



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

As we have a pleasant view from every side of our house, I have never put up any curtains. So I have a good view in every direction. And, we have no neighbors that live near us.

Thus, the other week I called to Allen, "Come quickly" and so we both saw the big deer in our front lawn. It had four-inch spikes covered with velvet. It stood for a minute and then disappeared around the house, up the hill, through the berry patch and behind the woods.

Another animal that we watched earlier was a red fox. When we had the big round bales in our meadow, the baby fox sat on the top of the bale and seemed to be playing with the parent. There is also an opossum that visits our back porch at nighttime.

One not so welcome family was a group of groundhogs that lives in the middle of the alfalfa field. Each day the little ones wandered farther from their hole and appeared and disappeared in the green growth.

Long ago my mother rescued an injured mourning dove. When it was well, she let it fly around in the kitchen and it even sat on her shoulder. We children were surprised as she was not a person who showed a particular liking for animals.

My one pet when I was a child was a dog named "Rover." He was a black, brown and white long-haired dog. But, one day he got in a fight with a group of dogs and was badly hurt. He died.

Guess I'll be satisfied with my goldfish and the black cat in the garage with two new baby kittens.

Rib Cook-Off And Music Fest

YORK (York Co.) — Where in York will you find sizzling ribs, non-stop music, racing dogs and much more throughout the last weekend in July? At the inaugural Keystone National Rib Cook-Off and Music Fest at the York County Fairgrounds, July 28 through 31.

This new event will feature competition among 15 "ribraucers" who will sell their specialties to the public and compete in a judged competition, musical entertainment including performances by national acts, a crafts fair, dog races, hot air balloon rides and a variety of other activities including a special children's area, which will feature a petting barnyard.

The field of "ribraucers" — a term used to describe the restaurants and caterers who will prepare their barbecue specialties — will represent an international flavor coming from Canada, across seven states, and throughout central Pennsylvania.

Four days of non-stop musical entertainment will feature performances by the Charlie Daniels Band, Three Dog Night, Jefferson Starship and Ronnie McDowell and other local and regional acts.

The continuous musical entertainment is presented in cooperation with WPMT Fox 43, Country 105 WIOV, WARM 103 FM, 93.5 WTPA and Country 108 WGTU.

A craft fair will feature more than 40 booths, where artisans will sell everything from quilts to handmade jewelry throughout the four-day event.

Event organizers expect more than 60,000 people to attend the festival, which will also include:

- Jack Russell Dog Races with feisty terriers chasing a fox tail.
- A special children's area featuring clowns, magicians and other entertainers.
- Tethered hot air balloon rides will offer a view of the festival from above. (weather-permitting)
- Roving performers entertaining the crowds throughout the fairgrounds.

Hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily. Admission is \$4.00 per day for adults and free for children 12 and under. Admission includes all musical entertainment. No coolers, bottles, cans or pets will be permitted. All tickets are general admission. Tickets to the Rib Cook-Off and Music Fest are available at the

York County Fairgrounds.

On Tuesday, July 26, rib-lovers will have a chance to preview the culinary experience awaiting them at the Keystone National Rib Cook-Off and Music Fest at the York County Fairgrounds later that week.

At the July 26 "sneak preview," one of the competing ribraucers, Cowboys BBQ & Rib Co. from Fort Worth, TX, will fire up hot coals at the Cherry Lane Park Box Lunch Revue in downtown York and allow the hungry lunch crowd to sample one rib and a soft drink for just \$1.00. The lunch crowd will also enjoy live musical entertainment as well as giveaways by event sponsors. The event, which will take place between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., will be free to the public.

All proceeds from the Rib Cook-Off and Music Fest will benefit the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA). The PLA represents the total livestock association at the state level, provides leadership in education, promotion, research and legislation, as well as encourages and supports youth activities.

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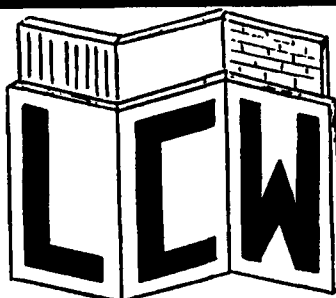


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