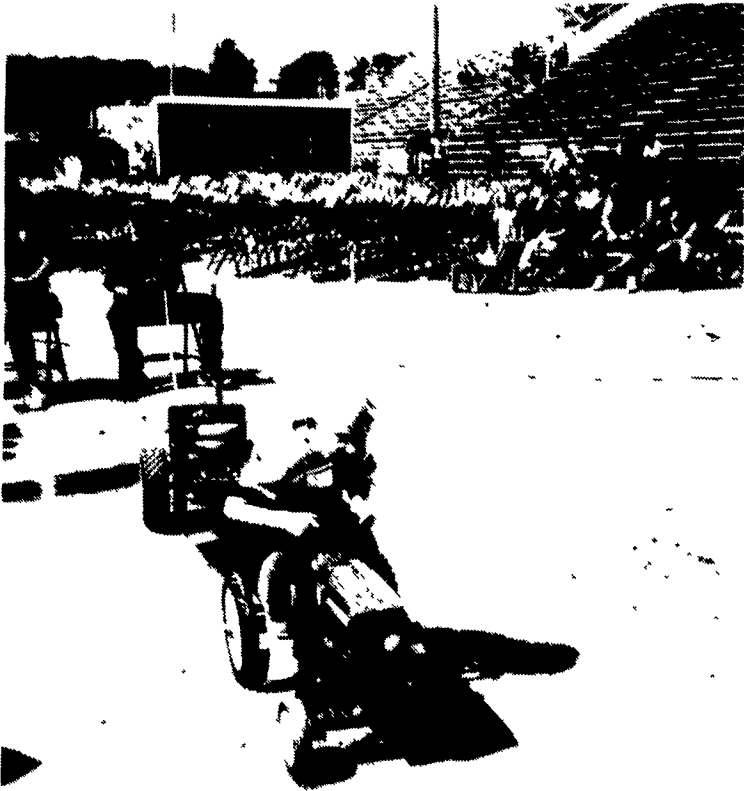


Kids Korner



Alex Koehler of Montrose first place winner at the Harford Fair Kiddy Tractor Pull.

Kiddie Tractor Pull Takes Strong Muscles

HARFORD, Md. — The seventh annual Kiddy Tractor Pull was held recently at the Harford Fair. More than 150 young contestants, ages 4 through 10, "pedaled their hardest" to gain their last inches of ground. Enthusiastic children pulled as parents and other spectators cheered them on.

Children all across Susquehanna County took part in the pull as well as children from Factoryville, Dallas, Danville, Shavertown, Wyalusing, Greencastle, Woolrich, Taylor, Scranton, Jermy, Macungie, Halifax, Philadelphia and Clarks Summit, Pa., Sparta, N.J., Long Island, Conklin, Port Crane, Binghamton, Apalachin and Albany, N.Y., and Belmont, Mass.

The tractors used were donated by Bartron Supply, Tunkhannock, and Lindsey Lawn and Garden Center, New Milford. The tractors were altered for pulling and the weight sled was built by Doug Puzo of Montrose. Businesses donating materials to alter tractors and build the weight sled were: Andre & Son, Montrose Auto Parts, Puzo's Body Shop, Cornerstone Forest Products, Crafts Lumber, and M & M Machine Shop.

The event was organized by Doug and Mary Puzo, and Evie Goff. Members of the Watrous Corners 4-H Club donated their time to work at the event. Those members were Chris Hughes, Aubrey Wood, Dan Puzo, Jason Atkinson and Tyler Singleton. Other volunteers assisting at this event included Jessie and John Puzo and Scott DeMora.

The Susquehanna County alternate dairy princess, Melisa Marcy, Harford Fair Queen Nicole Chidester, and Fair Queen Alternate Katie Cross were on hand to present awards. The Harford Fair Association provided a trophy for the first-

place winner in each division. Ribbons were awarded to all other participants.

In the junior division the four-year-old first and second place winners were Megan Bush, Dimock; Megan Oliver, Springville; Alex Koehler, Montrose, and Dylan Thomas, Kingsley; five-year-old winners were Rachel Smarkusky, Nicholson; Meghan Honeyford, Montrose; Ben Oliver, Springville and Jesse Frystak of Montrose; six-year-old winners were Daisy Matulevich, Kingsley; Kaitlin Callender, Thompson; Todd Howard, Conklin and Kodie Warring; the seven-year-old winners were Abbey Puzo, Montrose; Paulina Tompkins, Union Dale, Michael Greenwood and Rip VanWinkle III both of Montrose. In the senior division the eight-year-old first and second place winners were Chelsey Saam and Brittany Zembrowski both of Thompson; Clair Tompkins, Union Dale; David Smarkusky, Nicholson; the nine-year-old winners were Cara Hollenbeck, Port Crane; Beth Stone, Susquehanna; Daniel Glezen, Hallstead, Jared Lagermasini, New Milford; 10-year-old winners were Tara Rhodes, Taylor; Aubrey Wood, Montrose, Billy Lopatofsky, Union Dale and Brian Belcher, Hop Bottom.

