

Lampeter Sheep Show Requires 'Articulate' Showmanship

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LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.)
 — When April Leaman clutched trophies for showmanship and the grand champion 4-H market lamb at the Lampeter Fair, her competitors knew she had earned the awards in an unusual and challenging show.

Poised and articulate, April explained the difference between this show and other county shows.

She said, "The difference was in application. Today the judge was testing for knowledge not only manual application.

Lamb exhibitors at the Lampeter Fair Sheep Show were intrigued by the different style of judging done by Barbara Herr Bambury, who owns B&B Sheep with 2,000 commercial ewes in Ohio.

Bambury individually questioned each exhibitor about matters pertaining to sheep care. From their answers during the showman-

ship competition, Bambury selected April, who is 15 years old, and Tiffany Dean, 11, and asked impromptu questions, which they needed to answer in the microphone for the audience to hear.

Both girls answered clearly and calmly. April was selected as the champion in showmanship and Tiffany as the reserve showmanship and the champion in fitting.

Bambury said, "One of the aspects of showmanship is public speaking. I think kids should be able to answer questions off the top of their heads. They should know what they are feeding their sheep. They should know how to set up a lamb to show off its best angle."

When the judge asked April to set up her lamb to show off its best angle, she immediately said the lamb's big, heavy, muscular leg was its most outstanding feature and set it up accordingly.

With a practiced eye, Bambury quickly selected the outstanding market lambs in both 4-H and FFA

competitions, which are held separately at Lampeter.

From 22 4-H entries, April's homebred lamb, named "Piggy," captured the judge's eye.

"It has thickness throughout, is firm with a square dock and is heavily muscled. When you get your hands on it, you appreciate how it handles," Bambury said.

April and her brother Brad Leaman have been showing in 4-H since they were eight-years-old. Their parents, David and Jackie Leaman, had purchased a few sheep years ago for something pretty to look at and mow the grass on their Willow Street property. When April entered 4-H, the family selected Suffolks, and have continued to upgrade the flock through breeding.

The Leamans are pleased to report that they have never bought a market lamb but always bred their own to show. They also showed champion pairs this year. April and Brad take turns picking the lambs they want to show and split the winnings, except for showmanship, between them.

The championship was a toss-up between April's and Tiffany's market lamb. Tiffany's "stylish" lamb was conditioned just right and handled tremendously, according to Bambury, who expressed disappointment that she could not select two champions.

In FFA competition, Kevin Boyer, 19, showed the champion market lamb, which was the middleweight champion.

"It's ideally conditioned, and puts together the prettiest package," Bambury said of the 20 FFA entries.

The purebred Hampshire was a Dinsmore lamb.

Boyer was 16 years old before he started showing sheep. His sheep raising has influenced him to become a farmer. Since he was graduated from Penn Manor High School, Boyer works full time on a farm and hopes to own his own farm someday.

Bambury has beginning roots in Narvon, Lancaster County. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, introduced her and her siblings to sheep showing at a young age. They went on to earn many state championships and several siblings continue to show sheep. Since 1993, B&B has shown the champion market lamb at the Ohio State Fair in addition to hundreds of the lambs they sell throughout the states.

Here is a partial listing of show results:

FFA MARKET LAMBS

LIGHT 1 Mike Hess, 2 Kristen Hollinger, 3 Emily Hubbs
 LIGHT MEDIUM 1 Tyler Swanson, 2 Kristen Hollinger, 3 Jessica Neff
 MEDIUM 1 Kevin Boyer, 2 Tyler Swanson, 3 Ryan Nelson
 LIGHT HEAVY 1 Kevin Boyer, 2 Jeremy



Judge Barbara Herr Bambury selects April Leaman, right, as champion in showmanship and Tiffany Dean as reserve champion showman and champion fitter. Bambury tested exhibitors' public speaking skills as well as manual application.



With the help of her brother Brad, April Leaman shows off the 4-H champion market lamb, a homebred Suffolk.



Kevin Boyer shows the FFA champion market lamb at the Lampeter Fair.

