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A PICTORIAL OF 150 YEARS OF THE YORK COUNTY FAIR

In the late 1800s and the very first years of the 1900s, York became populated by the pioneers. They moved her with nothing and somehow built the foundation of this community.

In 2017, the York News-Times' historical publication was titled, "Snapshots In Time, A Pictorial of York County's Early Days." In that publication, we highlighted scenes from the formative years.

In 2018, we moved to an era we called "The Growing Years," 1915-1940.

Not only was that a time of growing the population (for most York County towns, their peak population numbers were during those years), it was also a time of great innovation as well as difficult situations.

Next we moved on to the mid-century era – 1940-1990.

Thankfully, individuals with historical foresight and changing equipment captured snapshots showing their surroundings, their families, their neighbors, their triumphs, their trying times. Through the preservation of history, we get to see how our predecessors lived, worked and celebrated.

The following year, we celebrated "The Houses Built by Faith" – by featuring some of the churches in York County that are 90, 100 and more years old.

And last year, in celebration of the York News-Times' 150th anniversary, staff members treated readers to just some of the daily front pages that have

run over the years.

This year we are celebrating yet another 150 year milestone - 150 years of the York County Fair.

What started out as a Fall Festival in October evolved and changed to a fair held in the downtown square with local businesses housing fair displays including even many breeds of poultry!

The early years featured aviation meets, equestrian shows at the East Hill baseball park and an actual King and Queen of the York County Fair.

There were of course some constants from the very beginning such as the Nebraska State University Extension Department demonstrations and of course the 4-H program.

4-H entries have evolved and changed throughout the years, along with the numbers and types of animals exhibited. But the York County Fair, now held during the first week of August, has been a mainstay for educating and instilling qualities in our youth first displayed by our forefathers who worked to settle this land back in the 1800s.

Following are just some snapshots in time – York County Fair photos from the York News-Times over the past 150 years. Thanks for reading!

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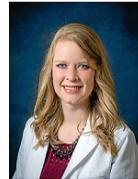
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1917

York County Fair and Fall Festival

One of the very first ads for the York County Fair was printed in 1917 and advertised the York County Fair and Fall Festival. Unlike the modern day fair the event was held in October and featured performances by the Kealalaki Hawaiians and Bartino's Trained Dogs. The Nebraska State University Extension Department gave daily demonstrations including "Demonstrations of Cold-Pack Method of Canning" and "What to Consider in the Planning of Meals".

YORK COUNTY FAIR AND FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

The York County Fair will be memorable in the annals of Amusement and Industrial enterprise. The Amusement Committee has spared no effort or expense in securing an array of attractions for the delight of the crowds that will visit the fair grounds from the suburbs, as well as for the delectation of the folks of their home town. The Committee has already contracted for several of the best sensational feature attractions obtainable. Among them will be:



Bartino's Trained Dogs

Daily Program

- Monday: Entering and Placing Exhibits.
- Tuesday: Judging Agricultural, Domestic Science and Art Exhibits and Awarding Premiums.
- BAND CONCERTS.**
- Wednesday: Patriotic Day. This is the date for leaving of the third installment of drafted men for national day, and a special program will be arranged for the day. Stock Judging and Awarding Premiums
- Thursday: Stock Judging and Awarding Premiums.
- Friday: The Annual School Parade, participated in by nearly all the schools in the county. Parade to start at 10:30 a. m. Parade of all Premium Stock at 11:30 a. m.

FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

- Miss Esther Ord of Nebraska State University Extension Department will give daily demonstrations and lectures in the banquet room of the Y. M. C. A., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Her Program:
 - 10:00 Demonstration of Cold-Pack Method of Canning.
 - 2:00 What to Consider in the Planning of Meals.
 - 4:00 Choosing Pictures for the Home.
- Miss Ord's demonstration will include methods of drying, jelly-making, pickling and preserving. This will prove an instructive and interesting feature for the housewives who are interested in the new methods of food preservation.

BARTINO'S NOVELTY:—

Comedy aerial dogs and slack wire novelty, in a series of clever tricks executed with remarkable ease and grace; also hoop rolling and juggling novelty.

FLORIDA TROUBADOURS:—

Colored harmony jubilee singers and eccentric dancers in a repertoire of old folks songs, popular and ragtime numbers. Considered by press and public to be the best colored company playing Fairs.

KEALALAKI HAWIANS:—

Hawaiian singers and instrumentalists, in a series of quaint Hawaiian songs and American popular balads.

It will readily be seen that with these features, the program outlined by the Fair management will be a genuine gala performance throughout and combined with the many other forms and sights of amusement and interest will make the York County Fair, this year, worth your while.



Prepare Your Exhibits and bring them in. Have them in place not later than Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.



Kealalaki Hawaiians

Special Premiums

- The German-American Bank will give a cash prize for the best 10 ears of field corn, any variety the second best.
- The City National Bank will give \$10. in gold to exhibitor that has been awarded the greatest of blue ribbons, as shown by the books of variety.
- The Harrison Nursery Company, will give a cash \$10 for the first, and \$5 second, for the largest and best display of fruits, made by a ship; display to consist of 15 varieties or more.
- The J. F. Goshans Grain and Lumber Company a cash prize of \$10 for the best bushel of wheat in the county.
- The Nebraska Shorthorn Breeders' Association will give a Champion Ribbon for the best Bull owned by an exhibitor.
- The First National Bank, will give \$5 for the best of Yellow Corn, \$3 for second best, \$2 for third best.
- The First National Bank, will give \$5 for the best of White Corn, \$3 for second best, \$2 for third best.
- The Farmers State Bank, will give a cash prize for the best Milch Cow.
- The York Milling Company, will give for the bread baked from Pleazal Flour, five sacks of flour; second prize, one sack. For the best loaf baked from Pleazal Flour, first prize, \$2; second prize, \$1.

There will be something doing from early morning until late at night. Come and bring the whole family and have a good time. We have been splendid exhibits in all lines.

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FALL FESTIVAL IS IN FULL SWING

The first day of the fall fair and festival proved to be successful in completing the arrangements for the big days to come. The formal opening was held yesterday. The program last night consisted of opening of the various shows around the square and making every thing in readiness for tonight and tomorrow.

