

# 4-H'ers Learn Showmanship Tips At Field Day

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GREENSBURG — Lightning crackled and rain drove down. Inside the Westmoreland County Fairground barn, the cattle were nervous and so were their handlers. "This is the first time we've had rain for the event," said county 4-H advisor Joann Logan of the July 19th field day. Then she explained that the storm accounted for only part of the nervousness.

Last year there was no field day in the county before the fair. The day of fair judging, a steer that was being unloaded broke loose and injured a spectator. "We thought we'd better give the kids more experience in handling the animals before they got in front of a crowd this year," Logan said.

With the help of judge Robert Logan, a 4-H graduate, the young steer handlers got a thorough and supportive critique. Praise for the winners with strong emphasis on how much they'd worked with their animals, accompanied by pointers to the others on how to handle their steers better made the lessons easy to take.

Despite the rain and the chores waiting at home, the youngsters stayed. There was little of the

usual chatter in the barn. They held onto the fence boards, the youngest looking between the planks. They watched and learned.

The showmanship competition was held in sheep, hogs, and goats as well as beef, and a special competition was held for conformation judging, including an adult division. Other judges for the event were Dorothy Harr, sheep; Paul Winklosky, hogs; and Marcy Jones, goats.

Results are as follows:

**Sheep**  
**Ages 8-11**

- 1 Wade Kling, Mountain View 4-H,
- 2 Heath Lilley, Chestnut Ridge, 3 Jennifer Vinsek, Mountain View

**Ages 12-14**

- 1 Rachel Obrowski, Blue Ribbon, 2 Tracey Bridge, Mountain View, 3 Willie King, New Alex Ag.

**Ages 15-19**

- 1 Rhonda Roe, Oak Hollow, 2 Brenda Oranzik, Oak Hollow

**Goats**  
**Ages 8-11**

- 1 Rachel Jamison, New Alex Ag,
- 2 Cindy Hull, Scottdale Ag, 3 Tim King, New Alex Ag

**Hogs**

**Ages 8-11**

- 1 Holly Trice, Blue Ribbon, 2 Nettie Evanko, New Alex Ag, 3 Jessica Stutzman, Mountain View

**Ages 12-14**

- 1 Lottie Trice, Blue Ribbon
- Beef**  
**Ages 8-11**
- 1 Ryan Shaw, 2 Melinda Orczeck, 3 Jason Rice

**Ages 12-14**

- 1 Becky Bates 2 Jason Mc-Williams, 3 Loretta Brinkley

**Ages 15-19**

- 1 Todd Lilley, 2 Belinda Mc-Williams, 3 Kris Long

**Conformation Judging**

- Ann McWilliams adult, Rachel Obrowski, senior, Jennifer Vinsek, junior



Judging contest winners at the recent Westmoreland County 4-H Field Day model their prize hats. They are, from left, Ann McWilliams, Jennifer Vinsek and Rachel Obrowski.

## Franklin County Seeing Eye Puppy Club

Denise Kessler, Kelly Boyd and Rhonda Garling received ribbons and certificates for their work in raising a Seeing Eye puppy during a recent meeting of the Franklin County Seeing Eye Puppy Club.

These 4-H members are now working with a second puppy.

At the club meetings, puppies receive training and a chance to

socialize with other puppies. The club has monthly outings to places like shopping malls, church meetings and the library. The club's latest outing was to a bowling alley.

Puppies are taken to various public places to give them a

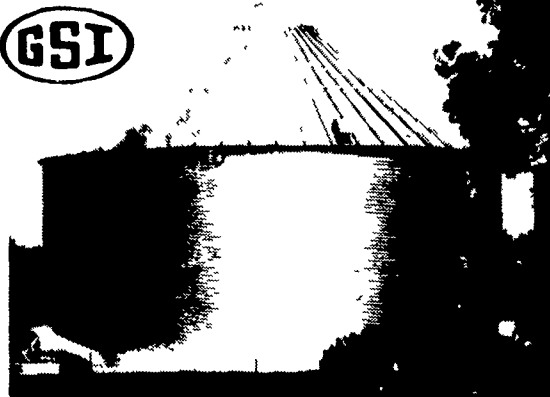
chance to experience new sites and sounds and to meet a lot of people.

Members also took their puppies to Seeing-Eye Puppy Camp, a weekend of camping designed for training the puppies. The camp program included a training session on leash walking, a hike and craft time.



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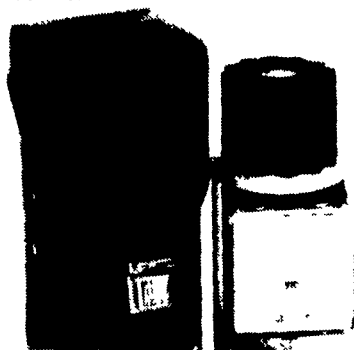
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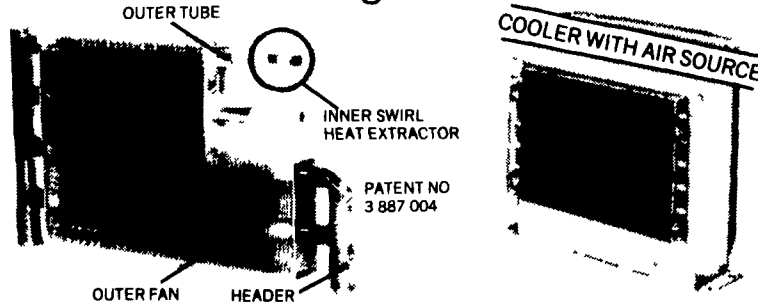
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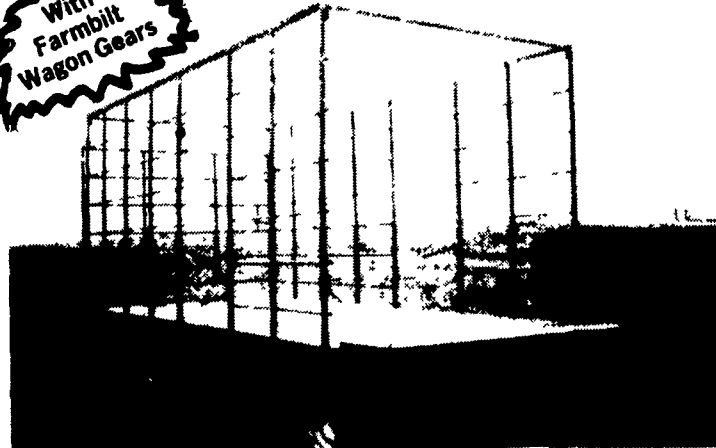
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