

Wooly Fashions Parade At Manheim Farm Show



First-place winner in the male division is Radell Peters, who models a rugby sweater his mother made while attending sheep competitions during the fall season.

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Manheim Lead Line added a whole new category to the competition this year — boys. In previous years, boys competed right along with the girls in garnering points for modeling wool fashions and for sheep handling. But this year, competition was broken into three categories — junior, senior, and male categories.

Carrying a shepherd's crook, Radell Peters led a troop of four male contestants around the show ring at the Monday night competition. Radell modeled a handknit wool sweater, wool slacks, and a wool beret. His sheep, Stitch, wore a matching wool beret.

Radell's mother knit her son's sweater while attending sheep shows throughout the county. Visitors to sheep show events watched as the handspun wool was transformed into a handsome raglan, rugby sweater with a bold navy blue and white horizontal stripe.

A seventh grader at Mt. Calvary Christian School and church youth

group, Radell, Middletown, said that he loves sheep, which are a big part of his life.

Taking the senior division lead was Kathy Musser, a former winner at the annual competition. She modeled a slightly flared brown and blue plaid dress with 19 covered buttons. Her lamb, Lebon, means love in German. Kathy is the daughter of Ken and Linda Musser of Mt. Joy and is a sophomore at Mt. Calvary Christian School.

The junior division winner was Amy Haines, who modeled a long rust-colored vest with coordinated plaid walking shorts handmade by her mother. Amy led her sheep Mary around the ring. Although only a sixth grader at Manheim Elementary School, Amy often gives demonstrations on spinning and weaving wool.

Other winners included Sara Strickler, second-place in the senior division. Sara modeled a cranberry and plum wool plaid outfit with a black vest and matching beret. Sara is FFA secretary for both her school and the county.

Third-place senior winner was Rochelle Newcomer. The 14-year-

old daughter of Paul and Eileen Newcomer wore a black wool jacket and straight houndstooth wool skirt. Rochelle led her Suffolk named Mr. Fred to victory. Rochelle is 4-H member for six years and is an eighth grader at Kraybill's Mennonite School.

Second place in the junior division went to Ashley Funk. The fifth grader modeled wool plaid pants, vest, and a coordinated corduroy jacket. Her lamb wore coordinating neck and leg wraps. She is the daughter of Scott and Celeste of Millersville.

Third place in the junior division was won by Katye Allen of Manheim. Wearing a plaid outfit with matching beret, Katye led her Cheviot named Easter Bunny around the ring. The daughter of Keith and Kendy Allen, Katye is also known for pony riding and showing off the family's Chincoteague pony.

Michael and Richard Musser placed second and third respectively in the boys' competition. Michael wore a navy wool sweater, putty-colored pants, and navy beret. His lamb wore a matching bow tie.

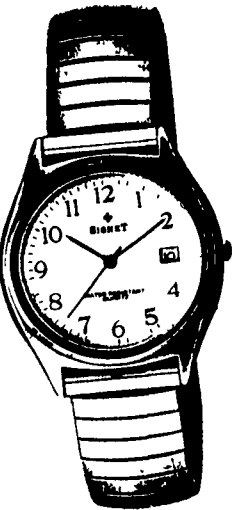
Richard wore a gray, blue, and maroon sweater with coordinated hat made by his mother. His lamb Hyacinth sported a long tie.

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Rochelle Newcomer places third in the senior division.



Kathy Musser of Mount Joy took first-place honors in the senior division lead line at Manheim Farm Show.



Junior division entries line up for judging. From left are Nicole Hess, Laura Newcomer, Bobbi Bentzel, Ashley Funk, Amy Haines, and Katye Allen.

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