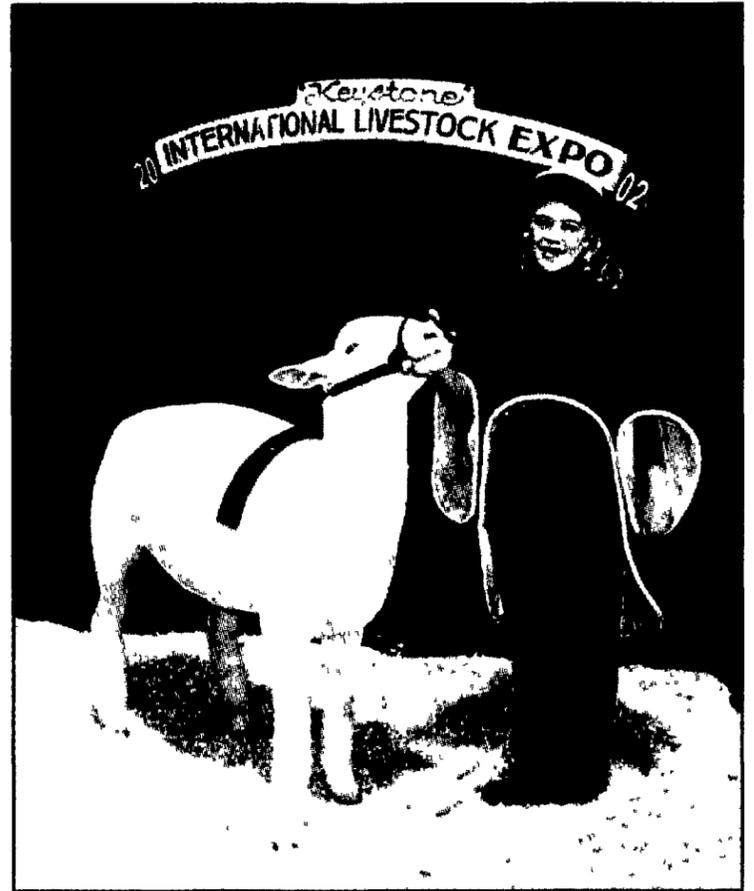




The top two winners in the senior division were Candice Marie Mascadenas, right, leading a Tunis ewe, and Melana Lovell with her Dorset ewe.



Intermediate winner in the KILE Lead Line is Lindsey Beatty, leading a Polled Dorset lamb.

KILE Lead Line Is 'Shear' Fashion

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Visitors at the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE) may be surprised to see a fashion show interspersed among sheep, swine, and cattle judging events, but the traditional event is a crowd-pleaser.

Called the Keystone Lead Line, the show is designed to promote the beauty of wool and the sheep breeds that produce fiber for warmth and style.

Contestants select their garments made of at least 80 percent wool. Bonus points can be earned

if they carded or spun the wool or stitched the fabric for their outfits, but the outfit can be purchased. Contestants are judged on how appropriate their outfit is for their age and build. They are judged for their ability in controlling the sheep they lead around the show ring.

Fabric and styles worn by the contestants reveal wool's amazing versatility. Some are made of hefty worsted wools, but others are from wool fabrics so light they are comfortable during summer's heat.

More than 30 contestants were placed in one of three divisions according to their ages. In the

senior division, Candice Marie Mascarenas, Huntsburg, Ohio, modeled a sophisticated 100 percent wool sweater coat from Ireland. She removed the cable knit coat to show off a jacket and trouser outfit that she had tailored. Her outfit was accessorized with a wool hat and leather gloves.

Candice is a 17-year veteran of lead line competitions. She has competed since she was three years old. Candice was twice crowned the Ohio Hampshire Sheep Queen in addition to many awards throughout her 10 years

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Junior division winners are Sarah Skoloda, Suzanna Macleod, and Emily Butts.

Wool-Clad Exhibitors Attract Manheim Crowd

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — The adult division at the Manheim Farm Show Lead Line attracted attention Monday evening when Dr. Zoann Parker, former state deputy secretary and county 4-H agent, led a Southdown ewe in competition.

Daina Savage, former ag editor for the Lancaster Intel, also competed with a Southdown ewe lamb.

Two mothers of children competing in the event also modeled wool outfits to promote the wool industry to Farm Show visitors.

Taking first place in the adult division was Nancy Martin who led her daughter Roanna's Suffolk ewe in the event. Nancy wore a 100 percent wool suit.

Parker placed second. She modeled a white boiled wool jacket complementing a wool jumper tailored by her mother. A twisted woolen yarn necklace accented the natural wool of the Southdown ewe that she led.

Third place went to Savage who modeled an elegant black sheath dress of lightweight Merino wool and a fitted plum-colored cardigan accented with rose-colored wool detailing. A black wool scarf from India lent a splash of decor to the lamb she led.

In the girl's division, first place went to Kelsey Binkley, Conestoga. Kelsey had placed first in last year's competition at Manheim and on Saturday, placed second at the Keystone International Livestock Expo in Harrisburg, where she wore the same purple, gray, and black boucle tweed suit that she had sewn.

Roanna Martin, second in the girl's division, wore navy blue wool slacks and plaid shawl that she made herself. Heather Stalman, Manheim, wore a multi-colored sweater with wool pants. She led Nalla, a registered Polypay aged ewe, who flaunted a handbraided wool halter.

Only two 4-H'ers competed in

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Adult division winners in Manheim Farm Show Lead Line, from left, Nancy Martin, first; Zoann Parker, second; and Daina Savage, third.