

# 'Fully Popped' Exhibitors Win Awards

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— "Four-H members are like popcorn kernels. Some never fully pop and others fully explode," said Tracy Bollinger.

As president of the Woolies Club, Bollinger addressed about 250 persons who attended the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet held February 10 at the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy.

One of those members who "fully exploded in leadership and showmanship skills" is Lyndon Reiff of Strasburg who received the Shepherd of the Year award, a \$150 savings bond, and a rotating trophy.

When Reiff reflects on his eight-year involvement in the 4-H Woolies Club, he said that the details of the fairs and the championships seem to blur together.

"The things that I do remember are the friendships and the valuable lessons I've learned through my 4-H career," he said.

In recent years, 19-year-old Lyndon won championship after championship with his top quality lambs. During the past show season, his sister, Lisa, showed his lambs while he completed a six-month course at Lifeway Training School in New Zealand.

"Although I did not participate in many 4-H activities, I did call upon the responsibility, leadership skills, and hard work, which were all principles I have learned and refined through my experiences in 4-H," he said.

Lyndon, the son of Lloyd and Laura Reiff, of Strasburg, said that

zabethtown High School and is headed for Penn State to study animal science.

With nine years of involvement in the 4-H Woolies Club, Tracy said that he would like to continue the legacy his parents, Gerald and Helen Tracy, began by passing on their love for sheep.

The Novice Shepherd Award went to 12-year-old Sarah Zurin, the daughter of Gary and Judy Zurin of Mount Joy. For her dedication and leadership during her three years of 4-H involvement, Sarah received a sheep blanket.

Twelve-year-old Delvin Kroit of New Danville received the Red Rose 4-H Award, a tribute to Max Smith. Delvin, the son of Cindy Kroit, earned the award through his sportsmanship and perseverance.

Best Woolies Club Record Book awards went to Jessica Schmidt and Keith Bollinger. Best beef record book went to Ryan Donough.

A partial listing of other awards includes the following:

**County 4-H Beef Roundup:** Casey High, grand champion steer; Ryan Donough, Reserve champion steer; Jay Hess, champion showman; and Jason Stoltzfus, reserve champion showman.

**Pa. Farm Show:** Brad Linton, grand champion steer; John Hess, Angus Class Winner; Jay Hess, senior champion showman; and Ryan Donough, best beef record book.

**County 4-H Sheep Roundup awards:** Jerry Bollinger, champion market lamb; Lisa Reiff,

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in his travels, he came to the conclusion: "That we are very blessed to have such an organization as 4-H. It not only is fun and exciting but it teaches us skills and values that are applicable to all aspects of life in our community, our country, and our world."

Top 4-H'ers in both the Woolies Club and in the Red Rose Beef Club were recognized for past achievements.

Jay Hess received the Jason L. Weaver Memorial Leadership Award given to the person who best upholds the motto "to make the best better."

Jay, who is also president of the Beef Club, said that during his eight-year involvement with the club, his enthusiasm never dwindled.

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The 19-year-old is the son of Abe and Janie Hess, Conestoga, and is part owner of a hog farm.

The \$250 Woolies Club Scholarship provided by the Gerald Engle family went to Mark Tracy. The 18-year-old is a senior at Eli-

zabethtown High School and is headed for Penn State to study animal science. reserve champion market lamb; Kerra Allen, supreme champion ewe; Jessica Stoltzfus, champion bred and owned ewe; Derick Bollinger, champion novice showman; Mark Tracy, champion showman; Lisa Reiff, reserve champion showman; Keith Bollinger, champion carcass lamb; Wendall Landis, reserve champion carcass lamb; and Kerra Allen, Ladies Lead Line.

**Pa. Farm Show:** Lisa Reiff, champion lightweight market lamb; Lyndon Reiff, champion middleweight market lamb; and Regina Landis, champion intermediate showman.

**Other awards:** Tracy Bollinger, Woolies Club President Award; and Sarah Boyd (junior), Keith Bollinger and Jessica Schmidt (senior), Best Woolies Club Record Book.

Junior livestock judging team members, Amy Bollinger, Gerald Boyd, Regina Landis, and Travis Donough were recognized for being on the team placing third in Pennsylvania.

The senior livestock judging team also placed third in the state. Members are Tracy Bollinger, Jay Hess, Dale Livengood, and Lisa Reiff.



These exhibitors receive top awards at the Lancaster County 4-H banquet. Lyndon Reiff, seated, holds the trophy for Shepherd of the Year. From left, Sarah Zurin, Novice Shepherd of the Year; Jay Hess, Jason L. Weaver Memorial Leadership Award; and Mark Tracy, Woolies Club scholarship winner.



Recipients of the best record book awards are, from left, Jessica Schmidt, Keith Bollinger, and Ryan Donough.

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