

Preparations . . .

"Emma" stands quietly during her appointment in a makeshift salon at the fair. Melissa Bashore, 12, of Northern Lebanon, sets her heifer's top line with a hair dryer, brush, and clear holding agent.



To achieve shiny show ring hooves Kendra Lehman, 17, Mechanicsburg, leans into her task. Lehman has been showing swine, sheep, and goats, but this year marks her first time showing cattle.



On a muggy August day, a lengthy rinsing benefits both animal and handler. Valerie Blauch, 10, in the fifth grade in the Fredericksburg school district, cools off "Jasmine."

Although each fair is unique, one element is essential to every fair: careful preparation.

Here are a few candid shots from the recent Lebanon Fair.

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Shawn Hernley demonstrates to Andy Atkins, both of Lebanon, the fine art of fitting calves for the show ring.



And, of course, last-minute lead line practice. Chelsea Horst, 11, from Newmanstown, has been working with "Cyrenne" all summer. New surroundings, however, may make even the most docile animal a little more difficult than usual.