

Bedford Selects Two For Wool Promotion

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SCHELLSBURG (Bedford Co.) — Tracy Henderson, daughter of Wayne and Elissa Henderson of Schellsburg, was selected "Lamb and Wool Queen," of Bedford County at the annual banquet held recently.

First runner-up is Tracy's good friend and fellow shepherd, Laurie

Bero, daughter of Edward and Rosemary Bero of Alum Bank.

Tracy is the quite proud owner of 75 Romney, Corriedale, and Natural Colored sheep. She has won many awards in competition at the Bedford County Fair, Maryland State Sheep and Wool Competition, KILE, and the Spomerset County Jackpot Show. She also participated in the Keystone Stud



Laurie Bero, left, first runner-up, and Tracy Henderson, Bedford County Lamb and Wool Queen, pose with three of Tracy's sheep, Onyx, Olympia, and Obella. All three sheep will be the center of Tracy's sheep competition this year.



Tracy and Laurie spinning wool. Tracy's cat likes to get in on the act.

Ram and Ewe sale.

Her proudest moments in sheep competition came with winning Master Shepherd at Somerset and first place in the lead line at Maryland.

Laurie owns 30 to 35 tunis Suffolk Crossbreeds or Commercial Sheep. She has likewise competed in the Bedford County Fair, Maryland State Sheep Wool Festival, and the Somerset County Jackpot Show.

Her outstanding awards have been as master fitter and showman at the Bedford County Fair for several years.

Both girls raise their sheep for meat, selling the wool, and saving some for themselves to do their own spinning.

Both are excellent spinners and belong to a local wool spinning organization. They also knit and have a wardrobe of handknitted

sweaters.

"We've done everything from shearing to knitting," says Tracy. Local sheep shearer, Karl Kaufman has been giving the girls lessons in shearing and says they both do a good job.

The girls, both freshmen at Chestnut Ridge High School and members of the Chestnut Ridge FFA, are presently working hard for the upcoming Maryland event. "It's a special time," Tracy says. "We compete with more than 1,000 sheep."

Maryland's State Sheep and

Wool competition is held the first weekend in May at the Howard County Fairgrounds. In addition to the competition, there will be demonstrations of many wool related crafts.

The Bedford County Sheep and Wool producers will hold their annual field day event in July at the Bedford County Fairgrounds.

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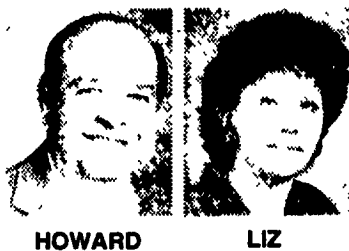
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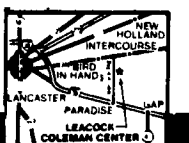
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