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Rambunctious Lambs Attract Crowds At Bedford

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) —
The first annual Bedford County
Sheep and Wool Field Day was
held at the Bedford Country Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 18.

Young people from the Young Shepherds, Shawnee Lakers, and Bedford Sheep Clubs sponsored a lot of fun events which had both young and older participants.

A Lamb Olympics was composed of an obstacle course and those in the game had to lead a lamb, sometimes rambunctious, through a maze of straw tunnels, under and over fences, and through rubber tires.

The categories included one celebrity race with Bedford County Commissioner Kim Coon; local plumbing business owner, Clair Knisely; Coach Room Restaurant owner, Bob Barnhart; and Bedford Mayor Jim Edwards being helped by 4-H members.

A lamb-dressing event followed with various age groups dressing sometimes patient and sometimes otherwise lambs with 13 odd pieces of clothing.

Local sheep shearer Karl Kaufman did a sheep shearing demonstration. Tom Culvert of Somerset spoke on rotational grazing and there were lamb spinning and dying demonstrations.

A highlight of the afternoon was a lamb cooking contest with Betty Slayton acting as the official judge. Lamb dishes prepared by area cooks were varied. When judged and set out for the public, the food disappeared quickly.

The day ended with a lamb judging contest and a market lamb sale.

"It was a big success, much better than we had hoped for," says Dick Dale of the Bedford County Extension Office. "It will definitely be repeated next year."



The sheep maze was set up in the fairgrounds where crowds gathered to watch teams lead their sheep through the maze.



Heather Schaeffer and her grandmother, Charlotte, placed first in one division of the lamb dressing contest. They are from the Friends Cove area of Bedford.



This girl dresses her lamb during competition.



Jake Schoonhoven of Lancaster and Stephen Sweet of Alum Bank share a baby lamb. The little girl in the last frame is Megan Keller.



Commissioner Kim Coon and his young helper Krista Myers of Bedford Valley work their way through the maze.



Visitors at the Bedford County Campgrounds enjoyed a spinning demonstration.