

Lancaster 4-H Fair Showcases Talents, Skills, Perseverance

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LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.)— Fair time arrived in Lancaster County last week with the advent of the 4-H Fair. The three-day event held at the West Lampeter Fairgrounds was a showcase of the talents and hardwork of hundreds of county 4-H'ers.

Parents, friends, neighbors, and even an entourage from Poland showed up to admire the completed projects displayed and to see students compete in shows from cooking to sheep.

Intertwined with serious showing were pygmy goats playing musical tires, a scarecrow competition, and even a sleepover for members.

Lisa Reiff maintained her reputation by again showing the champion market lamb and being named champion showman. The 17-year-old from Strasburg, named the champion market lamb Louisville for good luck. It was the second or third year Lisa showed the champion at the 4-H Roundup and the third or fourth year she earned the top showmanship

award. Later in the day, the sheep was sold for \$5.75.

Jason Stoltzfus gave solid competition with his home breed Suffolk, which was named reserve champion. The 18-year-old said that this is his next-to-last show after many years of showing as he heads off for college this month. His 117-pound reserve sold for \$3 a pound to Willie the Butcher.

Chris Herr, who judged the event, said that the top eight sheep in their respective classes would be comfortable in any show. "They have muscling with style and would be on the top end of rail competition," he said.

Herr donated his earnings as judge back to the county 4-H judging team, which won state competition and will head to Louisville for national competition in December.

In showmanship, Travis Donough took the reserve champion placing. He showed the champion at the hog show the day before.

In breeding sheep competition, Jill Hoffines, took the supreme champion title with her Southdown ewe. It was her first time to win a

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Chris Herr, judge for the 4-H Fair sheep show, returns his earnings to Chet Hughes to go toward the expenses of the 4-H Livestock Judging Team that will compete in national competition in December. Members of the judging team are Regina Landis, left; Gerald Boyd, next to Herr, and Lisa Reiff, right. Another team member Dale Livinggood is missing from the picture.



Lisa Reiff's grand champion 119-pound market lamb sells for \$5.75 a pound to R&R Landscaping, Pheasant Ridge Park, and Hurst Tire Service. Representing the three companies is Lisa's dad Lloyd.



Senior leadline winners, from left, are Cathy Musser, first; Sara Strickler, second, and Kerra Allen, third.



Willie the Butcher pays \$3 a pound for Jason Stoltzfus's 117-pound reserve champion market lamb.



Poland 4-H exchange students attend the 4-H Fair with host families. The students stayed in the homes of local 4-H'ers during their four-week visit. Their observations of Americans ranged from, "Americans are too lazy because they have so many drive thrus," to "People here like to move (exercise)." Dagmara Dudzik summed up the group's overall feeling by saying, "We love our American people." Back row at left is Connie Rutt who coordinated the visit and went to Poland three times as a 4-H instructor; Kim McLaughlin (a local 4-H'er), fourth from left, Eric Wenger (a local 4-H'er) sixth from left, are with guests Agnieszka Owsiana, Tellimena Lester, and Stawomira Laszczak, Andrzej Apolnarski, Aga Sowula, Dagmara Dudzik, Szymon Koronowski, and Wojciech MacKowiak.