

'Miles' Goes The Distance At Denver Sheep Show

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — Instead of nicknaming the lamb "Traveler," as the man who helped transport the wether suggested, Rachel Day knew better.

At the suggestion of a good friend, she decided to call the market lamb "Miles" — as in the saying, you know, "Miles to go before I sleep . . ."

Through a series of mishaps and miscalculations, the lamb that she purchased from Ohio traveled to Pennsylvania by way of New Jersey — at least that was the plan.

As it turned out, it took several attempts for a friend of the family, Dr. Robert Herr, to finally pick up "Miles" and bring him home.

Luckily for Rachel, it all worked out in the end — because on Thursday evening she won grand champion market lamb at the Denver Fair.

Rachel, 15, daughter of Cliff and Anna Day, is in the 10th grade at Garden Spot High School. Instead of taking the suggested name "Traveler" for her 135-pound heavyweight Suffolk crossbred from Herr, she took the advice of friend Gina Baumiller to call it "Miles."

But even Rachel knows that names can only do so much to win the attention of the judge. It was the work Rachel put into feeding and exercising the market wether — including stepping the ram up a ramp 10-15 feet in length almost every day — that gave her the market championship.

Rachel said she will be showing sheep at the Ephrata and New Holland fairs.

In the end, show judge David Lytle, a Hampshire breeder from New London, said that with the amount of meat on the lamb, it was obviously the winner. He said it simply stood out as superior to the other lambs.

Rachel's wether won out over the reserve champion, the middle weight champion shown by Ryan Donough.

In this case, Ryan, 13, son of Ed and LaRue Donough, Manheim, chose the nickname "Taz." As to who suggested the name, Ryan simply said that "it needed a name," and the TV cartoon "Tazmanian Devil" provided it.

By the way — the lamb is pretty mild-mannered, compared to its pen-and-ink TV counterpart.

Ryan is in the 8th grade at Manheim Central Middle School. He indicated the Suffolk crossbred wether, at 11 pounds, is homebred — from the family's own ewes and rams. He won champion at Denver a couple of years ago, according to his mother, LaRue.

Ryan said he put Taz through a devilishly rigorous hurdle program. The lamb was run in a 30-foot, circular track with six hurdles, like those used by track and field stars. The wether got 20 laps through the hurdles every day.

Ryan will be showing more sheep at Ephrata Fair, New Holland Farmers Fair, Manheim Farm Show, and the state Farm Show.

Travis Redmond, 13, son of Jean and Henry Redmond, Mohn-ton, won grand champion ram with his Shropshire ram lamb, "Buddy." Travis, Twin Valley Middle School 7th grader, won reserve champion last year at Denver. Travis will be showing at several fairs, including Reading, Oley, New Holland, and the state farm show.

Lytle said that the ram is "extremely long in the loin" and shows a great bit of character for a

Shropshire.

Reserve went to Jay Zimmerman, 17, son of Jay and Joann Zimmerman, Reinholds. He won with a Southdown ram, "Pioneer." He's a junior at Cocalico High School.

Lytle was impressed with the Suffolk spring ewe, which he thought was an "extremely thick-topped ewe. It stands on a good set of feet and legs," he said. Lytle noted that the sheep is "one of the more correct sheep we had to look at today."

The supreme ewe was shown by Andrew Gerhart, 10, son of Glenn and Cathy Gerhart, Reinholds. Andrew showed a spring ewe obtained from Lyn Lee Farms, State College. Andrew is in the 5th grade at Adamstown Elementary and will be showing at various fairs, including Ephrata, New Holland, Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE), Manheim, and state Farm Show.

The reserve ewe was shown by Jimmy Zimmerman, 13, son of Jay and Joann Zimmerman, Reinholds. Jimmy showed a Hampshire spring ewe. He's in the 8th grade at Cocalico. He will be showing at Ephrata, New Holland, KILE, Manheim, and state Farm Show.

At Denver there were a total of 24 exhibitors, 44 market sheep, 61 breeding sheep — in all, 10 different breeds of sheep. Following is a list of show placings.

DENVER FAIR SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

SHOWMANSHIP

4th Year and Over: 1. Travis Redmond. 2. Jay Zimmerman 3. Travis Donough.
2nd and 3rd Year Exhibitors: 1. Becky Day 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Kellie Graeff.
1st Year Exhibitors: 1. Rachel Day. 2. Joseph Hibshman. 3. Dallassa Bowman.

