

Zimmerman, Donough Siblings Clinch New Holland Sheep Show

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — With 40 breeding sheep and 28 market lambs, New Holland Fair might be considered a small show.

But Clyde Brubaker, Robesonia Hampshire breeder who judged the event recently, said, "Every year I come back the quality gets better and better. The quality shown here makes judging tough."

In breeding sheep competition, Brubaker said, "The supreme title must go to the Southdown ram. It's straight, long bodied, and has balance, width, and correctness."

Stroll, the supreme breeding sheep is owned by Jimmy Zimmerman, Reinholds. His sister Jen showed the supreme reserve, a Southdown ewe named Libby.

In addition to the Southdown breeds, other sheep breeds shown were Horned Dorsets with Jen Zimmerman taking champion ewe and ram honors. In the Hampshire division, Jen Hughes took champion ram and ewe honors. In the Romney breed, Jonn-Marie Lauffer showed the champion ram, her sister Alex showed the champion ewe. Andrew Gerhart showed the champion ewe and ram in the Suffolk breed.

Donough siblings from Mannheim clinched the market lamb competition. Ryan Donough's champion medium weight lamb was selected grand champion. His sister's champion lightweight was named reserve grand champion.

The Donoughs' lambs are bred and owned. They have been consistent winners throughout county competitions.



Grand champion market lamb is shown by Ryan Donough, left, and the reserve is shown by his sister Joelynn. Judge Clyde Brubaker stands in center.



At the New Holland Fair, Clyde Brubaker, selects supreme breeding sheep champions, a Southdown ram owned by Jimmy Zimmerman, right, and a Southdown ewe as the reserve shown by Jen Zimmerman.

4-H: Not Just Animals

MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — If your idea of 4-H is that it's all about rabbits, horses, cows, goats, poultry, etc., then a recent trip to the 4-H building at the Harford Fair would have caused you to sit up and take notice.

Fair week is the traditional time for Round-Up, when all the projects that 4-H club members have been working on all summer are brought to the building for judging. This year over 500 projects completed by participants ages 8 to 18 were on display at the Harford Fair.

Tuesday is 4-H Day at the fair when club members and their families visit the building and see what color ribbon they received for their project. There is much excitement generated by the young members who have worked so hard on their projects which range from cake decorating, archery, backpacking, bowling, ceramics, entomology (ick, bugs!), swimming, leadership, theater arts, gardening, fishing, and the list goes on and on.

4-H is a long tradition having celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. The program is an integral part of our rural communities and provides opportunities for our youth to learn community service, leadership skills, and personal interests.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining 4-H, please contact Penn State Cooperative Extension of Susquehanna County at (717) 278-1158 for a list of clubs and projects



At the Harford Fair, Jeremy Jahnke of the Dimock Community 4-H Club proudly displays his prize-winning 4-H entomology project.



At the Harford Fair, Christina Zick displays her grand champion 4-H gravestone rubbings project.



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