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## There's Something For Everyone At The Sheep And Wool Festival

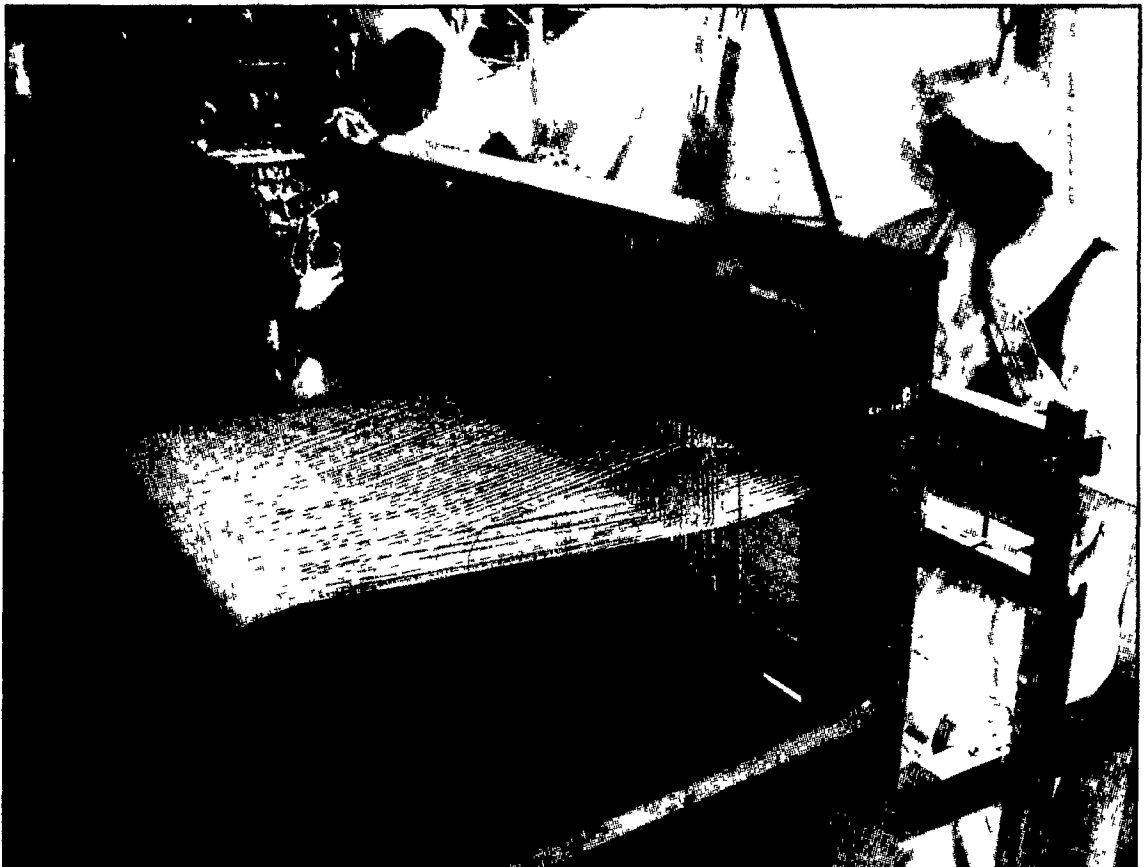
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**WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md.** — From the warm earthy smell of wool to the sight of brightly-colored fiber to the sound of bleating sheep, visitors to the annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

could have no doubt about the focus of the event.

Drawing artisans, livestock producers, and craft suppliers, the annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival covered a broad range of the sheep in-

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Last weekend's Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival showcased the sheep industry for thousands of visitors and offered demonstrations or competitions such as the sheep-to-shawl contest. At left, Dahl Drenning, Woodsboro, Md., the livestock handler at historic Mount Vernon, holds a rare Hog Island lamb. Wool from a Hog Island sheep was used in the sheep-to-shawl contest. In photo above, Sandy Newton, right, and Julie George, also representing Mount Vernon, participated in the contest.

Photos by Michelle Kunjappu

## 'Northern Tier Experience' At PYFA Summer Institute

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**WELLSBORO (Tioga Co.)** — Agricultural ventures in Tioga and Potter counties are being planned by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association (PYFA) for the 2002 PYFA Summer Institute, July 8-10 here at the Penn Wells Hotel.

According to the PYFA President Glenn Krall, Lebanon, the committee has been busy making preparations which include a dinner excursion train ride on the Tioga Central Railroad.

This event is one of the activities that PYFA will share with those attending the PAEE Agricultural Educators Summer Institute.

Krall noted that Tioga County Commissioner Eric Coolidge, a dairy farmer and former PYFA member, is helping to host the institute.

Registration provides four options. Members can choose to attend all three days and all or part of events or just one or two days.

Wednesday, July 10, has been set aside as Tour Day, and members will have the option of five tours which must be chosen with the registration.

The PYFA Summer Institute will close with the annual banquet Wednesday evening.

Included here is a sign-up form.

Early bird registration, which is discounted, for the full institute should be mailed with payment and postmarked by June 9, 2002, to Terry E. Martin Sr., 930 Swamp Fox Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

For questions or more information, contact Terry Martin at (717) 375-4009 or e-mail martin.innernet.net.

See sign-up form on page A41.

## Tazewell FFA Members Win Cattle Contest

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Members of the Tazewell County High School FFA recently won the Youth Cattle Working Contest during the 2002 Virginia Beef Exposition conducted at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.

Dale Bailey, Jeremy Tibbs, and Henry Custer did what coach Bob Moss, their vocational-agricultural teacher, knew they could do — pull a state championship out of competition over the nine other teams that were invited from three regions in the state.

Grayson County 4-H/FFA put up a fight, however, and finished second and third for a good day's work.

Officials explained that since team members from several counties are involved in both 4-H and FFA and train together, the designation 4-H/FFA is used.

Madison 4-H placed fourth and Orange County 4-H was fifth. Spotswood FFA three teams representing Pulaski 4-H and Tazewell 4-H also had the honor of competing.

Each three-member team was required to process three head of stocker weight cattle. Products administered to the cattle included an implant, a pour-on dewormer, two fly tags, an eye vaccination, and a respiratory vaccination.

Before the cattle were processed, team members completed a cattle processing map which re-

quired members to interpret product label information. Completion of the processing map accounted for 20 percent of the possible score. Teams also were judged on the manner in which

they handled the cattle and the products.

The time taken to process the cattle accounted for 10 percent of

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Greta Dise, Glen Rock, cradles a Border Leicester, part of her sheep and goat flock. Dise dyes and spins the fibers and participates in the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. Read more about Dise on page A38. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

The business-related department will focus on technologies emerging with agri-industry, including new products and systems for production agriculture. See page C6.