

## 4-H members prepare for Montgomery County 4-H Fair

NORRISTOWN — It's that time of year once again! The time of year when Montgomery County 4-H members begin readying their projects for their main event, the Montgomery County 4-H Fair. The fair will be held August 16-18 at the 4-H Center. The Center is located on Snyder Road off Rt. 363 between Sumneytown Pike and Allentown Road in Lansdale.

The fair has something of interest for everyone. The 4-H members will exhibit their projects in various competitions. Although participation in these

events is usually limited to 4-H, the public is welcome to come and watch the proceedings.

In addition to these events, there are many other attractions which are open for public participation. The public will be able to compete in open classes in foods, arts and crafts, and clothing. For more information and entry requirements please contact the Extension Office (277-0574).

For animal enthusiasts there will be a Paso Fino horse demonstration, a seeing eye puppy demonstration, a pet parade open

to all boys and girls, and a frisbee dog contest and clinic in which the public can participate. Just for fun there will also be carnival style game booths, a celebrity goat milking contest and a fun olympics for all boys and girls.

These are only a few of the many exciting events planned for the fair this year. For a schedule of fair events or more information call Jim Nitterauer at the Extension Office at 277-0574 or write to: 4-H Office, Cooperative Extension Service, 400 Markley Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

## Spring Mills 4-H Club

The Spring Mills 4-H Club met at the Spring Mills Lutheran Church on June 12.

The group elected Lori Tice, vice president; Niki Myers, secretary; Jennifer Arndt, secretary's helper; and Gary Rossman, reporter.

Each member received a family

picture from the 4-H family dinner.

The group decided to have a float for the Grange Fair. A county-wide picnic is scheduled at the Millheim Pool on July 22 at 2:30.

The group's next meeting will be on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Spring Mill's Lutheran Church.

## Pets and plants need special attention during vacations

NEWARK, Del. — If you're planning a trip this summer, what arrangements will you make for your pet? You could solve the problem with the help of a friendly neighbor. Or, you might leave your pet at a boarding kennel. But if you decide to take it along, University of Delaware extension agricultural agent Dave Woodward has some advice about traveling with an animal.

Before the trip, make sure your pet has had a rabies vaccination and a distemper-hepatitis booster. Have a veterinarian check the animal for minor skin ailments, ear infection, or anything else that could become an acute problem on

the trip.

It's also wise to find out about regulations regarding pets in the area you plan to visit, especially if you are leaving the United States. Are pets permitted at motels and camping areas where you plan to stop?

If your pet is not accustomed to automobile travel, prepare it by taking it on several Sunday afternoon rides before the vacation.

Consider the pet's comfort while traveling. It's unfair to expect a frisky animal to stay cooped up in a too-small cage for long periods. Include exercise and relief stops in your driving schedule. When the animal is allowed out of the

vehicle, though, be sure it is on a leash. Many a vacation has been ruined when a pet darted off at a rest stop.

Make sure the animal gets enough water and, if possible, its regular food. If you must leave your vehicle with the animal shut in, open a window and park in a shaded area. Keep these precautions in mind, Woodward says, and your pet can be a good traveling companion.

To keep houseplants watered while you're away. Cut a strip of cloth two inches wide and two feet long. Put one end in a pail of water that is higher than the plant, and bury the other end in the soil around the plant.

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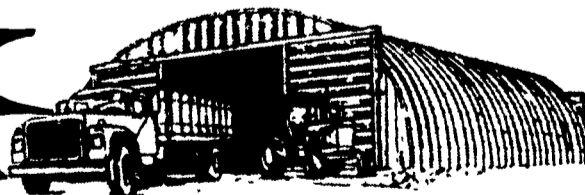
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