The Municipal building located on Platte Ave., has been decorated and filled with agricultural exhibits and the culinary department located in the North West Corner of the building has an exhibit that is worthy of a visit by everyone.

One hundred and twenty-seven head of cattle are on exhibition and more are coming. The horses have arrived. The best exhibit ever placed before York county in any fall fair and festival.

In the same building is the boys pig and calf club and the sheep exhibits which have greatly increased over former years. The grade of livestock exhibited this year according to the men in charge is far superior to anything of previous years.

The poultry exhibit is one that will interest every farm house wife and many town people who have the opportunity to raise poultry to visit the building just east of the Matt Brandrup Auto Top company on East fifth street and see the splendid display of fine marked birds is worth anyone's time. The building so far is filled to capacity with thorough bred chickens and ducks.

In the Fraternal hall on the second landing the needle craft department has the exhibits of fancy work arranged and ready for the public inspection. The fine technique of needle-worked is displayed and the general public is requested to visit this exhibit at the earliest possible opportunity.

On the W. A. Waldron farm located two and one half miles southwest of the city tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock the aviation meet will commence. Wing walking, parachute jumps, and numbers of other stunts will be featured at the meet.

Automobiles will be premitted into the grounds but will not be allowed to stand around on the near by roads. The ground will be policed at all times to keep the cars moving. This will avoid congestion.

In the evening the big event at the Aviation field will be fireworks and a parachute jump.

Aviators have commenced coming in and it is expected by the secretary of the York County Commercial Club that every one will be present by noon tomorrow.

The Regimental band will render a concert this evening and every evening hereafter during the fall fair.

A large delegation from the surrounding towns is expected to visit York within the next few days.

So far the Fall fair and festival has been proclaimed a success by

1921 Fall Festival in Full Swing

The Fall Festival, which would eventually become the York County Fair, was originally held in York's downtown square back in 1921. The Municipal Building on Platte Avenue was filled with agricultural exhibits along with the culinary department. One hundred and twenty-seven head of cattle with more to come were exhibited. The Poultry Exhibit could be found in a building just east of the Matt Brandrup Auto Top Company on East Fifth Street and the Fraternal Hall housed the needle craft department. An aviation meet was held at the W.A. Waldron farm located two and one half miles southwest of the city. Wing walking, parachute jumps and other stunts were featured along with a fireworks show.

FAIR WEEK

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND COUNTY FAIR YORK -- OCTOBER 3 to 7, 1921 -- YORK

Bigger and better than ever this year the York County Fair and Fall Festival is an event attracting state wide notice and one that will remain long in the memory of the thousands who will come for miles to the best County Fair Ever held in York.

Great Inter-state Aviation Meet
October 5th, 6th and 7th--Every Aternoon 2:00 to 5:30

Positively the biggest air meet that will be staged in Nebraska this year. Nothing like it ever seen here before. Planes from six states will compete for prizes and cups.

20 PLANES WILL COMPETE 20
Among the Noted Fliers and Aerial Gymnastic Performers are

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MR. AND MRS. HARDIN: Parachute drops are a positive pleasure to this intrepid couple.

LIEUT. WILFORD BOTTENFIELD: He daily risks his life for your pleasure and amusement.

THE DUNCAN BROTHERS: A team of Peerless Aerial Acrobats. Two wonderful wizards of the air.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT
The agricultural exhibit will be the greatest interest in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

LIVE STOCK
The live stock exhibit will be the most interesting in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

POULTRY EXHIBITS
The poultry exhibit will be the most interesting in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

HOME ECONOMICS
The home economics exhibit will be the most interesting in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS
The school exhibit will be the most interesting in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
The school athletic meet will be the most interesting in the show. Exhibits from every state and foreign countries will be on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

REGIMENTAL BAND
The Regimental Band attached to the 10th Cavalry will provide music for the fair. The band will be on duty from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The band will be on duty from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

FOOT BALL
The football game will be the most interesting in the show. The game will be played on the fair grounds. The game will be played on the fair grounds.

Peru Normal vs. York College, Thursday, Oct. Sixth

Lincoln High vs. York High, Friday, October Seventh

Planes From Six State Will Compete for Prizes and Cup
Night Show of Aeroplanautics Each Night at 7:30. "Flanders Field" Illuminated with Fireworks and the Unusual Sight of an Aviator Leaving His Plane in Mid-Air. Complete Change of Program.

WALDRON SHOWS DAY AND NIGHT

1921 Seventh Annual Fall Festival and County Fair

The Seventh Annual Fall Festival and County Fair was held Oct. 3-7 in 1921. The featured event was the Great Inter-state Aviation Meet featuring planes from six different states competing for prizes and cups. Agricultural, Livestock, Poultry, Home Economics and School Exhibits were on display. And both York College and York High School competed in football games as part of the Fall Festival and County Fair.

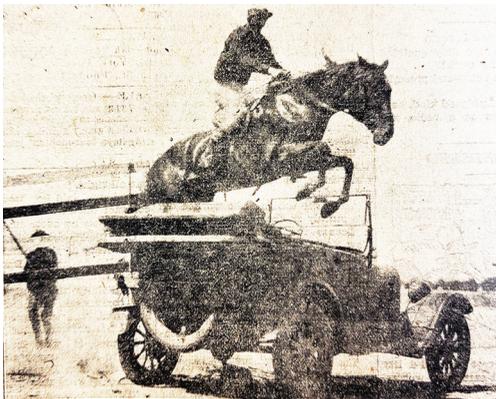
Livestock Exhibits Well Worth Seeing | 1923

1923 was a good year for the hog entries. The number of hog entries at the 1923 fair exceeded the previous year's entries. The article reads, "Both quantity and quality are in evidence." However, the horse show and cattle show entries had fallen. Those that were showing cattle were Westwood Farm Utica, Jay White, C Alvin Olson, J. W. DeBoer and Son, J. H. Brabham and W.C. Clayton and Son.

1923

Best Chicken Show

In the fall of 1923, York County had its "best chicken show" at the York County Fair compared to previous years. O.O Jones, superintendent of the chicken show, said, "I am safe in saying that there are at least 350 birds on display and but for the muddy roads we would have had over 400." In addition to the chickens, there were chickens, ducks and geese to be seen.



