Livengood Trio Taking High Spirits, Good Animals To Farm Show



The Livengood siblings all plan to participate in state Farm Show events. Erin holds the lamb she intends to show along with a steer, and is joined by David, who is to square dance, and Angela, who also intends to show a steer and a lamb.

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BOSWELL (Somerset Co.) — Togetherness is an operative word of three high-spirited Livengood siblings who have been itching for the state Farm Show dates to arrive.

Closed winter roads last January sabotaged their plans to attend the blizzard-ridden, 1996 event.

Angela, 18, Erin, 16 and David, 13, children of David and Rose Livengood, say state shows are exciting and the competition keen.

Usually, they stay three nights and four days, participating in a variety of events.

Give her any animal and Angela is happy.

"I like to be around animals and to work with them," she said. "I'm planning to become a veterinarian."

With 10 years of experience showing, she's taking a Chi Maine Angus steer and a Suffolk lamb to the event. It will be her second experience appearing in Farm Show competition.

Hers was the Somerset County grand champion steer in 1995; the reserve champion Somerset County bred steer in 1993 and, in 1994, the reserve champion home grown lamb.

Erin met the previous owners of her registered purebred Shorthorn steer at the local jackpot show. Swinging a deal with them — a family from the state of Indiana — to purchase the fellow, seemed a smart move.

After he nailed the reserve middleweight champion title at the 1996 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (K.I.L.E.), Erin, a Farm Show first-timer, had no regrets.

With the Shorthorn, she was also named the county exhibitor at the 1996 Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show.

In 1994 she had the grand champion steer at Somerset County Fair and the county bred champion. Hers was named the reserve champion county bred steer in 1995.

Market lamb competition in 1991 found her lamb winning a reserve grand champion banner. At the Farm Show she is also showing a lamb.

David is to be gussied up and swingin' his partner in his favorite square dancing.

A 1996 junior master showman at the Somerset County Fair, he and some three busloads of square dancers from Somerset will promenade in the show arena.

"You miss a day of school," he replied, when asked why he has square danced for the last five years.

Perhaps when she hears that her pupil correctly executed every "number" called by the caller, it will make his absenteeism easier for his math teacher to accept.

The active Steaks and Chops 4-H Club members have varying affection for animals. Give David, however, sports any day of the week, not critters — except steers.

"I don't like lambs because they are too small," he remarked. "So I play sports more than take care of animals," the all-star little league

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