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tips about clipping and fitting, she said.

In addition, "I like the people that I see there at the show," said Eliza. "And I get to catch up on what everyone is doing, because I only get to see them a couple of times a year."

Besides working for other exhibitors, "I want to participate in the Skillathon and maybe the Quiz Bowl," she said.

"I just help them on show day or help them with their cattle when they're washing and blowing," said Eliza. "I have shown before for other people in the past, but this would be more behind the scenes, because this is more of a youth show, so they (the exhibitors) will be showing their own animals."

Leah's weekend plans include

"going up on Friday for the Skillathon, handing out ribbons, and maybe the Quiz Bowl if I get a team together," she said.

This year Leah is practicing for Quiz Bowl as a 4-H group.

Last year she tested her beef knowledge at the Skillathon and won her age group.

The Skillathon includes a variety of stations that challenge participants to identify beef breeds, retail cuts, feed ingredients, and feed safety, besides general knowledge and management questions.

The Quiz Bowl covers topics that include nutrition, genetics, reproduction, animal health, marketing and promotion, and cattle breeds.

To prepare for the competition, "I'm going to try to look up some of them, and the types of grain, too," said Leah.

"I like going to the shows — it's a great opportunity to learn more about fitting. Watching the people you can learn more about judging cattle — and it's just fun," said Leah.

The Waltons exhibit cattle at 4-H Roundup, the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show, Atlantic National, and local shows.

In addition, Eliza has also shown at KILE and Farm Show.

For Eliza, exhibiting cattle actually had its beginnings in the dairy ring, as she has also exhibited dairy cattle.

She began exhibiting dairy cattle because her grandparents had a dairy farm, however her uncle (who used to show Angus), introduced her to the beef cattle ring.

Eliza has been showing cattle since 1995, and Leah, who has three cattle in her own show string, has exhibited cattle for four years.

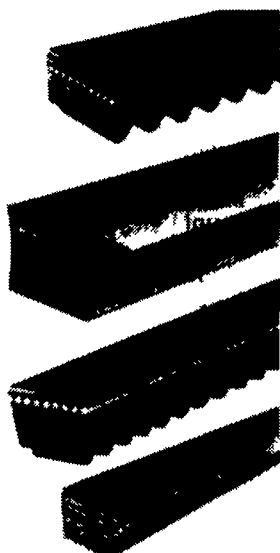
For Leah, other 4-H participation includes sewing club in the past. However she is considering joining the equine activities this year in 4-H.



In spite of the fact that their cattle are staying home, 4-H'ers Leah, left, and Eliza Walton are planning to go to the Beef Expo to participate in the Skillathon and Quiz Bowl, among other cattle-related activities.

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Farm Show Posts Limousin Winners

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — David and Linda Miller had a stellar day at the Farm Show's Limousin show, taking home both grand champion bull and premier exhibitor honors.

The Millers are from Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford. The operation consists of a 100-head cow-calf herd and two farms equaling 140 acres.

It has been a family operation since the 1970s. The Millers brought eight head of cattle to the Farm Show, where they have been exhibiting for 20 years.

The Mosher family took home the premier breeder honor.

The grand champion Limousin female was owned by Annette and Jim Delaplaine, Gettysburg, who are joined by children Kelsey, 11, and Kyle, 8, on their operation. Kelsey and Kyle also exhibited cattle in the junior shows of this year's Farm Show competition. This year's competition, in fact, was Kyle's first time in the ring by himself.

The family farm, HeartSelt Farms, includes two farms totaling 250 acres and more than 300 head of cow-calf and feedlot cattle.

They have been exhibiting three years at the Farm Show, where they exhibited Shorthorn and Limousin cattle.



David and Linda Miller, Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford, exhibited the grand champion Limousin bull during the Farm Show.



The Delaplaine family — Kelsey, Kyle, Annette, and Jim — exhibited the grand champion Limousin female. At halter is Eric Fleming.