1926

Unusual Entertainments

The York County Fair offers a variety of unusual entertainments. This horse, from a Government Cavalry Remount establishment, will do this trick for you. Entertainment, yes, but the educational exhibits entered will surprise you. Get a season ticket for \$1.50 at Bradwell's or Boyer's.

BEST CHICKEN SHOW IN HISTORY OF FAIR

At Least 250 Birds on Display;
There Are Also Many Other
Fowls and Pets

"This year's chicken exhibit is the best in the history of York county fairs," declared O. O. Jones, superintendent of the chicken show. "I am safe in saying that there are at least 350 birds on display and but for the muddy roads we would have had over 400," continued Mr. Jones.

Last year the show was held under a temporary shed adjoining the Agricultural hall but this year the garage of B. A. Wythers, south of the McCloud Hotel was secured and the chickens are provided with plenty of light and ventilation.

The judging of the chickens took place yesterday afternoon. O. A. Summers of the Nebraska state farm was the judge. He judged only the chickens and pets. It was interesting to watch Mr. Summers inspect each chicken, looking at the feet, the wing, feathers and the head.

Many splendid birds are now on exhibit, some of which were brought in late in the afternoon while the judging was taken place. The directors deemed it advisable to allow entries after 8 o'clock yesterday morning as many who were desirous of exhibiting fowls could not get in until late in the day owing to road conditions. Many, who would have had chickens as well as cattle and hogs on display, found that it wasn't worth their time to bring in the birds as the weather conditions were most unfavorable.

In addition to the regular display of the different breeds of chickens, there are pigeons, ducks, geese, rabbits, bantams and dogs.

C. A. Morrill, of Stromsburg, has on exhibit a litter of purebred pedigree Scottish Terrier rat dogs. These little fellows are black and while they are a homely dog, they are full of fun. Their motto is: "Death to Rats."

Miss Mildred Sturner, of Brad-

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS AT THE COUNTY FAIR WELL WORTH SEEING

Many Hogs Entered; Cattle and
Horses Show What York
County Breeders Favor.

The judging of the hogs took place under very unfavorable weather conditions yesterday afternoon. Owing to the large number of hogs entered and the scattering of the pens all over the block, considerable time was spent. Practically the only ones present were the exhibitors themselves and a few of the townspeople who have retired from the farm.

Most of the leading breeders of the county were present to show off their pigs. The number of entries this year exceeds that of last year considerably. Both quantity and quality are in evidence. The judging on all the hogs has been closer this year than it was last.

Among the leading exhibitors are: P. J. Tisserat, T. W. Smith and son, Smith and Lemon, Carl Barth, Will Geiger, Roy Luethje, L. Hirschfield, Thompson Brothers, A. W. Uffleman, J. S. Curren of Osceola; S. D. Goodale, Frazer Brothers, James McGowan, C. Alvin Olson, Herbert Krahn, John M. Snyder, W. C. Rhoades and members of the York County Pig Club. The pig club has some splendid exhibits, and since the judging, some prize winners.

The cattle show this year has fallen behind this year as far as the number of entries is concerned, though all the stock on exhibit is purebred.

Those showing cattle include: Westwood Farm of Utica, Jay White, C. Alvin Olson, J. W. DeBoer and Son, J. H. Brabham and W. C. Clayton and Son.

The horse show is also small though there are several teams of draft horses and a few ponies on exhibit. The thoroughbred work horse is a practical stranger in York county, farmers relying upon their scrub stuff to do the work. The farmer has not forsaken the horse entirely even though the thoroughbred is not a leader on the county farms. Many farmers contend that with the scrub horses less care is required in the handling for there is considerable less money tied up in them.

FAIR CAN BE HELD

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GOVERNMENT AND CHURCH IN ARMISTICE

State Still Retains Commanding Position With Both Sides Standing Firm.

Episcopate Will Exhaust Every Legal Means to Have Present Laws Set Aside.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21. (AP)—The Mexican government and the episcopate of the Catholic church in Mexico have reached a virtual armistice, with the state still in a commanding position.

Despite the cordial tone of recent declarations both by President Calles and the episcopate, there is slight prospect that either side will recede from its position.

The episcopate committee of the church has voted to accept the suggestion of President Calles and seek relief from the new religious laws both in congress and the courts, seeking injunctions against operation of the laws.

Members of the episcopate expressed satisfaction with what they considered the spirit of conciliation in the letter which Calles addressed to Arch Bishop Mora Y. Del Rio regarding the church's petition for annulment of the laws.

They declared their intention of exhausting every legal means in the effort to have the laws set aside. Bishop Diaz of Tabasco expressed his belief that the situation was improving and that hopes were aroused of both sides finding a common path toward an accord.

In congress, the efforts of the church group will be directed toward seeking an amendment to the constitution.

The federation of syndicates, meeting in secret session, has voted to establish offices to aid in combating the luxury boycott instituted by Catholics and to fight other activities of the Catholic league of religious defense.

BLACKSMITHS T. HASTINGS

HASTINGS, Aug. 21.—Arrangements have been made to hold the annual convention of the Nebraska Blacksmiths' association here October 20, 21 and 22.

Although the old fashioned black-

Child Dies of Injury From Bus Accident

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 21.—Jane Miller, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark Miller, was fatally injured when she was run down at a street intersection by a Des Moines city railway motor bus, driven by H. C. Smith. The girl died on the way to the hospital. Smith was taken into custody to be held for investigation but was released when witnesses absolved him from blame.

Three other persons were injured in automobile accidents here during the past twenty-four hours.

LEGION MEMBERS ARE GATHERING FOR CONVENTION

Some Comment Heard on Possible Paris Convention 1927; No Action Looked For.

CHADRON, Aug. 21. (AP)—Nebraska American Legion members were arriving here today in automobiles from all parts of the state for the annual state convention of the organization which opens Monday.

It was estimated that more than 600 Legionaries and their families would be in Chadron by tonight. Many of those arriving planned to encamp in the state park near here and may well drive to the resorts in the Black Hills following the convention.

Mid discussion of the 1927 national convention of the Legion to be held at Paris was heard in Legion groups. Although there is discussion against holding the convention in France because of the hostile demonstrations against Americans there this year, local Legion leaders do not expect the question to arise on the convention floor here.

At least 2,000 Nebraska Legionaries are expected to attend the convention, which continues three days.

