



Junior division winners in the Manheim Community Fair Lead Line, from left, are Amanda Hershey, first; Amber Kiser, second; and Heather Stallman, third.



Carla Martin, right, crowns her successor Manheim Farm Show Queen Shelby Haldeman.

## Manheim Community Farm Show Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Manheim Community Farm Show celebrated its 50th anniversary this week.

Jay Mylin, director, opened the celebration Monday evening, when hundreds of fair visitors received free servings of anniversary cake.

Completing a year as the Manheim Farm Show Queen, Carla Martin thanked the community for encouraging her to grow and helping her become the person she was meant to be.

Although Manheim Community Farm Show may be little in comparison to some fairs, Carla

said, "It is friendly and caring community where teens have opportunities to grow."

Carla, who is also the Lancaster County and the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, crowned her successor Shelby Haldeman, daughter of Deb and Larry Haldeman.

Shelby and Alicia Geib competed for the crown by answering impromptu questions and through individual interviews with judges.

The coronation event included three junior queen contestants, Katelyn Nolt, Ashley Shearer, and Megan Stankov. Also, included were six princess contestants, Allison Crouse, Michaela Groff, Jennifer Hershey, Jessica Huber, Grace Kensinger, and Sa-

mantha Lease. Selected were Katelyn Nolt, junior princess, and Michaela Groff, princess.

The Shepherd's Lead Line showed the crowd the versatility of wool fabric by modeling outfits while leading a lamb or ewe.

Adult division winners were Linda Musser, first; Catherine Shreiner, second; and Julia Stallman, third.

For many years, Linda helped her four children with 4-H sheep projects and with leadline competitions.

"Now it's my turn," Linda said as she led Sally, her son's market lamb. Linda designed and stitched a brown/blue plaid dress of 100 percent wool. The semi-fitted dress with a drop waistline featured a blue denim collar, 19 covered buttons, long sleeves, and a four-gored skirt. Sheep Sally wore a matching scarf.

Linda's son Doug, the only male contestant, led his lamb Cletus for a blue ribbon win in the boys' division. Doug wore a lambs wool sweater vest, wool slacks, and Ivy League wool cap while leading Cletus, who sported a matching tie.

Placing first in the girls' division was Amanda Hershey, 11, from Elizabethtown. She led a Suffolk named Benny. Amanda wore an Austrian 100 percent wool gray cape trimmed in navy blue. Her grandmother helped her make a plaid wool skirt and matching scarf for Benny.

Second place in the girls' division went to Amber Kiser, 13. She wore a 100 percent black wool dress and a herringbone black blazer. Her market lamb Orso wore a wool bowtie.

Also, a crowd of 100,000

and her daughter Julia third. Granddaughter Heather Stallman placed third in the girls' division. Heather wore a flared wool skirt and reversible wool jacket while leading her sheep Nata.



The Manheim Community Farm Show Queen Coronation includes princess contestants, Allison Crouse, Michaela Groff, Jennifer Hershey, Jessica Huber, Grace Kensinger, and Samantha Lease. Michaela Groff, princess.



Manheim Community Farm Show opened Monday. One of the first events was the baby parade.



Doug Musser was the only male contestant this year in the Lead Line competition. Doug wore a lambs wool sweater vest, wool slacks, and Ivy League wool cap while leading Cletus, who sported a matching tie. His mother, Linda Musser, placed first in the adult division.