CHAMPION SHOWMAN

Travis Redmond
RESERVE
Jay Zimmerman

MARKET LAMBS

Lightweight Class 1 (78-95 lbs): 1. Travis Donough 2. Travis Donough 3. Stacy Haines.

Class 2 (96-98 lbs): 1. Ryan Donough 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Jay Zimmerman.

Class 3 (100-104 lbs): 1. Radell Peters 2. Jimmy Zimmerman. 3. Amy Haines.

Lightweight Champion. Ryan Donough Reserve Travis Donough

Medium Weight Class 4 (106-107 lbs): 1. Ryan Donough 2. Radell Peters. 3. Jay Zimmerman

Class 5 (108-110 lbs): 1. Travis Donough 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Radell Peters.

Class 6 (111-112 lbs): 1. Ryan Donough 2. Gerald Boyd. 3. Becki Day.

Medium Weight Champion. Ryan Donough Reserve. Travis Donough.

Heavyweight Class 7 (114 lbs.): 1. Gerald Boyd 2. Joseph Hibshman 3. Travis Redmond

Class 8 (116-120 lbs): 1. Joelynn Donough. 2. Gerald Boyd 3. Sarah Boyd.

Class 9 (121-135 lbs): 1. Rachel Day. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Jimmy Zimmerman

Heavyweight Champion. Rachel Day. Reserve Joelynn Donough

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB

Rachel Day
RESERVE
Ryan Donough

Pair of Market Lambs:

Class 1: 1. Ryan Donough. 2. Travis Donough 3. Jay Zimmerman.

Class 2: 1. Radell Peters 2. Joseph Hibshman 3. Amy Haines.

Class 3: 1. Joelynn Donough. 2. Jimmy Zimmerman 3. Travis Redmond

Class 4: 1. Rachel Day. 2. Gerald Boyd 3. Sarah Boyd.

Champion Pair Ryan Donough Reserve. Joelynn Donough

BREEDS CHEVIOT

Ewe 2 Years and Over: 1. Keith Bollinger 2. Keith Bollinger

Ewe 1 Year And Under 2: 1. Keith Bollinger.

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Keith Bollinger 2. Keith Bollinger.

Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Keith Bollinger.