Columbus Police Are Holding Sign Painter

COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 21. (AP)—Police held Arthur Forbes, 53, itinerant sign painter today while search was made for Mrs. Mary Bohonak and her two daughters, aged 9 and 14, who left their home at Table Rock, Neb., two weeks ago to accompany Forbes.

Forbes told police that Mrs. Bohonak accompanied him in her car despite his objections. He said she trailed him from town to town until this week when he "ditched" her at Cook on the pretense that he was going to Tecumseh to collect debts.

YORK'S FIRST REAL FAIR IS BIG SUCCESS

Visitors Are Loud in Their Praise For Management, Exhibits and Entertainment.

'I'll Take My Hat Off to Fouts' is Comment of One of Fair's Chief Objectors.

York county's fair in-tents was a success.

Everybody who attended the fair and there were somewhere in the neighborhood of 17,000 visitors, conceded that point and were loud in their praise of the fair management for establishing such a clean, brilliant show under such adverse conditions as those which have existed this year.

Though no official count was kept on those who entered the gates, it was estimated that about 17,000 people visited the fair during the three days and four nights. The opening night was attended by at least 2,000 people, while on Wednesday the estimate was placed at 4,000. This weekend's day and school children were admitted to the grounds free Thursday was the big day at the fair when 6,000 people were estimated, having passed the gates, while Friday, the closing day, saw 5,000 people within the grounds.

It was stated at the office of F. Propst, county treasurer, who handled the receipts for the fair association, that the proceeds of the fair would reach, if not pass, the \$6,000 mark. The money on hand this morning nearly reached the mark with a number of big concessions yet to pay their percentages. Percentages from concessions were good, according to the checkup on the itinerant concessionaires held last night. The checkup on concessions was completed by K. C. Fouts, secretary, about 12:30, after the crowd had left the grounds.

Many were enthusiastic in the praise of K. C. Fouts, secretary, who (Continued on Page 2.)

BANDIT CAREER COMES TO AN END

Ann Frances Linn Tarm, Santora

YORK' FIRST REAL FAIR BIG SUCCESS

(Continued from page one.)

Fouts was the "boss" of the whole show. Fouts kept out undesirable concessions believing that gambling devices were not quite the proper thing for a county institution and on the ground that it was up to the management to protect the public from "sharks." It was a clean fair, from beginning to end. There were no disorders of any kind and but one arrest was made. It was made so quietly that few people realized it had taken place. A man was charged with intoxication and was locked in the county jail Thursday night by Sheriff Peterson.

Fouts had several numbers on his program of entertainment which were big drawing cards. The team pulling contests in the mornings of Thursday and Friday drew large crowds from the country while in the afternoon the crowds were increased by baseball fans, who gathered to see their favorite teams do battle on the diamond. Three games were played, one each afternoon, though the closing game was a top-sided affair towards the close. Running races also brought in many to the fair while the chariot, Roman standing races and the York county relay race, the closing afternoon, held in attraction for hundreds. The platform performances, eclipsed by the high aerial act of the Four Colts, were of the highest quality and many declared each act in itself worth the price of admission for all.

For the closing performance last evening the grandstand was well filled. The receipts from the grandstand were large Friday afternoon and evening. The Chick Boys Players were a big drawing card. They play again tonight.

The exhibits in the various departments were of the finest quality and the judges earned their pay in several departments in selecting the prize winners. In the school exhibit, which occupied practically all of one large tent, the quality of the showings was perhaps the best ever seen in a county fair, though the quantity was lacking, due to the uncertainty this spring over whether or not there was to be a fair. Late last night a selection of the choice exhibits from this department was made and will be entered at the Nebraska State Fair.

Prize winners in other departments will also enter their exhibits at the state fair, so well pleased were they with their showings made in the fair here. The agricultural exhibit was not as extensive as in former

years, but at the same time the quality was good. The long dry spell this spring didn't bring about the usual products for which York county is known but in other lines the exhibits were good, according to the judges.

After exhibits were released yesterday afternoon work was at once started in dismantling the "city of tents" and this morning many of the tents were taken down, packed and ready for shipment. A large force of workmen was engaged today in cleaning up the grounds, tearing up stalls used in the livestock divisions and helping remove the last exhibits. The prize money, which has not already been paid, will be mailed from the office of the secretary, as soon as the secretary and his assistants can recollect the prize winners. Many obtained their prize money yesterday and a special effort was made to pay off in particular the out of county exhibitors, of whom there were many.

Perhaps nothing was more gratifying to the fair management than the compliments paid them by a

large number of those who early this spring brought an injunction suit against the county board of supervisors and the county fair board in an effort to stop all further work towards a fair. These men admitted that the fair was a success and were not slow to extend their compliments. One of them said, "By golly, I didn't think he (Fouts) could do it, but he has and I'll take my hat off to him."

After checking up the concessions last night K. C. Fouts said when asked about the financial end of the fair, "I don't place making money of prime importance in the county fair for in the first place the people are taxed to provide the fair and why should they be expected to pay all the expenses attached to it by charging larger admissions at the various gates."

"I am very well pleased," was Fouts' comment this morning. Several officers of the fair board, including W. C. Foster, president, reiterated Fouts' statement today when asked how they liked it. York county's fair was a success.

