

E-Town Contests Include One Egg-Citing Race



Crossing over the finish line is first-place winner Jenna Myers.

ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Jenna Myers wanted to win a plastic farm animal last week at the Elizabethtown Fair.

To do so, she had to race. Holding an egg in a spoon, mind you.

Against others who were close in age — 5 and under.

Within minutes, they were off. You could see they were more interested in keeping the egg steady and not dropping it than where the finish line was. But Jenna saw the finish line, and in a close race, won quickly.

The hardest part of the race was trying to decide which animal to choose from the pile of prizes, and which color.

For second place Peter Davis, he picked the candy. April Helt, who placed third, picked the squirt gun. And while some kids spent time

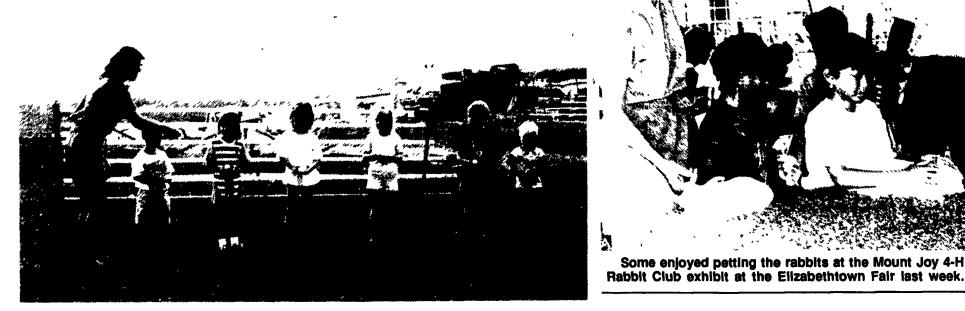
at the Elizabethtown Fair last week cleaning and dressing their animals before showtime, some spent time at the second annual Mount Joy 4-H Rabbit Club Exhibit.

The animal petting zoo, coordinated by the 4-H Club, provided a showcase of different rabbit breeds and some hatching chicks.

Of the 30 eggs placed in the cage, according to Dwight Algoe, leader of the club, 27 had hatched on Wednesday. And 4-H'ers were on hand to help sort them out and sell them.

Helping out at the show were Sarah Algoe, wife of Dwight, also a club leader; and several 4-H'ers, including Brad Bettinger, 7; Nicole Hess, 8; Kristy Bender, 10; Kendy Zeager, 10; and Emily Algoe, 14.

> All photos by Andy Andrews



Lori Holton, director of children events at the fair, helps the under-5 age group understand the rules of the egg race.





My name is Barbie Smucker. I live on a farm with my parents, Aaron and Elizabeth Smucker, and my brothers and sisters, Anna 11, Elam 9, David 6, Ruthie 3, Mary 7 months. I'm 13, the oldest. My grandparents are: maternal, Elizabeth L. Stoltzfoos, Bird-In-Hand, and paternal, David and Katie Smucker, Churchtown.

Our next do

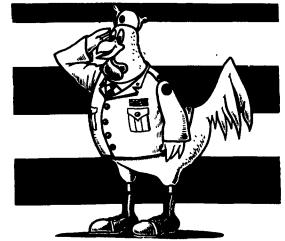
We take care of 3,000 laying hens from October until July. We milk about 30 cows. Then we also have a few horses and, of course, some cats. Our workhorse, Tipsy has a colt, Topsy Jr.

I go to Millroad School. Our teacher is Anna Martin. I'm now ready for eighth grade, and I'm looking forward to being out of school, which will start August 30. Summer vacation sure does fly!

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Benuel and Mary Riehl. They have one shild, Melvin Lee. His first birthday will be on September 2.

Barbie Smucker Narvon



Some enjoyed petting the rabbits at the Mount Joy 4-H