Champion Ewe. Keith Bollinger. Reserve. Keith Bollinger

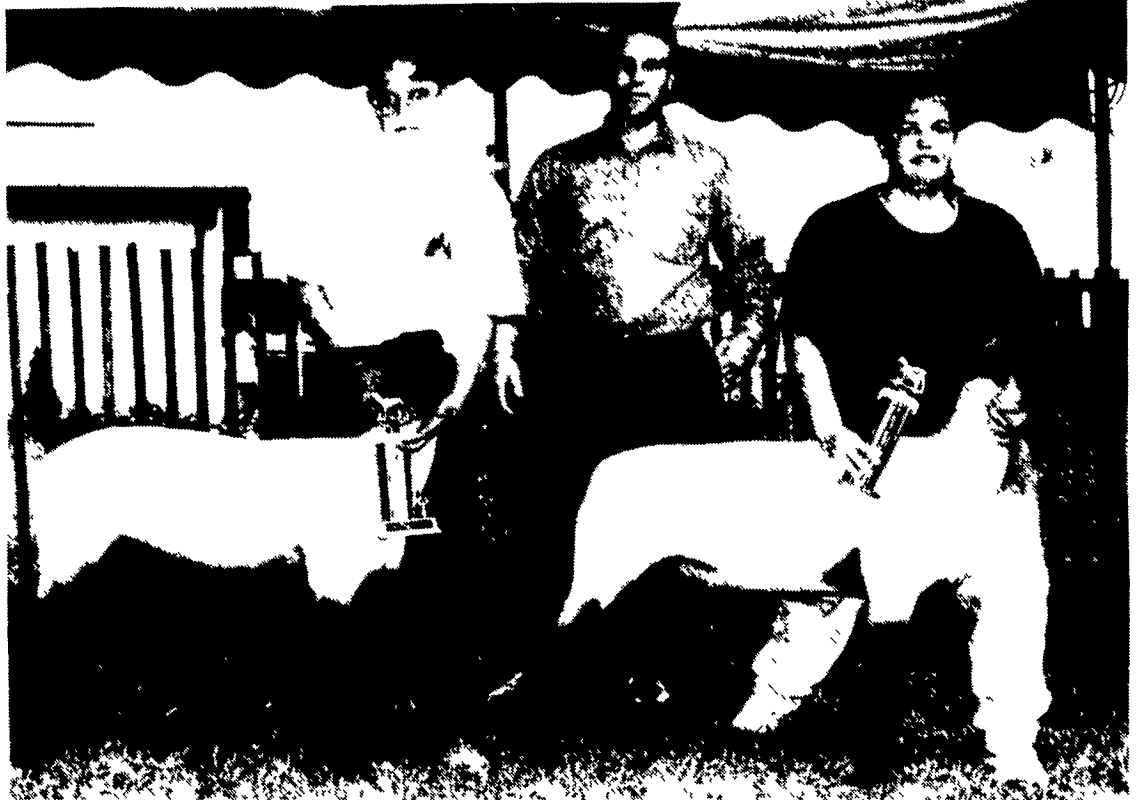
COLUMBIA

Ram 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Amy Haines

Ram Lamb Under 1 Year 1. Gabriel Bowman.

Champion Ram: Gabriel Bowman. Reserve: Amy Haines

Ewe 2 Years and Over 1. Gabriel Bowman 2. Amy Haines



Rachel Day, far right, won grand champion market lamb at Denver. From left, Ryan Donough, reserve champion; David Lytle, show judge; and Rachel.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Stacy Haines. 2. Amy Haines.

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Amy Haines. 2. Stacy Haines. 3. Amy Haines.

Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Amy Haines. 2. Stacy Haines.

Champion Ewe: Gabriel Bowman. Reserve: Stacy Haines.

Breeder's Flock: Amy Haines.

DORSET

Ram Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Radell Peters. Champion Ram: Radell Peters.

Ewe 2 Years and Over: 1. Radell Peters.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Radell Peters

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Radell Peters.

Champion Ewe: Radell Peters. Reserve: Radell Peters.

Breeder's Flock: 1. Radell Peters.

HAMPSHIRE

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman.

Spring Ewe Lamb 1. Jimmy Zimmerman.

2. Gerald Boyd.

Champion Ewe: Jimmy Zimmerman. Reserve: Jimmy Zimmerman.

JACOBS

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Radell Peters. Champion Ewe: Radell Peters.

LINCOLN

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Gabriel Bowman

Champion Ewe. Gabriel Bowman.

POLYPAY

Ram Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Dallassa Bowman

Champion Ram Dallassa Bowman.

Spring Ewe Lamb. 1. Dallassa Bowman. 2. Dallassa Bowman.

Two Ewe Lambs. 1. Dallassa Bowman. Champion Ewe: Dallassa Bowman. Reserve: Dallassa Bowman.

SHROPSHIRE

Ram Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Travis Redmond 2. Travis Redmond 3. Casey Seibert.

Champion Ram. Travis Redmond. Reserve. Travis Redmond.

Ewe 2 Years and Over 1. Casey Seibert 2. Casey Seibert. 3. Travis Redmond.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2 1. Travis Redmond. 2. Casey Seibert.

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Casey Seibert. 2. Travis Redmond. 3. Casey Seibert.

Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Casey Seibert. 2. Travis Redmond. 3. Derek Redmond.

Champion Ewe: Casey Seibert. Reserve: Travis Redmond.

SOUTHDOWN

Ram 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jay Zimmerman.

Ram Lamb Under 1 Year. 1. Jimmy Zimmerman.

Champion Ram: Jay Zimmerman. Reserve: Jimmy Zimmerman.

Ewe 2 Years and Over: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman 2. Jay Zimmerman.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Jimmy Zimmerman 3. Jay Zimmerman.

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman 2. Jimmy Zimmerman. 3. Jimmy Zimmerman.

Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Jay Zimmerman.

Champion Ewe: Jimmy Zimmerman. Reserve: Jimmy Zimmerman.

Breeder's Young Flock: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman.

Breeder's Flock: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Jay Zimmerman.

SUFFOLK

Ewe 2 Years and Over: 1. Andrew Gerhart

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Andrew Gerhart. 2. Keith Bollinger. 3. Andrew Gerhart.

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Champion Ewe: Reserve:



Ram champions at Denver. From left, Jay Zimmerman, reserve; David Lytle, judge; and grand champion, Travis Redmond.



Denver Fair ewe champions. From left, Jimmy Zimmerman, reserve; David Lytle, judge; Stephanie Anderson, Denver Fair queen; and Andrew Gerhart, champion.

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

Travis Redmond
RESERVE
Jay Zimmerman

GRAND CHAMPION EWES

Andrew Gerhart
RESERVE
Jimmy Zimmerman



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