

Kids Korner

York 4-H Fair Celebrates 20-Year History



"Jenny" the gentle donkey and her two-month-old jack "Eeyore" got lots of attention at the York 4-H Fair's pet parade for Raymond Stough, Jr. Jenny is a veteran of numerous community Palm Sunday parades. Her baby already shows the marking of a cross on its tiny shoulders, classic identification of a Sicilian donkey, the type which legend says carried Christ into Jerusalem.

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BAIR (York Co.) — From baking to baby-sitting to beef, the York County 4-H Fair had a little something for everyone.

Visitors could ooh and aah over the pet parade, enjoy a tug of war or rocketry demonstration, learn how rabbits and beef are judged, enjoy tasty barbecue sandwiches, even compete in a contest to match up 4-H staffers and adult volunteers to their baby pictures.

A highlight of many of the county's annual club programs, the August 6 and 7 fair has blos-

somed in 20 years from a roundup of projects at the fairgrounds to a two-day expo, with fun and educational events and a fund-raiser at the expanded 4-H Center near Bair.

Hundreds of project displays took center stage in the Center's main exhibition hall, culmination of dozens of learning efforts by both rural and urban youth around the county. Judges evaluated and awarded ribbons to participants, with the project displays then open for public inspection.

Projects ranged from insect collection to leathercraft, from tin-



Keeping one eye on judge Jesse Romberger at all times, rabbitry competitors switch, handle, and evaluate one another's entires in the senior showmanship runoffs. From left are rabbit exhibitors Lillian Eddinger, Rijelle Kraft and Lucas Kraft. Rijelle Kraft won the championship.

punch to candlemaking, from baby-sitting to ceramics. Traditional cooking and sewing, mainstays of the historic beginnings of the rural 4-H program, are still popular as evidenced by displays

of handmade garments and a variety of foods projects. Gardening and animal projects likewise are still in demand among 4-H participants.

Special events of the annual

youth project fair included the 4-H Olympics, goat, rabbit and cavy, beef and lamb shows, fashion and talent shows, and demonstrations by the poultry and seeing-eye pup-

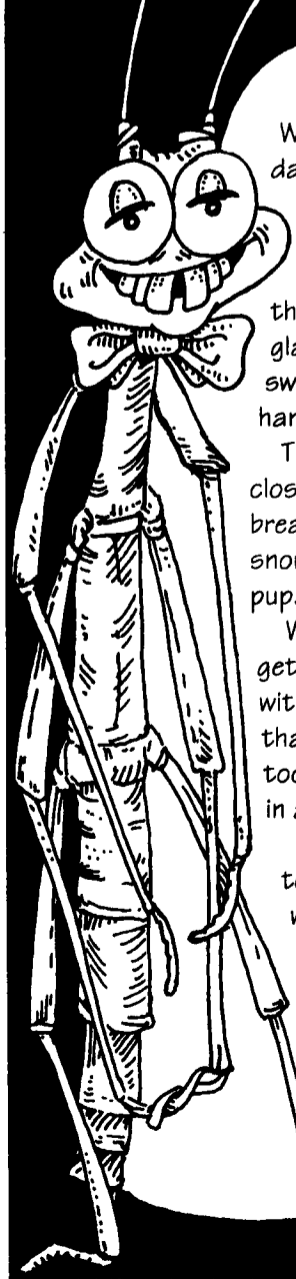
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Trini Gore's 200-plus Silky chickens she raised for 4-H this year inspired her project poster on "What Do Chickens Do?" The 4-H poultry growers with all-dark-meat birds, like Silkies, pool their project birds when mature for niche-market sales to the oriental food trade.

Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK



Why do dogs pant so much?

Because Fido can't sweat like you do.

When the temperature rises during the hot, dog days of summer, you cool off by perspiring. As the salty liquid dries, it cools your skin and lowers your temperature.

Dogs aren't so lucky. But, the problem isn't their heavy furs coats. Dogs have just a few sweat glands in their paws, so no matter how much they sweat, they never cool off. That's where the tongue-hanging, mouth-open puppy breathing comes in.

The major blood vessel in a dog's head runs very close to the surface of its nose. The fresh air a dog breathes works like a fan to cool the blood in the snout, which then circulates to cool the rest of the pup. (Fido exhales the warm air out its mouth.)

While this set up works well in fresh air, a dog can get really sick if the air is too warm — like inside a car with the windows rolled up on a sunny day. And, dogs that run and play in hot, humid weather can overheat, too — though probably not as bad as a dog locked in a car.

Panting helps a dog get the much needed air to its nose more quickly. But normally, just a wet doggy nose is enough to keep its system cool.

Scientifically yours, Twig

