

Wool Warms Leadline Exhibitors During Shivering Temperatures



First-place winner Joellyn Donough and her ewe Fantasy.

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Wool warmed ewes and exhibitors during Monday night's unseasonably cold temperatures. The annual Manheim Community Farm Show Leadline offers a chance for sheep to be presented in the most elegant manner and for the exhibitor to wear clothing that touts the attractiveness and versatility of wool. Participants are judged on poise, presentation, control, and appearance.

Male and female contestants were judged separately.

To capture first place in the female division, Joellyn Donough, 13, wore a navy vest with green and navy plaid shorts. A matching bow in the same fabric was tied around the neck of her lamb Fantasy.

In her fifth year of 4-H involvement, Joellyn raises sheep, swine, and beef on her parents' Ed and LaRue Donough's Manheim farm.

Second place went to Kelsey Binkley, daughter of Dan and Beth Binkley, Conestoga. She wore a purple and blue plaid suit while leading her Dorset ewe sporting a scarf.

Third place went to Bobbi Bentzel, daughter of Ed and Linda Bentzel, Manheim. Bobbi wore a multi-colored sweater, black wool pants, coat, and hat. A tenth grader at Manheim Central, Bobbi also is active in 4-H Woolies and the Exchange Club.

In the male division, Radell Peters placed first. He enters the competition consistently to prove, "Guys do wear wool," he said. "New technology removes the scratchiness of wool and allows the fabric to breathe for a comfortable feel."

Radell led a Dorset ewe lamb with a black wool scarf.

The son of Ray and Becky Peters, Elizabethtown, Radell is a student at Mt. Calvary Christian School, a member of the 4-H livestock judging



Parading before the judges are from left, Joellyn Donough, Rowanna Martin, Kelsey Binkley, and Bobbi Bentzel.



Winners in the male division, from left, Radell Peters, Mike Musser, and Doug Musser.

team, and involved in his churches puppet ministry and sound tech.

Second and third place went to brothers Mike and Doug Musser respectively. Mike, a senior at Donegal High School, wore dark blue Shetland wool sweater and gray flannel slacks. His lamb Skeeter wore a knitted wool

scarf, made by Mike's mother, around his neck.

Doug, 9, led a lamb named Lollipop with a spiffy black bow tie. Doug was dressed in black wool worsted trousers, gray vest, cowboy hat, and boots. The brothers are the sons of Ken and Linda Musser, Mount Joy.

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Manheim Community Farm Show Queen Stephanie Felster is crowned before Lead Line competition. Stephanie said the Farm Show means a week of fun for the whole family to enjoy. Stephanie is active in FFA and lives on a horse farm with her parents Mike and Diane Felster, Manheim.

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