

# Dietrich Exhibits Her First Grand Champion Ram At Kutztown

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**KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.)** — Year one of competing at the breeding sheep show brought a championship to Kutztown High School sophomore Karen Dietrich, who won supreme champion ram Wednesday here at the Kutztown Fair.

Karen, 16, daughter of Debbie and Lynn Dietrich, Lenhartsville, showed a Dorset fall ram to championship on her first year of bred sheep competition.

Karen purchased the Dorset ram from Harold Tyson, Kempton. She picked the lamb because "his ears were really cute," said Karen. "He has the length of body and breed characteristics (necessary to compete)."

Karen plans to show at Allentown and Oley fairs, in addition to Farm Show.

"Queeny" was truly a champion for exhibitor Amanda Miller. The Tulpehocken High School senior exhibited the Southdown yearling ewe to supreme ewe Wednesday at Kutztown Fair.

Amanda, 18, daughter of Ron and Joan Miller, Bernville, has exhibited champions before at Kutztown.

Amanda plans to show at Allentown, Oley, York, Keystone, and Farm Show.

In market lamb competition, Chad Weyer also points out this is his first championship, winning with "Cocoa," a crossbred Suffolk and Hampshire ewe. Chad, 16, is the son of Randy and Carol Weyer, Mohrsville.

The junior at Schuylkill Valley High School said this was his second year of showing at Kutztown and he plans to show at Oley. The lamb was obtained from the Fleeners in Womelsdorf.

Reserve champion went to Jere Essig, 10, son of Steve and Teri Essig, Bernville. The Strasstown Elementary fifth grader noted he took reserve at Reading this year and this is his first Kutztown champion.

Jere, who nicknamed the Hampshire/Suffolk ewe "Dusty," obtained the lamb from Fleeners.

Following is a partial list of show placings.

## KUTZTOWN FAIR SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

### FITTING

Class 175: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Chad Weyer. 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Class 176: 1. Elizabeth Kuebler. 2. Kellie Graeff. 3. Drew Ketterer.

Class 177: 1. Amy Essig. 2. Lorissa Lazarus. 3. Ryan Lynch.

Class 178: 1. Jere Essig. 2. Shelby Ranck. 3. Melanie Graeff.

Champion Fitter: Amanda Miller. Reserve: Jere Essig.

### SHOWING

Class 181: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Cathryn Levan. 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Class 182: 1. Kellie Graeff. 2. Carne Hartman. 3. Andrew Reinert.

Class 183: 1. Lorissa Lazarus. 2. Ryan Lynch. 3. Amy Essig.

Class 184: 1. Shelby Ranck. 2. Jere Essig. 3. Melanie Graeff.

Champion Showman: Amanda Miller. Reserve: Cathryn Levan.

### BLOCKING AND GROOMING

Class 193: 1. Nicole Lynch. 2. Melanie Graeff. 3. Shelby Ranck.

Class 194: 1. Ryan Lynch. 2. Anne Hartman. 3. Mallory Ketterer.

Class 195: 1. Carne Hartman. 2. Kellie Graeff. 3. Elizabeth Kuebler.

Class 196: 1. Cathryn Levan. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Amber Shollenberger.



Karen Dietrich, holding sheep, exhibited supreme champion ram at Kutztown. In front are Amber Shollenberger, Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen; Annette Lovell, Paoli, judge; and Dietrich. In back are the ram class champion exhibitors.



Ewe supreme champion at Kutztown Fair was exhibited by Amanda Miller, holding sheep. Front are Amber Shollenberger, Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen; Annette Lovell, Paoli, judge; and Miller. In back are the ewe class champion exhibitors.



Champion market lamb at Kutztown Fair was exhibited by Chad Weyer, at right. From left, Amber Shollenberger, Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen; Jere Essig, reserve; Annette Lovell, judge and Weyer;

## Rural Communities Cautioned About Rabies Vaccine Bait

**CAMP HILL (CUMBERLAND Co.)** — Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) President Guy F. Donaldson encourages the farm and rural community to be aware of rabies vaccine bait that is being distributed in the fields and woods of western Pennsylvania between August 11 and September 12.

"For the second consecutive year, as part of the USDA Wildlife Services division's Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORV), bait will be dropped from airplanes flying over rural areas and scattered by hand in the urban areas of western Pennsylvania in an attempt to eliminate raccoon rabies, the most common strain of rabies in the state and a serious danger for both animals and humans," said Donaldson.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, in partnership with USDA Wildlife Services, encourages members and the public residing in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Washington and Westmoreland counties to take the following precautions:

If you find bait near your home intact and out in the open, put a glove on to keep the fish oil

and odor off your fingers and toss the bait into a wooded area or place where a raccoon is likely to find it and where children and pets are not likely to be exposed. If the bait is broken open, use a paper towel or plastic bag to pick it up and wash your hands as a precaution.

To help ensure that raccoons consume the bait pieces, keep pets inside or on a short leash for at least five days after baiting occurs in your area. The fish odor may attract cats and dogs and, while the vaccine will not make your pet sick, it is not intended for use to vaccinate animals other than wildlife. If your pet does ingest bait, do not try to remove it from the animal's mouth as the animal may bite, exposing you to the modified live virus in the vaccine. If your pet does eat bait, the vaccine may remain in its mouth for up to 48 hours, so you should wash your hands with soap and water if you come in contact with your pet's saliva.

If you are exposed to the vaccine or need advice, contact the Pa. Department of Health, 1-877-PA HEALTH.

Contact USDA Wildlife Services at (717) 728-0700 if at any time you observe a raccoon that is sick or acting strange.

## District #19 Meeting Notice

Attention dairy farmers in Bradford, Blair, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder and Union counties

**Thursday, August 28, 2003 7:00 p.m.**

**Mifflinburg Park**

**Mifflinburg, PA**

**Chicken BBQ Dinner**

**\$6.00 - Adults \$3.00 - Children ages 4 -12 Free- 4 & Under**

As part of their ADADC membership each farm will receive two free meals. Please attend and take advantage of this opportunity to have your questions answered. There will also be a presentation of your award winning programs.

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