

# Kids Korner

## Everywhere That Yvette Goes, Four Lambs Are Sure To Follow

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) —  
Inside her home, Yvette Stoltzfus  
plays the strains of "Mary Had A  
Little Lamb on her violin.

When Yvette steps outside, not  
one but four lambs follow her  
around the farm.

The four quadruplets were born  
several weeks ago.

"We were walking up the lane  
from school when Mother said that  
she had a surprise for us," Yvette  
said of the day when the lambs  
were born.

"They were wet and slimy when  
we first saw them," Yvette's  
brother Jared said.

The lambs are now a soft furry  
white. Although they are penned in  
the barn, the lambs prefer to run  
outside when Jared and Yvette play  
with them.

The lambs appear to be identical

in looks until Jared and Yvette  
point out that one has a curlier tail.  
So it was named Curlicue. Another  
has smaller ears and curlier fur so it  
was named Curly. The markings  
on the lambs' faces are a bit differ-  
ent so the one with the whitest face  
was dubbed Whitey. Of course, the  
one named Jumpy does a lot of  
jumping.

All four lambs make a lot of  
noise. Their constant baa-ing is  
their way of talking.

Yvette and Jared are the children  
of Judy and Jake Stoltzfus. Two  
older sisters, Vonda, 18, and Wafi,  
20, help out with bottle feeding the  
lambs. At first, the lambs were  
bottle fed five times a day, now  
they are fed three times daily.

"We have 16 mommy sheep,"  
Yvette said of the mixed breed  
raised on the farm.

The sheep keep about four acres  
of meadows surrounding the farm



These rambunctious lambs don't like to pose for pictures. Jared and Yvette take some time to play with the sheep quadruplets named Curly, Curly Q, Jumpy, and Whitey. The lambs look all the same to visitors, but Jared and Yvette can easily tell them apart.



Yvette and her sister Vonda bottle feed the lambs.



These are sewing projects that Yvette has made. "I'm lucky to have older sisters that help me sew," Yvette said.

trimmed so that Jared doesn't have  
as much mowing to do.

A goat Lieza chomps the thistles  
in the meadow since sheep prefer  
the taste of tender grass.

Lieza doesn't stick to thistles.  
Once a feed salesman laid a bill on  
top of Lieza's pen. She jumped up  
and ate the bill.

Maybe Lieza thought that she  
was doing the Stoltzfus family a  
favor; but, unfortunately, they still  
needed to pay the bill.

Although both Yvette and Jared  
are 4-H members neither have  
sheep or the goat as a 4-H project.

"We should get a better breed  
sheep if we do that," Jared said.

Jared prefers to make wood-  
working projects.

"I have a band saw that I learned  
to use on my own," Jared said. He  
also likes to help his dad saw wood  
for use in the wood stove.

Recently Jared completed a  
model of his dream car — a 1994  
deep blue Mustang.

"I like Mustangs because they  
go fast and they have a cool  
design," Jared said. "I guess I'm  
Ford-minded."

In addition to mowing around  
the farm, Jared has two mowing  
jobs that he does for other people.  
He also cleans out the hog pens and  
helps with feeding.

Jared plays soccer at Manheim  
Central Junior High School and is a  
member of his church youth group.

Yvette is in fourth grade at H.C.  
Burgard Elementary School. She'd  
rather play the violin or sew than  
go to school. Recently she com-  
pleted two quilts that she hand  
knotted. She also stitched two  
dolls.

Her dream is to be able to sew  
dresses for people.

The Stoltzfus family has a 1,300  
hog finisher operation on their

11½-acre farm in Manheim. They  
have one dog named Rainbow and  
five cats, Tigger, Fluff Ball, Ale-  
xander, Mikey, and Licky.



Nine-year-old Yvette plays "Mary Had A Little Lamb."