

Kids Korner

Pet Show At Bedford Fair

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — It was a pleasant summer morning and kids and pets wandered from all angles of the fairgrounds to the annual Bedford Fair Pet Show.

A little girl named Whitley Furry of New Enterprise was carrying her pet enclosed in her tiny hand. It was a hermit crab, not really cuddly and soft, but on Whitley, anything would look cute.

Next to the smallest was a furry hamster owned by Ben Hershberger of Everett. Entered

in the "best dressed" portion of the contest, the hamster was wearing flannel pajamas.

Elana Weyant of Alum Bank showed off her pot-bellied pig in the best trained contest. Willie is just six months old and between grunts rolled over for a belly rub.

He competed with a bashful dog who refused to sing on mouth organ cue. However, a fuzzy collie pup barked on key.

Showing off her five-week-old Jack Russell puppy was easy for Autumn Stufflet of Saxton. Autumn showed off just one of three puppies being oohed and ahed over by spectators.

It was a fun morning with lots of neat prizes and handsome plaques and it left judge, Gail Stottlemeyer in a turmoil as she tried to react fairly to each of the categories. "Next year I will ask for more categories," she said. "I think every kid here deserved a prize."

There were goats wearing pajamas, a poodle in a ballerina costume, and a wide assortment of other contests.

Dogs with long tails and short tails and long ears and short ears. But, where were the felines? Cats were totally absent from the event and probably preferred cat naps over being paraded around on a warm summer morning.

Prizes awarded went to Amanda Hammond, best groomed and best trained; Autumn Stufflet, showmanship; Elana Weyant, best trick; Ben Hershberger, best dressed; Cory Furry, largest pet and longest ears; Whitley Furry, smallest pet; Amanda Horton, longest tail.



Amanda Horton's dog won the prize for the longest tail.



Amanda Hammond had the best groomed and best trained pet.



Elana Weyant and her potbellied pig, which did the best tricks and was the most unusual.

City Folk Find Farm, Share Loves

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NEW PARIS (Bedford Co.) — Pam and Harry Jones were living near Washington D.C. when they discovered rural Bedford County. It was a perfect spot for their love of horses.

Pam, an art teacher, also found it to be ideal for finding subjects to paint or sketch. She is an art teacher at St. Patrick's School. Upon hearing her students talk of their equestrian adventures while delving into their favorite subject of art, Pam was inspired.

The school was attempting to raise funds for various projects that year and Pam offered a long weekend on the farm with horseback riding and art lessons. She sold chances and raised \$1,400.

It was a weekend adventure, which planted a seed for something bigger and better to come.

The Jones' now offer a two-week experience for young ladies ages 8 through 14 throughout the months of June and July. Their rambling farmhouse is headquarters where art classes are held each morning. While some of the girls are elbow deep in paints, others are learning to ride.

Equestrian lessons are taught by Adrienne and Aaron Coble of Bedford. This young brother and sister love to teach and ride. They bring their own horses to mingle with those owned by Pam and Harry.

As the Cobles teach the girls riding skills, others immerse themselves painting bags, T-shirts, and pottery. The girls try their hands at almost every media including oils, watercolors, and charcoal sketches.

Subjects are easy to come by in this picturesque area. They produce pictures of horses, cows, and make trips to the scenic countryside to sketch covered bridges, buffalo, and bubbling streams. Further art talents were developed this year painting Ukrainian eggs.

Through it all, Pam remains the steadfast instructor, encouraging and critiquing. A big farm cat might find a lap for a petting



Square dancing with the local 4-H group provides an evening of fun.

session as the girls take breaks.

Activities are never ending and food is plentiful. Cook and former caterer Jessica Benton provides the vittles.

"The kids think I am a great cook so I love every one of them," Jessica laughs. Her bubbly personality is a great match for the energetic girls.

"Pam and I sit down late in the spring and plan the menus," Jessica explains. "Our best buddy is 'Sam's Club.' Since each camp session lasts for two weeks throughout the months of June and July, we repeat the same menus every two weeks. Some groups eat a lot and some not as much."

Talents from the community are also utilized. Vi Laws, a crafts lady from the Glade Pike, taught a class on making cornhusk dolls. Ben Buck and Dave Koontz offered a fishing demonstration teaching them how to cast and catch.

Janet Shaffer shows how to

band birds. The days sometime end with an old-fashioned hayride.

Every two-week session is treated to a night of square dancing with Skimmer and Mary Wilson's 4-H Club. Quick learners, the girls are soon do-si-doing like old pros.

During the weekends, the girls enjoy the Alpine slide at Seven Springs, kayaking on the Juniata River, dress rehearsals at Old Bedford Village. This year, one of the productions was "Man of La Mancha" which starred local resident Larry Faupal. He spent an evening teaching the girls archery.

The girls hike Blue Knob and enjoy a barbecue and games by the poolside.

"We keep them as busy as possible to avoid homesickness," Pam said, and admits she is ready for a rest when the two months are over. "But I enjoy every minute of those girls," she adds.