The Junior and Senior Champions receiving grand champion ribbons were Abbey Puzo, Michael Greenwood, Chelsey Saam and Daniel Glezen.

A fair should be fun for the kids. Harford Fair provides just that with an event like the Kiddy Tractor Pull, an opportunity for kids to take part in an event at the fair. The cheers and applause heard from the spectators indicated this event was well received. Look for this event to continue at the Harford Fair next year.

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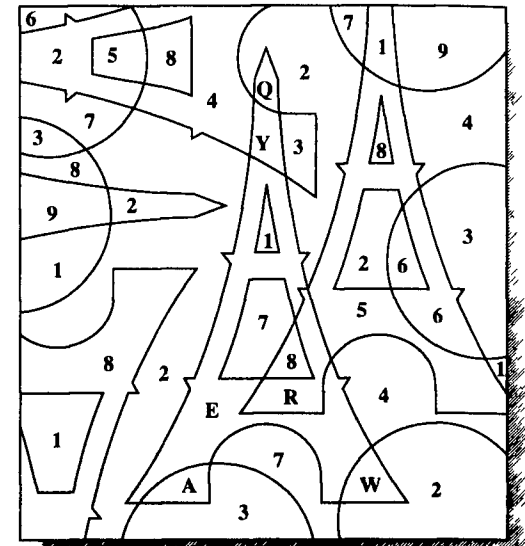
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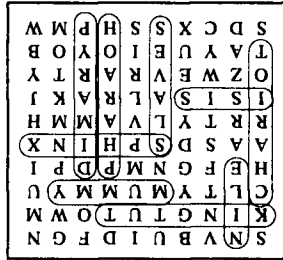
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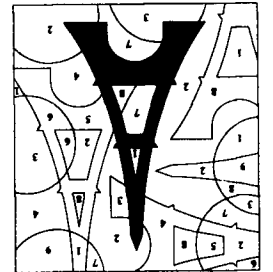
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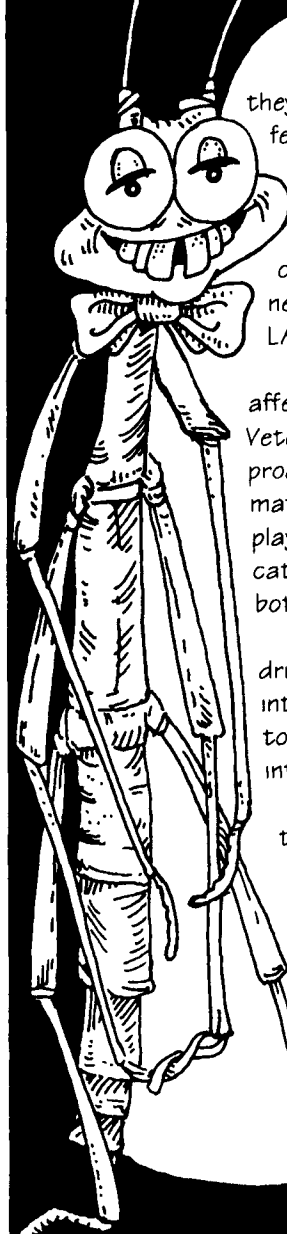
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ANSWERS



Smart Stuff WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK



Why do some cats go crazy over catnip?

Cats that love catnip are really fun to watch — they'll dance all over just to get a whiff of the harmless feline treat.

First, some catnip basics. Catnip is another word for catmint, an herb related to all the other kinds of mint plants around. When you touch or break a leaf of catnip, the smell of a special chemical called nepetalactone escapes into the air. (Say knee-PET-ah-LACK-tone.)

The chemical gives catnip its distinct smell, and it affects the part of the cat's brain that controls behavior. Veterinarians think catnip is a lot like a hormone naturally produced by female cats when they are ready to find a mate. Catnip can make kitty roll on her back, be extra playful, purr more and beg to be petted — all actions a girl cat uses to catch a boy cat's eye. Catnip, though, makes both male and female cats act goofy.

While fresh catnip or kitty toys stuffed with catnip drive some cats nuts, other cats don't seem to be interested in the special treat at all. Kittens never react to it. Only about 50 percent of adult cats show any interest in the treat.

But it's not typical feline aloofness that keeps these adult cats from playing — they just didn't inherit the genes from their parents that make them genetically wired to go gaga over catnip.

Scientifically yours,

Twig