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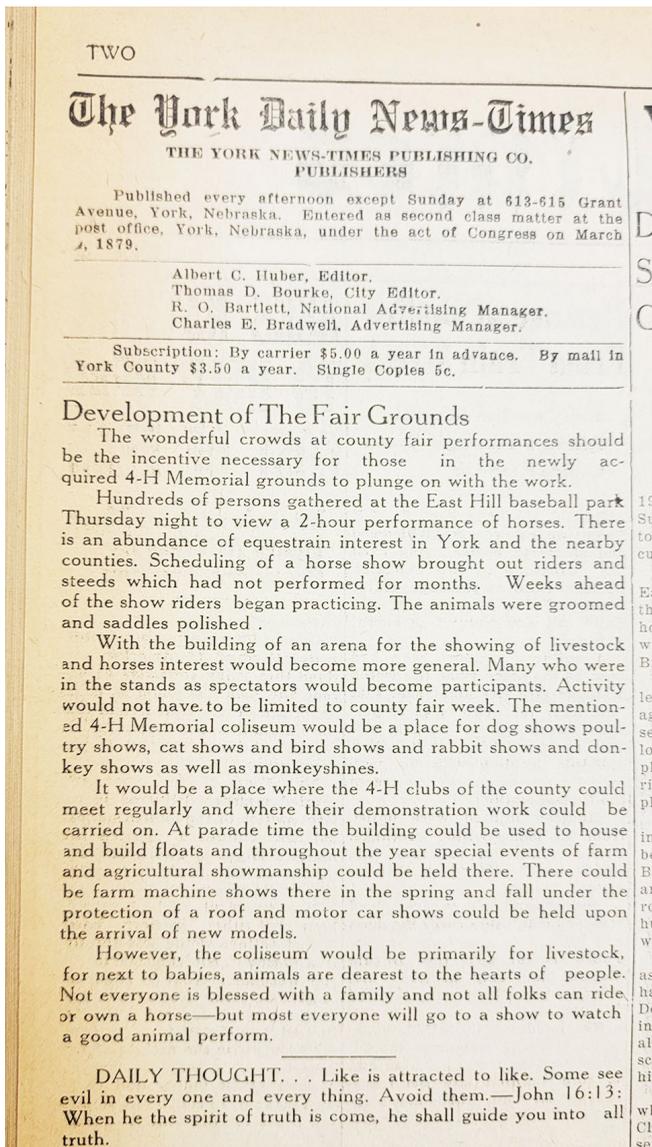
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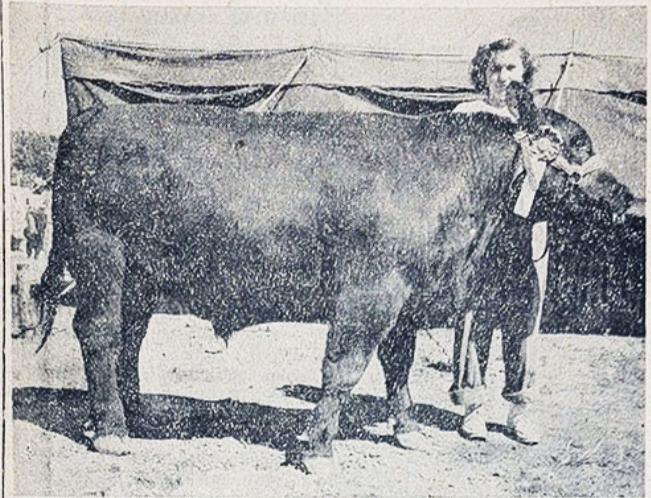
A Pair of Grand Champions

The front page of the York News-Times on Tuesday, September 7, 1947 featured a pair of grand champions. York County's grand champion baby beef steer was shown in Lincoln by owner Marilyn Larkin, 15 years old, a member of the Benedict Baby Beef club. It was Marilyn's fifth year in 4-H work and her third in baby beef. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Larkin. The grand champion heifer of the York county fair was shown by Betty Lee Heidbreder, 17 years old, a member of the Merry Milker's Club. The heifer brought top price at the sale of 4-H baby beeves. Miss Heidbreder is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Heidbreder.



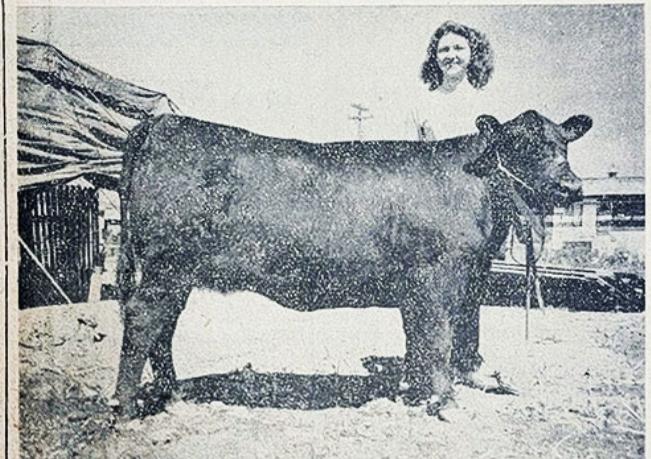
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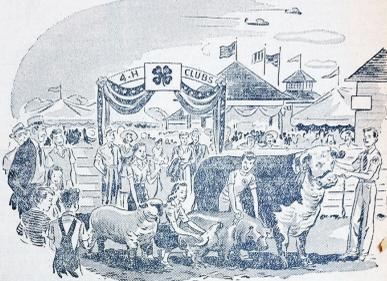
This Heifer To A Locker



1947 | Development of the Fair Grounds

The development of the fair grounds was promoted on the front page of the York Daily News-Times in 1947. Following a 2-hour performance of horses at the East Hill baseball park it was obvious there was an "abundance of equestrian interest in York and the nearby counties". The building of an arena for the showing of livestock and horses was underway at the newly acquired 4-H Memorial grounds. A 4-H memorial coliseum "would be a place for dog shows, poultry shows, cat shows and bird shows and rabbit shows and donkey shows as well as monkeyshines."

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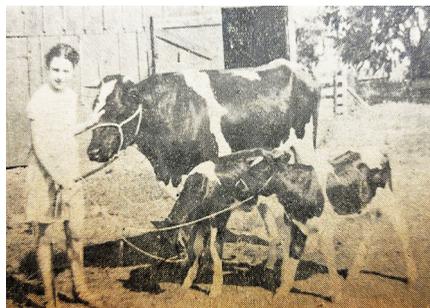
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Come to the Fair

This 1947 ad for the York County Fair invites residents to come and enjoy the York County Horse Show at East Hill Park and a machinery Show on 3rd and Lincoln. Events also included a softball tournament, water fights nightly, a style show by York merchants along with a fire fighting demonstration by the York Fire Department. All livestock exhibits were located at the 4-H Memorial Site at 4th Street and York Ave. 4-H Club Demonstrations along with the Style Show were held at the York City Auditorium. Eddie Garner and his Orchestra performed and a square dance was held along with a York vs. Aurora Cornhusker League baseball game.

1947

Twin Calves on Stromsburg Farm



Norma Moore, 11, daughter of Keith Moore, RFD 2, Stromsburg, proudly presents her three-year-old pedigreed Holstein cow, Betsie, and her three week old twin calves, Lady and Laddie. She is an active member of the Creswell Community Dairy Club whose project is the raising of pedigreed Holstein dairy herds. Norma has been active in 4-H club work for three years.

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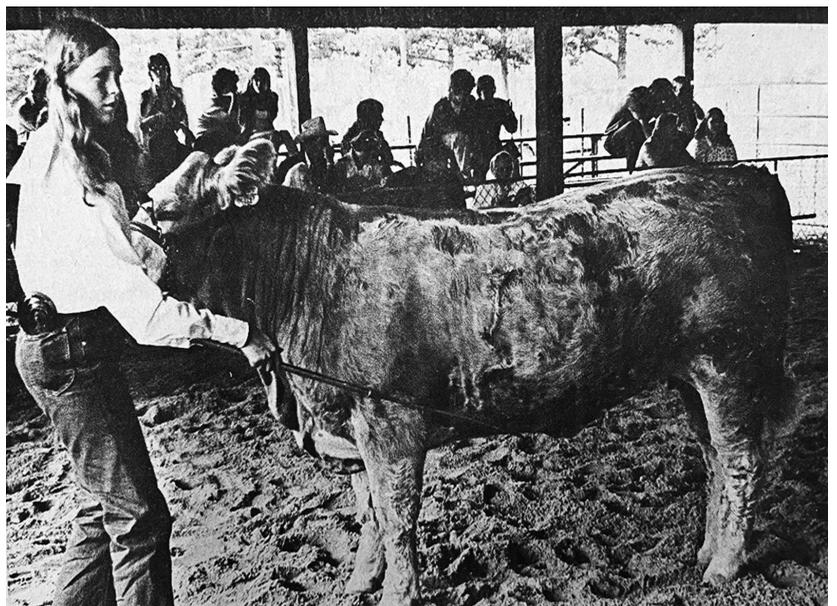
1974

It's no secret as young Jeff Klute can attest. The 1974 York County Fair is set for Tuesday through Friday at the fairgrounds in York. Klute is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Klute of York.

Champion Market Heifer

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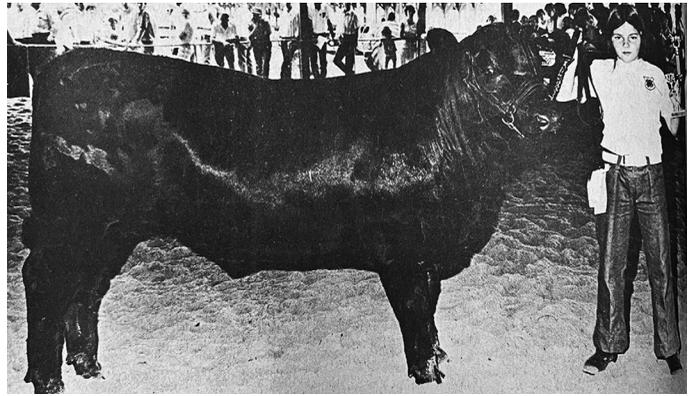
The 1974 Champion market heifer, shown by Karen Olson of York, is a 1,175-pound crossbred.



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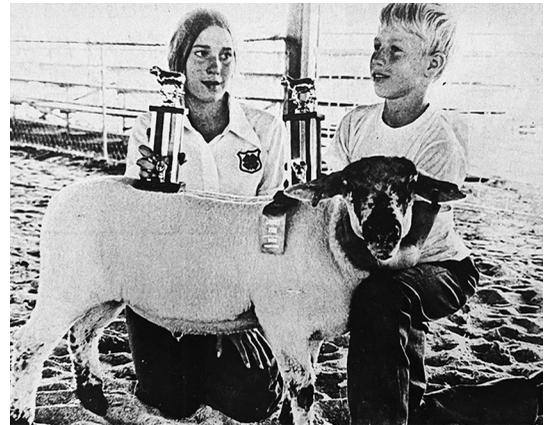
Grand Champion Market Steer

Little Kiley Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan of Waco, is shown with her grand champion market steer, a 1,205-pound crossbred.



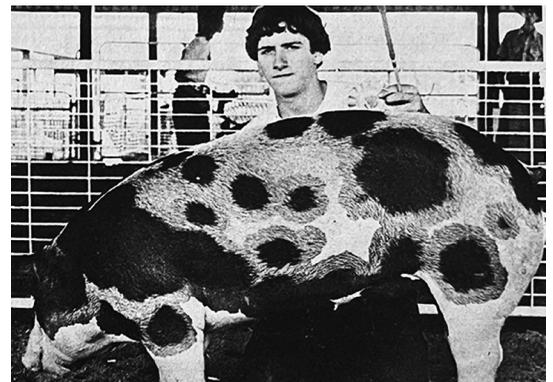
Fair Royalty | 1974

The King and Queen for York County's 1974 fair, crowned Monday, are Sharon Fritz of Waco and Dennis Ditloff of Bradshaw. The two will reign over fair events through Friday. Miss Fritz, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iven Fritz. Ditloff, also 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ditloff.



1974 | Sheep Showmanship

Roxanne Kessinger and Mike Ocken, both of Waco, won senior and junior sheep showmanship trophies during the 4-H sheep show. Miss Kessinger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kessinger and Ocken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Ocken.



1974 | Reserve Champion Gilt

Greg Bolte with his reserve champion gilt.



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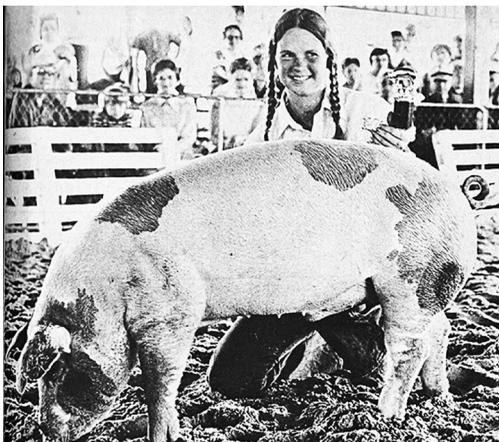
Pop Can Accent Table

Kristie Hirschfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Hirschfeld of Waco, puts finishing touches on her accent table created from pop cans. The table will be exhibited at the York County Fair.

Champion Market Barrow

1974

Karen Olson of York has good reason to be smiling, she just won trophies at the County Fair swine show for her champion market barrow. The barrow weighs 235 pounds.

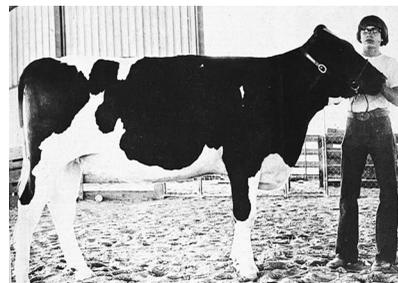


Ice Box Project

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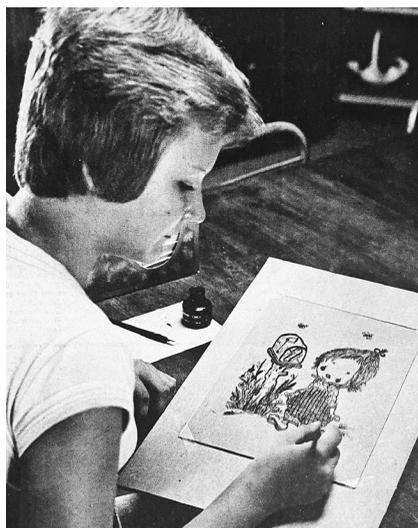
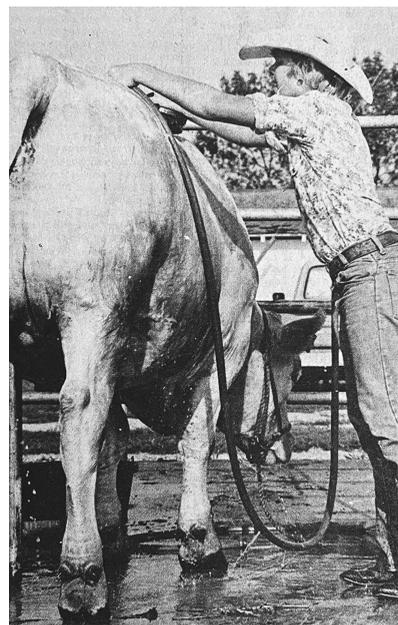
An ice box such as this one, converted to a cedar chest is an example of projects expected in the Heirloom Treasures division. The exhibitor is Laura Phillips of Benedict.





1976 | *Holstein Champion*

Charles Epp of Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Epp, exhibited the grand champion Registered Holstein at the dairy show of York County's Fair. Charles is 14 years old.



A Little Higher Please

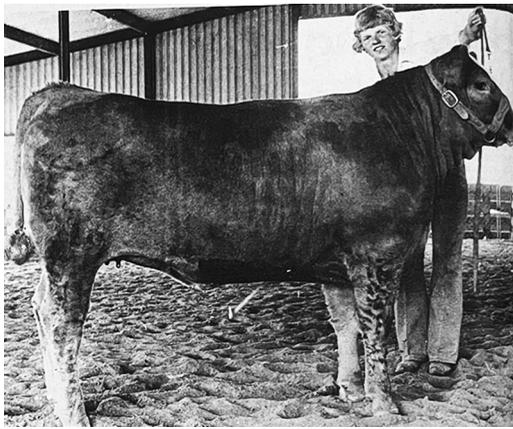
1976

What do you do when you can't reach the top – why of course, you s-t-r-e-t-c-h. And that's exactly what Mark Kliever had to do while grooming his steer in preparation for the 4-H beef show at the York County Fair. And, even though he's keeping a somewhat attentive eye, Kliever's added effort didn't seem to bother the calf. Kliever is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kliever of Lushton.

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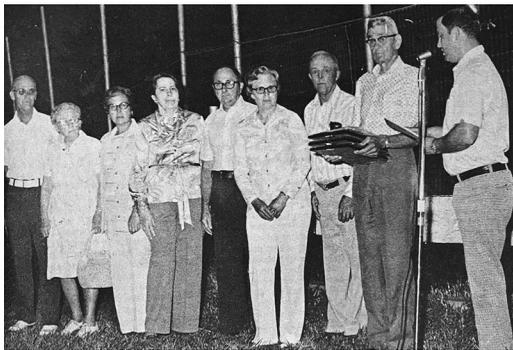
Do Your Own Thing Project

Danielle Wiemer, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Wiemer of Waco, completes her inking-on-glass exhibit for a Do Your Own Thing project for the York County Fair.



Champion Heifer | 1976

Simmental crossbreds won the top two market beef trophies at the York County Fair Wednesday. The champion heifer, a 1,075 pound Simmental-Hereford, was exhibited by Kurt Goertzen of Henderson.



Pioneer Farmers | 1976

Three York County farmsteads received the coveted Pioneer Farm Family Award during Tuesday's rodeo performance at the York County Fair. The award is presented by Ak-Sar-Ben and the Nebraska Fair Managers to farms that have remained in the same family for at least 100 years. Receiving the awards were, from left, Edward R. Stephens of Waco, his mother Mrs. Gertrude Stephens, Mrs. Edward R. Stephens all of Waco and the Richard Stephens homestead; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Graves of the Graves homestead at Bradshaw; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Franz of the Issac Peters homestead of Henderson. Alvin Olson, fair board president and Gus Brown, right, fair board secretary, presented the awards.

1976 | For Boys Also

Roger Schoch, left, and Scott Folts, both of Benedict, mix final ingredients for their All American Foods exhibit. The boys are among many from the county that are entering food items in various project areas. Parents of the two are Mr. and Mrs. William Schoch and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Folts.



1976 | Campaigning

Ms. Pauline Anderson, on the left, the Democrats' candidate for the House of Representatives, greets a fair goer at the York County Fair in 1976.



1976 *Off to State*

The Classy Lassies from Waco earned the right to sing at the state fair when they won a purple ribbon at the 1976 York County Fair music contest. From left are: Lori Gocke, Denise Wiemer, Judy Linhorst, Lori Hoffschneider, Sonya Naber, MarcheLe Morner, Lynette Gocke, Kathy Stahr, Danielle Wiemer and Deb Gocke. Not pictured are Jana Duryea and Kristie Hirschfeld who will not be attending the state fair because they are under 12. Mrs. Gilbert Naber is the 4-H group's leader and Mrs. Dave Pobanz is the song leader.



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Schrick's Lamb | **1976**

Piper Schrick, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Schrick of Waco, prepares a lamb for the show ring.

The Young Classics | **1976**

Purple ribbon winners in the junior division of Monday's York County Fair music contest were the younger Classy Lassies from Waco. They are from left: Angela Bulgrin, Michelle Duryea, Cindy Obermier, Virginia Stahr, Jodi Klepper and Reba Hirschfeld.

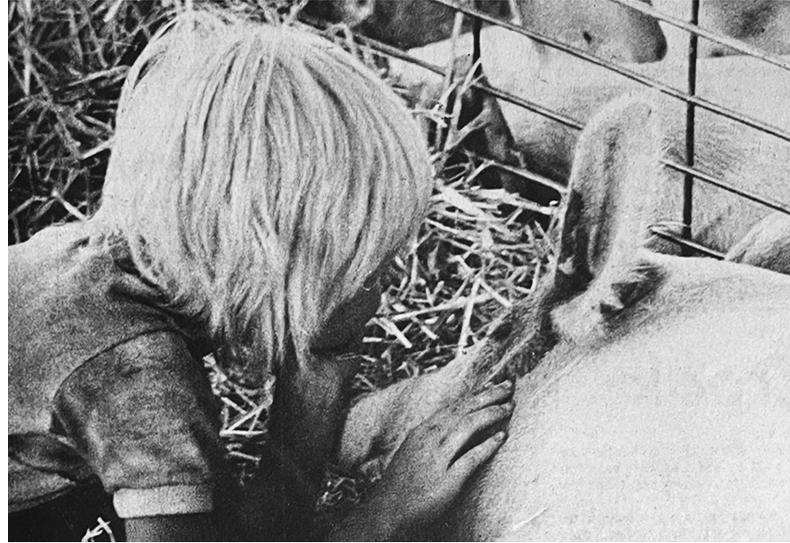


1976 | *Junior Feeders Club Winners*

Winners of Friday's Junior Feeders Club show and sale are from left, Mike Haack, honorable mention in the Hereford cross division; Scott Moore, reserve champion in the Charolais division; Alan Haack reserve champion in the Hereford class; Kurt Goertzen, champion in the Hereford class; and Kurt Moore, Charolais champion.

1976 | *Sweet Talk*

Kevin and Greg Neujahr of Gresham may not know it, but their pigs at the York County Fair got a pep talk Wednesday from their younger sister, Keli. And although the pig seems totally uninterested, it's obvious the sweet talk was heartwarming. Parents of the five-year-old are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neujahr of Gresham.



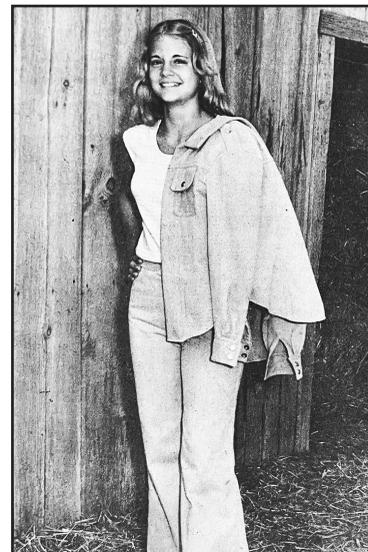


Bicentennial Garments Featured **1976**

Bicentennial garments were a feature during the 1976 York County Fair. Posing in their entries for the Modeling and Construction Division are: Melanie Regier, Shariel Barr, Karen Hankel, Angela Bulgrin Jeannine Goossen and Cindy Sandall. Melanie Regier of York, Cindy Sandall of Bradshaw and Angela Bulgrin of Waco were named champions of the 4-H Style Revue.

Sewing Isn't Only for Girls **1976**

Sewing isn't for girls only as shown by Clark Pickrel, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pickrel Jr. of Benedict, completing an applique on a jacket.



1976 *Pants Suits to be Featured in Style Review*

Pants suits will highlight the style review including the ones made by Lynette Gocke (left) and Cynthia Otto (right). Lynette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gocke of Waco and Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Otto of Lushton.



Teen Supremes | **1980**

The Teen Supremes 4-H Club won a blue ribbon Wednesday in the county's song contest. Members are, from left, Lisa Kroeker, Teresa Epp, Pam Hiebner, Alisa Epp, Angie Bergen, Rachele Epp, Jodi Doell and Brenda Gross. The group will also compete in the state fair contest.



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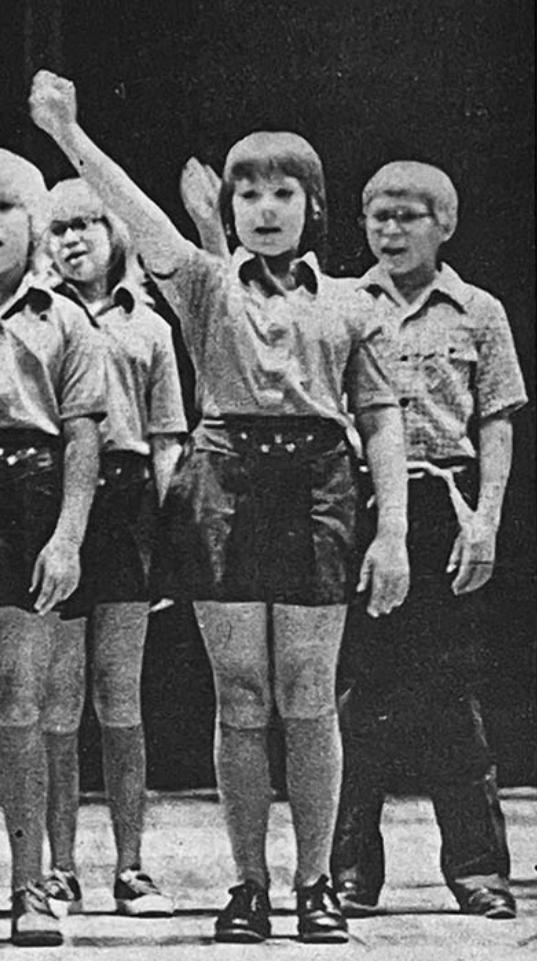
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Purple Ribbon Winners

The L.B. Community 4-H group from York was a purple ribbon winner in the York County Fair music contest. The members are from left, back row: Roger Renken, Stephanie Wiemer, Linda Renken, Sue Mason, Sara Kohtz, