersons gave the Shepherd's Lead Line a classy touch at Monday night the Monday night competition. Pictured are first place winner in the senior division, Carey Donches (right) of Manheim. The other contestants pictured from left are Arlissa Snavely and Joelle Boll.



"Come on, Spring," encouraged three-year-old Mandy Grube, left. Although Spring was in the lead until near the finish line, he balked and Jonna Bruckhart, 3, with her goat Suzle, won the Manheim Farm Show's first goat race.

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