

Youth Enter 160 Breeding Sheep In Junior Show

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time in his five years of showing at Farm Show that he made it to the reserve position.

"I raised this one myself," Eric said of the fall ewe lamb. "It takes a long time to get to this point."

Later, Eric competed in showmanship, and won the intermediate division. He is the son of Bruce and Sandy Cowden.

For the ninth year in a row, the champion and reserve champion Rambouillet was shown by Billy George Leib, 17. The woolly champion Rambouillet was also the grand champion at Maryland Sheep and Wool and at the All American Junior Show in Indiana.

Billy and his parents, Bob and Susie Leib operate Shepherd's Crook Farm in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County.

In the Hampshire breed, Kyle Fleener, showed the champion named Althea, which was also named the reserve champion in the open show.

Kyle, 13, said it was the first champion Hampshire he showed at Farm Show although he had previously had champion Southdowns.

Kyle is the son of Tim and Sara Fleener of Robeson, where they operate Blu-Acre Farm with his grandparents.

In the Merino breed, Jacob Gargas showed the champion and reserve. The 16-year-old son of Eileen and Paul Gargas raise 20 head at their Gargas Brothers Livestock Farm in Telford Montgomery County. Gargas also won the champion and reserve titles in the Oxford division. It was the first time that he showed Oxfords, although he has been showing Merinos for nine years.

In Montadale competition, Paul Fitzmiller, 17, showed the champion and Tricia Ebling showed the reserve.

The homebred ewe champion has royalty in the bloodlines according to Fitzmiller, who said the ram was supreme champion over all at the York Fair in 1995. "She likes to eat Doritas and potato chips just like her father," Paul said.

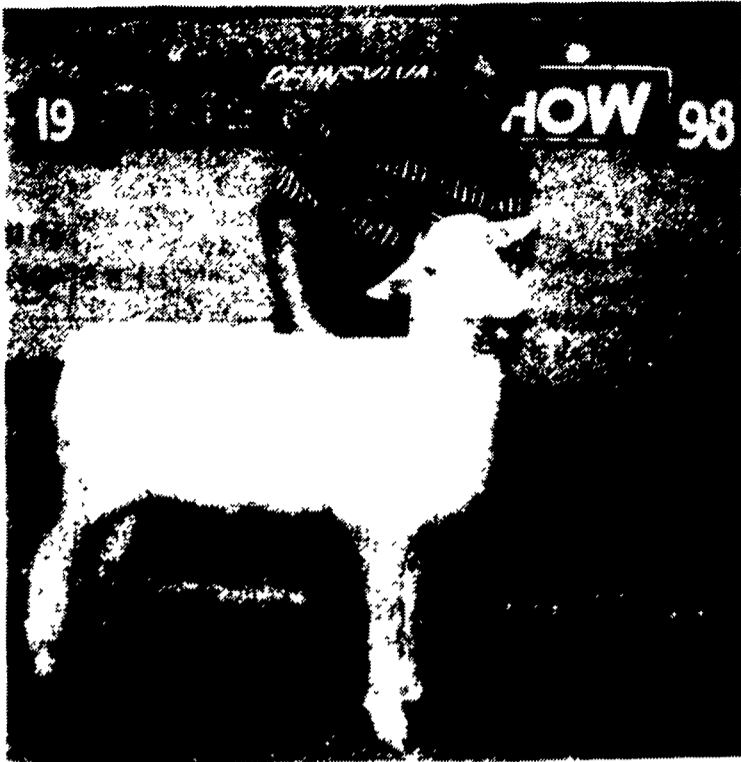
Paul, the son of Thelma Kitzmiller, had some other good things happen to him during the Farm Show. He was selected state FFA star farmer and was first in the senior division of the Junior Shepherd's contest.

In the Southdown breed, 13-year-old Jamie Fought took the championship in her first year of showing that breed. With dad John Fought, they raise about 50 brood ewes and 25 other head at their Sulfur Run Farm in Carlisle. The Foughts also showed another ewe that took became the champion Southdown ewe and the supreme champion over all in the meat breeds open show.

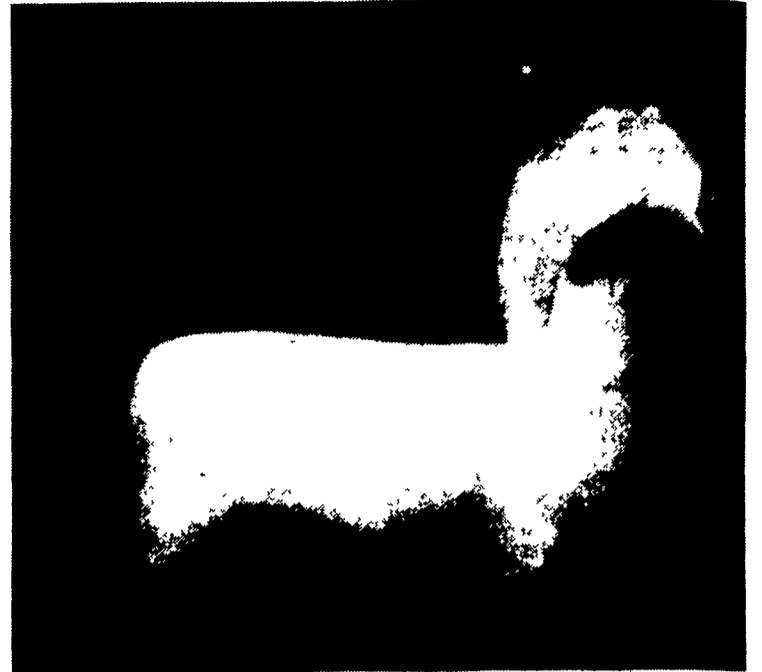
Jennifer Flinchbaugh showed the reserve champion Southdown.

In the Shropshire division, Tim Miller's homebred ewe Star shown the brightest. Tim, 12, is the son of David and Mary Miller. The family operates Movin' Acres Farm in Pennsburg, Bucks County. It was the second champion, who has been showing at the Farm Show since he as five years old.

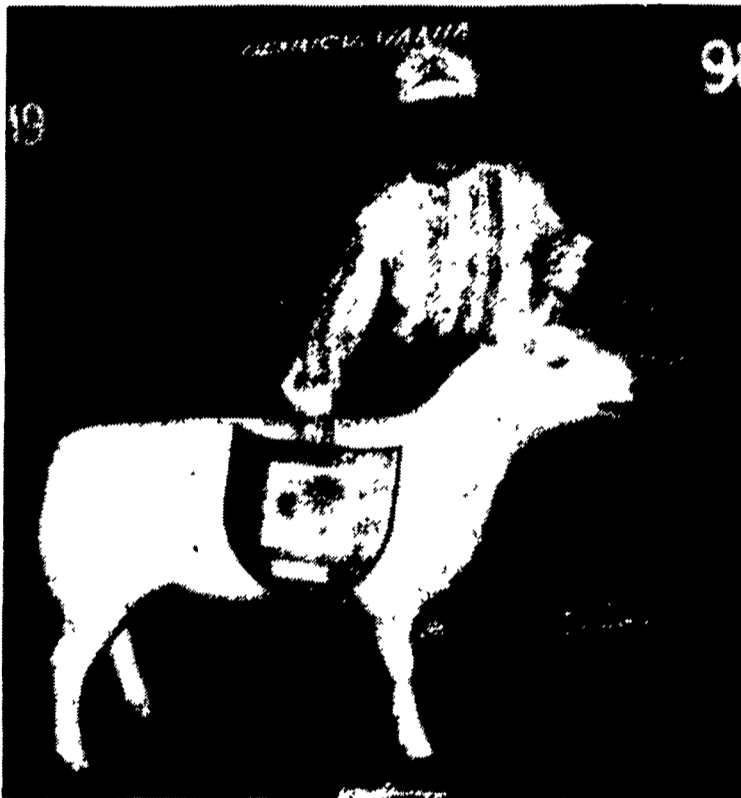
"Lots of practice," Jodie Chapman said of her skill in clinching the showmanship title at the state Farm Show. Judge Tim Hall commended her for her crisp presentation at all times, and straight, smooth movements in showing the sheep. the 17-year-old is the daughter



Dorset grand champion is shown by Billy George Leib, who also showed the champion and reserve champion in the Rambouillet competition.



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Newcomer Tony Haugh shows the grand champion Cheviot in the Junior breeding show.



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of Jeff and Joan Chapman of Washington County, where they have 100 head of Montadales. It was the sixth year Jodie showed sheep at the state show, but only

the second year that she competed for showmanship.

A listing of show results will appear in next week's issue of *Lancaster Farming*.



Kelly Glaser of Limekill Farm dominates as champion of the Corriedale breed.