

## Lebanon Fair's Goat Show Attracts Quality Kids

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North Cornwall (Lebanon Co.) — 4-H'ers learned a few tips about keeping kids in line during the Lebanon Fair's second 4-H market goat show this week.

Exhibitors participated in fitting, showmanship, and market goat classes. In the fitting classes Dr. Robert Herr, who judged the event, checked the ears, underneath the hind flank, hooves, tail, and belly for trimming accuracy and cleanliness of the animal.

The showmanship classes tested the patience and skill of the exhibitors as many of the goats danced and fidgeted in the

show ring. However the skills of the handler, rather than the animal on the leash, decided class placings.

"The showmanship class is one of the finest classes to win. You're on your own, you can't depend on the animal," said Herr.

Herr not only checked to see how well the owner had prepared the animal but asked the young exhibitors several questions.

"If you've spent a lot of time working with your animal you should have a name for it," said Herr, who not only asked the name of the animal but nomenclature for the goat. He also asked the participants the breed

name of their goat.

Weight class judging criteria included conformation, balance, thickness and finish of the animal.

"Eighty percent of the value of a meat goat is from the last rib back," said Herr, who looked for length in the winners.

The future of the meat goat business is bright, says Herr, who commended the students for investing in such a promising

enterprise.

According to Herr the ethnic market, the primary outlet for goat meat, is growing every day.

"Eight thousand people a month come into the U.S. that consider sheep and goat their primary source of meat," said Herr.

Color may have played a hand in the selection of goats to take into the ring. To grand champion winner Travis

Dresch, the black coat of "Cyrus," along with the sturdy build of the goat, helped the animal stand out from the family's 35 goats.

To Katie Eckert, "Andy's" copper red color plus his proven family background helped make the goat her choice out of her farm's 20 goats.

Led by Doug and Nancy Dresch, the 18-member North  
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Members of the senior class (age 13-18) include, left to right: Amber Gemberling, Bradley Bachman, Jacob Richards, Brandon Gehman, and Howie Tran.



The junior class (age 8-10) consisted of, left to right: Katie Eckert, Travis Dresch, Jesse Stump, Leon Stump and Tara Dice.

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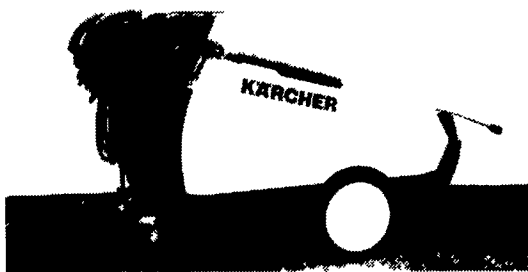
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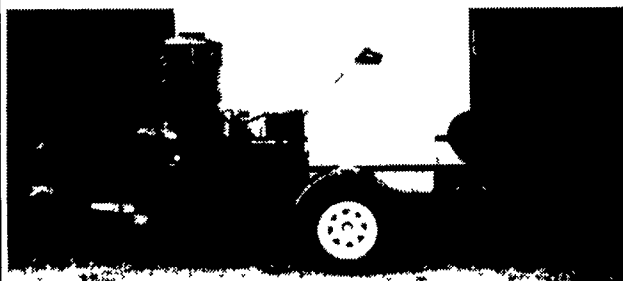
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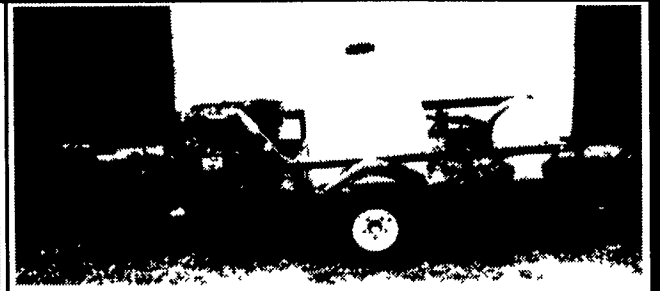
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