'Zimmermans' Dominate

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PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Alexandra Lauffer 2 Jonn-Marie Lauffer, 3 Alexandra Lauffer
 FLOCK 1 Alexandra Lauffer

SOUTHDOWN

YEARLING RAMS CHAMPION Jennifer Calhoun
 EWE LAMBS CHAMPION 1 Jen Zimmerman
 EWE LAMBS 2 Jay Zimmerman 3 Samantha Dissinger
 YEARLING EWES RESERVE CHAMPION Jen Zimmerman
 YEARLING EWES 2 Jay Zimmerman, 3 Jay Zimmerman
 AGED EWES 1 Jen Zimmerman 2 Jay Zimmerman
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Jen Zimmerman, 2 Jay Zimmerman, 3 Jay Zimmerman

SUFFOLK

RAM LAMBS CHAMPION Andrew Gerhart
 RAM LAMBS 2 Andrew Gerhart
 EWE LAMBS 1 Andrew Gerhart 2 Andrew Gerhart
 YEARLING EWES CHAMPION Andrew Gerhart
 AGED EWES RESERVE CHAMPION Andrew Gerhart
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Andrew Gerhart, 2 Andrew Gerhart
 BREEDERS YOUNG 1 Andrew Gerhart

OTHER HORNED

RAM LAMBS CHAMPION Jen Zimmerman
 YEARLING EWES CHAMPION Jen Zimmerman
 YEARLING EWES RESERVE CHAMPION Jen Zimmerman
 AGED EWES 1 Jen Zimmerman
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Jen Zimmerman

OTHER JACOBS

EWE LAMBS 1 Amy Haines

OTHER LINCOLN

RAM LAMBS 1 Gabriel Bowman
 EWE LAMBS 1 Gabriel Bowman
 AGED EWES 1 Gabriel Bowman
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Gabriel Bowman

OTHER NATURAL COLOR

YEARLING RAMS 1 Gabriel Bowman
 EWE LAMBS 1 Ryan Donough, 2 Gabriel Bowman, 3 Gabriel Bowman
 YEARLING EWES 1 Gabriel Bowman
 AGED EWES 1 Gabriel Bowman
 FLOCK 1 Gabriel Bowman
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Gabriel Bowman, 2 Chuckie Bowman

OTHER OXFORD

EWE LAMBS CHAMPION 1 Joelynn Donough

OTHER POLYPAY

RAM LAMBS CHAMPION 1 Dallassa Bowman, 2 Kelsey Bowm n
 EWE LAMBS 1 Kelsey Bowman, 2 Dallassa Bowman, 3 Kelsey Bowman
 YEARLING EWES CHAMPION Kelsey Bowman
 YEARLING EWES 2 Dallassa Bowman
 AGED EWES RESERVE CHAMPION Kelsey Bowman
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Kelsey Bowman 2 Dallassa Bowman
 BREEDERS YOUNG 1 Kelsey Bowman
 YEARLING EWES CHAMPION Derick Bollinger
 YEARLING EWES 2 Denck Bollinger
 AGED EWES RESERVE CHAMPION Denck Bollinger
 PAIR OF BREEDING 1 Denck Bollinger

Sheep, Wool Growers To Meet

CENTER MORELAND (Wyoming Co.) — The Wyoming County Sheep and Wool Producers Association will conduct its annual meeting and roast lamb dinner here at the United Methodist Church, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9.

In recent years the association has opened reservations to the public on a first-received, first-accepted basis until the dining room capacity is filled. Reservations must be accompanied by payment of \$11 per person, postmarked no later than Saturday, Oct. 3, and addressed

Railing, 3 Ruth Frey
 HEAVY 1 Dan McMichael, 2 Garrett Neff, 3 Garrett Neff
 CHAMP FFA Kevin Boyer

4-H MARKET LAMBS

LIGHT 1 Loren Hershey, 2 Ben Myers, 3 Eliza Funk,
 LIGHT MEDIUM 1 Tiffany Dean, 2 Tiffany

Dean, 3 Allison Hughes
 MEDIUM 1 April Leaman, 2 Brad Leaman, 3 Anna Myers
 LT HEAVY 1 Brad Leaman, 2 Ashley Funk, 3 Abigail Funk
 HEAVY 1 April Leaman, 2 Amber Funk, 3 Jaymi McMichael
 CHAMP April Leaman

to Victor Decker, 1119 Sugar Hollow Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Hand-delivered reservations will be accepted by any association director as late as Monday, Oct. 5. Directors who can provide additional information and accept reservations are: Victor Decker, (717) 833-2486; Mark McCain, (717) 836-4890; Richard Dymond, (717) 388-6736; Richard Wenner, (717) 788-2915; Michael Joyce, (717)

256-3346; and Peter Dragon, (717) 639-5477.

The dinner hour will be followed by an educational program and a short business meeting. Mark Madden, regional Penn State Extension agronomist, will be the featured speaker. He will address the subject, "Identification and Control of Pasture Weeds." Non-members who attend the dinner will be welcomed but not obligated to attend the program.

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