

Kid's KOrner

Fun, Work And Trouble For These Guys



Nothing tastes better than a glass of cold milk.



"Who's on my back?" Fred, the cow, seems to ask.

BY LOU ANN GOOD
HAMBURG — Eight-year-old Nate Leatherman and his brother Benji, 11, definitely want to be farmers when they grow up. They aren't waiting until they grow up to work on the farm. They already share the barn work with their dad.

Nate said, "I feed the calves and scrape the barn floor."

When he gets bored, he jumps on his cow named Fred and takes a ride. Fred might be considered improper to name a female, but Nate staunchly defends it by saying, "I like the name. That's why I named her that."

While Nate tends to his duties, Benji feeds the cows.

Nate admits that he hates getting in trouble, but he just can't stay out of it. He said, "I do things like putting manure in my brother's hat." He paused then added, "I guess I take after my dad 'cause he gets into trouble too." What kind of trouble does his dad, Daniel Leatherman, get into? Nate answered, "He goes over the speed limit."

Nate considers school boring. He likes to rise early in the morning. Sometimes he gets up at 5:30 and goes out to the barn to get the cows ready for milking.

Nate likes the cows so much, he'd like to sleep with them, but his family fears he will get too lonely in the barn. So far, he hasn't had a chance to spend all night in the barn.

"I like going through the woods with my dog Pee Wee," Nate said. "We look for tracks, and squirrels and field mice."

Although Benji enjoys doing a lot of farm chores, he prefers driving tractor. He said the best thing that ever happened to him was getting a 4-wheeler. "He's a wicked driver," his younger brother reported. Benji laughed and told about getting stuck and covered with mud balls and then how he needs to use a come-along to pull the 4-wheeler out of the mud.

Spring is coming and Benji is glad. That means he can be the shortstop for the Little League baseball team.



Benji gets ready to feed the calves.



Nate and Pee Wee are heading for the woods where they will look for animal tracks.



All set for a ride on the four-wheeler: Benji in the driver's seat, Nate and Pee Wee behind him.

Old Nosey And The Porcupine

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It is a well-known fact that some cows are unusual characters. Several years ago we had a cow who was often the first to see and inspect everything, and she seemed to be bolder and smarter than any of our other cows. In other words, she was plain down nosy. And one day, she learned her lesson.

One evening when we came home from school, Mom told us to quickly come out to the pasture if we want to see something we had never seen before. It was a porcupine. And who should be standing right beside him, but that nosy

cow. While all the other cows kept there distance.

You can guess what happened next. Old Nosey butted Porky in the side. For several seconds, she looked rather startled. Then up went her tail, and she careened wildly around the pasture. She had a noseful of painful porcupine needles.

That evening we pulled 200 needles out of her nose with a pliers! It wasn't a very pleasant experience for her, and her nose was bleeding by the time we got them all out. We no longer have Old Nosey, but we still have those needles in remembrance of her.