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An Event for All Ages

It has been said that the State Fair of Texas® is a family affair, but the teamwork of three generations and family friends proves it is an event for all ages.

The Hamilton Sheep Station out of Hamilton, Texas, owned by Dr. Alan McAnelly, traveled this year to the fair in hopes of placing high with 13 White Dorper sheep, with the help of his daughter, two grandchildren, and their friends.

Brooke Brown, granddaughter of McAnelly and daughter of Shelly Brown, has been showing sheep for years. Brooke used to be homeschooled so she could travel and show more throughout the year. Now she is a 7th grader at Williams Middle School in Rockwall, Texas, and still manages to find time to show sheep.

“Be polite, smile and have fun,” stated McAnelly giving his grandson, Will Brown, age 10, some last minute wisdom before showing his ewe which took place in its class.

Shelly also has a 15-year-old daughter named Katie who normally shows but had a volleyball game and could not participate at this year’s event.

Family friend Meredith Curtis, also a resident of Rockwall, Texas, helped with the running and organization of the show. Curtis made sure that the right kid had the right

number and most importantly, the right sheep. She helped the kids and McAnelly switch out showing numbers, keep track of the different sheep in the different pens and hold all the ribbons. Her daughter, Caroline is 11-years-old and showed sheep for the first time here at the State Fair of Texas. Caroline came along to watch last year and decided that this year she wanted to get involved. She was very confident and successful in her show, receiving 4th place in her class.

McAnelly and his family grew up around livestock. He graduated from Texas A&M University and was a veterinarian for years. After practicing veterinary medicine in Austin, Texas, he retired and moved to Hamilton, Texas, where his goat and sheep raising began. He saw his best results when he started raising and showing White Dorper. They are known for their hardiness, low maintenance and growing ability.

“It was wonderful to see the whole group working together for a common goal and being successful in getting there. Showing and raising livestock is more than a career; it is a hobby and a passion that is to be shared,” said McAnelly.

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