hampionships For Reiffs

"At Keystone, we never even have gotten close to winning, because open shows are much more difficult," Lyndon said.

The Reiffs purchased lambs from many different breeders such as Don Witt, Tim Fleener, and Tom Slack.

"I like to see how much I can buy with the money I have to spend," Lyndon said. "It's totally unrealistic to focus on some sheep because they sell for \$3,000 — and we don't have that kind of money."

Talking about money, the brother and sister pool the prize money and the expenses. They are saving it toward college. Lyndon plans to study architecture while the thought of being a corporate lawyer fascinates Lisa.

Lyndon, who is 18 years old, will be a senior at Lampeter Strasburg and Lisa, who is 14, will be a freshman.

"When I'm too old to compete in 4-H, I'd like to start a Dorset breeding flock," Lyndon said. "I always liked Dorsets the best of all the breeds, but it is harder to win a show with one than with a blackfaced sheep."

Despite most judges preferring black-faced sheep, Lyndon is pleased that he did win a show with a Dorset last year.

"It won't be nearly as much fun to compete when Lyndon can't anymore," said Lisa, who believes that their sheep projects have formed a close bond between them.

"Most of my friends don't understand why I like to raise sheep," Lisa said. "They say, 'Aw, you're going to sell such a cute sheep and have it killed?"

Lisa said, "When you know you're raising them for that purpose, you don't get nearly as



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Nevertheless, Lisa, who does much of the cooking since her mother manages the Kitchen Kettle House in Intercourse, admits that she can't cook lamb because it would be too hard knowing that she had raised it.

Since Lyndon works part time at a shoe store and part time in his dad's and uncle's landscaping business (R & R Landscaping) during the summer, he doesn't spend as much time with the sheep as Lisa does. He also was part of a mission team that worked at a retirement home in Florida.

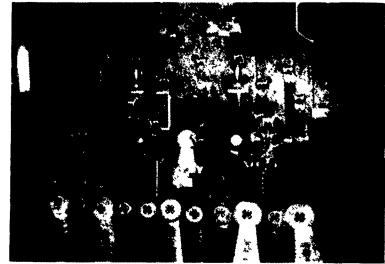
Lisa estimates that she spends one hour feeding the sheep each morning and three hours feeding and exercising them in the

"I used to like taking care of the sheep better than showing them," Lisa said, "but now I like showing

As far as a favorite breed, Lisa said, "Suffolk, crossbred, Hampshires — I like them all. But Dorsets seem to be calmer.'

When Lisa is inside the house and hears the sheep bleating, she can tell each one by its bleat. "The smaller ones bawl more," she said. "We got a laid-back olf named Frank who never bawls."

The siblings' parents are Lloyd and Laura Reiff. They have a 21-year-old brother Lloyd, who never got into sheep showing, but showed steers.



These trophies, ribbons, and plaques show the success the Reiffs had in one year of sheep competition. Each year, the Reiffs put the previous year's trophies and ribbons in the attic and begin with a fresh accumulation of awards.

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