



Jessica Stoltzfus and her market lamb place first in senior leadline competition at the Manheim Farm Show.



Amy Haines and her lamb Maverick catch the judges' eyes for a second place win in junior competition.

## Shepherd's Leadline Attracts Record Crowd At Manheim

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — In an elegant display of wool fashions, Manheim Farm Show ended its opening night on Monday with the Shepherd's Leadline.

Twelve contestants dressed in wool finery led their favorite sheep groomed to their showy best around the exhibition circle.

The competition was divided into two categories, junior and senior.

Senior division winners were Jessica Stoltzfus, first; Sarah Zurin, second; and Kathy Musser, third.

Junior division winners were Laura Newcomer, first; Amy Haines, second; and Jessica Schmidt, third.

Jessica Stoltzfus wore a 60 percent wool blend brown vest with a blue, brown, and cream 100 percent wool plaid kilt. Her crossbred market lamb wore a color-coordinated wool scarf.

The 15-year-old senior winner is well known in livestock circles. She showed the supreme champion and grand champions at the Lancaster County 4-H Roundup and several fairs throughout the county. Jessica is the daughter of Frank and Irene Stoltzfus of Elizabethtown.

Sarah Zurin modeled a 100 percent wool navy button-down knit sweater with coordinating navy and green plaid slacks that are 70 percent wool. Her Dorset ewe lamb Holly wore a matching wool collar, a wool halter, and two bows, one on the rump and the other accenting her head.

Sarah is the 14-year-old daughter of Gary and Judy Zurin of Mount Joy. She is the secretary of the Lancaster 4-H Woolies Club, and enjoys raising and showing sheep. In addition to ribbons for her sheep in the last several years, Sarah has received the Novice Shepherd of the Year Award and the Pennsylvania Dorset Breeder's Youth of the Year Award.

In a red boiled 100 percent wool jacket with coordinating wool plaid shorts, Kathy Musser and her Suffolk-Border Leicester wearing a matching scarf placed third in senior competition.

Fourteen-year-old Kathy is the daughter of Ken and Linda Musser of Mount Joy. It's Kathy's second year with the county 4-H Woolies Club and she is raising three market lambs for her project.

In the junior division, Laura Newcomer topped the competition. She portrayed Molly McIntire, a collector's doll from "The American Girls Collection."

Laura wore a navy blue 100 percent wool sweater with a bright plaid pattern and a navy blue flared skirt made by her mother. A wool beret tilted at a jaunty angle and a red shoulder bag over her arm added to the portrayal.

Laura's Suffolk ewe lamb wore a matching plaid wool scarf with self fringe, red ear bows and a beret in wool.

The 11-year-old winner is the daughter of Paul and Eileen Newcomer of Mount Joy.

Dressed in a charcoal gray and red plaid wool skirt and red vest that she and her mother made, Amy Haines and her Hampshire lamb Maverick, wearing a matching wool scarf, took second place. The nine-year-old is a member of the 4-H Woolies Club and gave a spinning, weaving, and wool dyeing demonstration at Conewago Elementary School.

Third-place winner Jessica Schmidt wore a 100 percent shetland wool sweater with a sheep pattern knitted across the front, a wool kilt skirt, and a wool felted hat.

The 13-year-old daughter of Peter and Laurie Schmidt, Jessica has won numerous ribbons for her sheep and has earned awards for Novice Shepherd of the Year and showmanship.



Senior leadline participants line up before the judges. From left: Sara Strickler, Jessica Schmidt, Kerra Allen, Sarah Zurin, and Kathy Musser.

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