

# Novel Fashions Paraded In Bedford Leadline

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — Entrants were plentiful for the annual leadline contest at the Bedford County Fair.

Taking place on opening day under a clear blue sky on an August Sunday minus heat and humidity, the competition for the various classes was keen.

Many of the numerous spectators were heard murmuring, "I'm glad I'm not a judge."

The first three competitors brought a chorus of "Oohs," and "Ayaahs," from the audience and immaculate, wool donned, 3-4- and 5-year olds paraded their groomed and decorated sheep.

Codi Clapper, Bedford, placed first; Amanda Stanton, Clearville, second; and Beau Dull, Manns Choice, third.

In the step up in age category, it was Kayla Dull of Manns Choice, first and Rebecca Lohr, New Paris, second.

Fashionable teenagers wearing handmade woolen fashions were difficult to judge but Laurie Bero, Bedford County's Lamb and Wool Queen, placed first. She had sheared, carded, dyed, and knitted her wool sweater. Beth Sarver and Carissa Fochtman tied for second.

Laurie Bero also won the handmade portion of the contest in a wool blazer and skirt she made herself.

Family pairs brought Beau Dull and her little brother back into the ring to place first over Kayla Dull and her little brother.

In children's novelty competition, Amanda Stanton placed first in a "Cinderella and the Prince," costume. Second was Levi Clapper who pulled an obstinate dinosaur sheep around the ring while Ben Sollenberger placed third.

Ashley Lassinger won narrowly over Rebecca Lohr in the next age category of Lead Line.

Children in the school-age portion of the novelty competition went all out with everything from a bride and groom to a lobster fisherman.

Placing first was Allen Lassinger as the groom with his bride dressed sheep. Second was Cody Waltemire; third, Stephen Sweet; fourth, Mindy Faupel; fifth, Morgan Elliott; and sixth, Megan Faupel.

Teenagers also had their bout with the novelty themes. Thomas Bowser placed first and brought down the grandstand with his own impersonation of a ballet dancer with his ballet-dressed sheep. Both did a few fancy kicks.

Abbie Whitesell dressed as a flower with her butterfly winged sheep was second and a Minnie Mouse/Mickey Mouse combo won a third for Kim Sarver.

Heather and Margaret Schaefer, twins, were fourth and fifth as a clown vet and a butcher.



Kayla and Beau Dull await the judging results.

## Clagett Becomes Md. FFA President

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WESTMINSTER, Md. — On June 23, Tracy Clagett of Taylorsville, Md. was named the new president of the Maryland Chapter of the National FFA Organization on the last night of the state FFA conference held in Hagerstown, Md.

She fulfilled her first duty that evening, leading the closing ceremony. The 18-year-old is a 1994 graduate of South Carroll High School in Carroll county and will be entering Carroll Community College in the fall with plans to transfer to Western Maryland College in the future.

"I've always wanted to do this. It's been a dream," Clagett said of running for office. "But I thought I might get another office, like secretary or something...not

president!"

Six people applied for the six statewide officer positions, each taking a 50-page test on FFA knowledge along with their application. Last year's officers interviewed and tested the applicants on June 4. The interview, which took place in Annapolis, took six hours and was held on the same day as Clagett's high school prom. "She rushed home from the interview to get ready for her prom!" said Sherry Clagett, mother of the new FFA president.

Tracy Clagett's FFA interests have included showing her steer, participating in livestock judging and public speaking, and learning about agriculture in general. She follows her sister Kelly's footsteps into FFA leadership. Kelly held the state office of recorder a few years back.



Tracy Clagett

Since taking office, Clagett attended one day of the FFA State Presidents Conference in Washington, D.C. which was held July 25-30. She had hoped to lobby congress to support agricultural education. But a fall she took just before the conference sent Tracy to the hospital and home after just one day there. She was diagnosed with a broken rib and spinal swelling and ordered to bed rest, so the new vice president, Christine Daley carried out the task alone. Tracy Clagett's fall didn't stop her from attending the National Leadership Conference for state officers in New Jersey August 1-4. She returned home just in time to participate in the end of the Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair, held August 1-6. In the fall, Tracy Clagett plans to start traveling the state to visit chapters, hold meetings, and attend banquets as well as to judge FFA contests.

She plans to pursue an education in deaf education and agricultural communications. But she won't lose sight of another one of her dreams along the way. As a singer, she performed live in front of 3,500 people at the National FFA Talent Convention last November in Kansas City, Mo.

She has also performed at school and 4-H as well as other FFA events. Clagett dreams of becoming a country singer one day.



Laurie Bero, Bedford County's Lamb and Wool Queen, placed first in teen competition in her handmade, sheep to sweater, creation.



Allen Lassinger leads his obedient bride around the ring for novelty leadline judging. The sheep comes complete with a garter on her right leg.



Codi Clapper looks for encouragement from the audience.

## FFA HAPPENINGS

Laura Phillips of the Tulpehocken FFA Chapter of Bernville attended the 1994 Washington Leadership Conference in the nation's capitol. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.

The week-long program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills, develop an understanding of the nation's heritage and prepare for leadership roles in

their chapters and communities. Sessions on self-confidence, goal setting, and team building were combined with discussions on personal development, motivation, and citizenship to help members become effective leaders in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Visits to Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson Memorial, and other historic sights in Washington were included in the conference.

The chapter's FFA adviser is Christian Williams and Barry Kelner.



Laura Phillips, left, of Mohrsville is greeted in Washington, D.C., by conference director Kimberly Andersen, right, of Clarion, Iowa.