

# County roundup — the kids are the show

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**QUARRYVILLE** — When children and animals share the spotlight, they're a photographer's delight. Strolling along the barn aisles at the recent Lancaster 4-H dairy roundup, the visitor encountered kids doing their thing. In some instances that was polishing the last few specks of dust from a calf whose back the junior exhibitor couldn't see over.

In others that meant nestling into the straw next to the black and white friend, whispering secrets into its ear.

And in still others that meant catching up on a few winks. But in any case, you could tell from the snickers and the grins, the games of tag and the cases of jitters, the kids were definitely enjoying themselves.

The county roundup and the district Holstein show were scheduled back to back and afforded youngsters a chance to rough it with their calves, camping out on lawn chairs and with sleeping bags. When an evening's sleep was interrupted, it was supplemented with a snooze between classes.

The all time winners for serving every use under the sun were the show boxes. Tots too young to participate used them as a prop to watch the hustle and bustle and admire the prime examples of dairy stock.

One resourceful young dairyman used his head to prop the top of his show box open while he searched for a missing halter.

Those lacking show boxes toted cardboard boxes laden with groceries, fly sprays, extra clothing and halters.

Little blue silos containing lemonade or iced tea were found in stacks of gear along with brushes and halters. And one young woman nursed tired feet in her calf's water bucket.

Some strange items were also included in the gear. A telephone booth, for instance, a superman suit, and Laura Ingalls Wilder's bonnet. These items were extracted from their boxes and placed on semi-cooperative calves at the end of the judging for a calf dressing contest. Depending on your feelings for the actors involved in the TV shows depicted, the four legged actors fit the roles to a T-Bone.



*Junior showmanship champion, Pam Kindig, right, and reserve champion, Kristina Esbanshade*



*Wow, what a cow*



*Beep, beep, Herbie*



*The rigors of showing can be tiring*

But the best picture of all has got to be the one of beaming youngsters and quality calves receiving multicolored ribbons and posing for mom and dad's instamatic. For after all, isn't that what it's all about — that feeling of accomplishment and pride in a job well done?



*Hey, it's something more than a hat rack!*

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