

# Champion In Sheep Lead-Line Credits Smiles, Fun For 2nd Win

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**LEBANON** (Lebanon) — It was a different set of judges and a different year, but the senior winner was the same as last year's at the Sheep Lead-Line held at Lebanon Area Fair on July 30.

Fourteen-year-old Jamie Irwin divulged her secret for winning. "Smile, smile, and have lots of fun," she said.

And Jamie did smile as she modeled a purple oversize sweater spun from lambs wool and a fall wool plaid skirt. She accented her outfit with black shoes and gold

jewelry.

Jamie's win did not depend entirely upon her talents. Dutchess, her two-year-old registered Corriedale, had a lot to do with the win, for sheep are graded on alertness and cooperativeness in handling by the judges.

Lead-Line competition promotes sheep and wool attire. The eight contestants are judged on general appearance and conduct. Their wool outfits must be attractively designed and appropriate for the age, size and type of contestant. The sheep and contestant must exhibit poise and ease as they walk around the show ring. The sheep

must be properly fitted and show evidence of training for the event.

Jamie owns three other sheep at her home called Royal Sheep Farm. Her parents are John L. and Linda A. Irwin. Jamie a 4-H Lebanon Sheep Club member is in the ninth grade at Tulpenhocken High School.

Second place in the senior division went to Krista Hetrick who modeled a 70 percent black wool suit accented with red boots, hat, and carnation. Krista is a Harrisburg Area College graduate and shows market lambs from the family's Dorset flock. A Suffolk ewe accompanied Krista in competition.

Third place winner was Michele Ungemach who modeled a gray wool suit that she made for Fashion Revue competition.

### Junior Division

In the Junior division, last year's top two winners switched places. This year, Leah Bomberger topped the competition with a red and black checked jumpsuit and a Dorset ewe borrowed from a friend. She raises 20 to 25 Dorsets on her parents', Swen and Kathy Bomberger's, farm in Fredericksburg.

Second-place went to Rebecca Kleinfelter, 11, who modeled a 100 percent gray wool suit accented with royal blue shoes, gloves, and blouse. Her black hat



Judges for the Lebanon Lead-Line competition, left to right, were Marilyn Caltagnone, Sandi McLaughlin, and Betty Martin.



Jamie Irwin credits her winning streak in Lead-line competition to "Smile, smile, and have fun."

had a blue print scarf draped around it.

Fourth grader Ann Leed placed third with a 100 percent gray wool jumper. Katy Moyer and Melissa Moyer placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Judges were Marilyn Caltagnone, Marilyn's School of Dance; Sandi McLaughlin, Polled Dorset breeder and director of Berks Co. Sheep and Wool Growers; and Betty Martin, home economist at Tulpehocken Junior High School.



From left, Lebanon Area Fair Queen Michelle Bushong, hands trophy and ribbons to Jamie Irwin, Krista Hetrick, and Michele Ungemach.

## Dressed For The Fair



Six-year-old Nathan Tice munches his favorite popcorn at the Lebanon Area Fair. The son of Debble and Tom Tice, Fredericksburg, said that he comes to the Fair to see everything, but his very special event is watching the pig racing. Dressed in a black hat, cowboy boots, western-style shirt and jeans, Nathan said, "I want to enter sheep like my brother, Joseph, when I get older." Nathan helped out at the Fair by holding the sheep for contestants in the Lead-Line competition.



Lebanon Area Fair Queen Michelle Bushong, left, hands ribbons to Junior winners, from left: Leah Bomberger, Rebecca Kleinfelter, Ann Leed, Katy Moyer, and Melissa Moyer.