

## Emus

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medicine (it's an anti-inflammatory), the feathers are used as feather dusters, and the hide is tanned to leather. "There isn't a part of the emu that isn't used for something," Skip Smith says.

Smith predicts that we'll be seeing more emu meat in the markets within the year. "The Beaumont Inn is currently serving ostrich meat on its menu and they are seriously considering adding emu meat."

Three years ago Skip and Nancy went to a farm near Harrisburg to get the first emu chicks that make up their original pairs of emu. This spring and summer they incubated and successfully hatched their own emu. In consideration of animal rights activists and vegetarians, Smith admits the animals make fun-loving pets but hopes to raise 50 animals this next year for market. Mikki Lacey and her daughter Sarah, also of Beaumont, long time friends of the Smiths, came regularly last summer to feed, visit, or babysit the emus. Says Sarah Lacey, "They look like ostriches but have no wings, they are fun." But adds Mikki Lacey "They are very homely."



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK  
Sarah Lacey poses with one of the emus she "babysat" this summer.

## Legion Aux. officers

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Daddow Isaacs Post 672 of Dallas will hold its installation of officers on Thurs., Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Mary Colwell will preside over the installation of the ladies officers.

Jean Levy, will be reinstated as president of the auxiliary; Millie Bozak, first vice president; Jackie Pearson, second vice president; Shirley Strohl, secretary; Marion Kunigonis, treasurer; Susan Stephens, sergeant at arms; Marguerite Dubil, historian; Florence Owens, chaplain.

The Dallas Auxiliary is in the midst of planning a fund raiser. On Sat. Oct. 4, the ladies will present a Nite at the Races. The doors will open at 7 p.m. with races starting at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to purchase a horse may contact the Dallas Legion at 675-6542 or any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

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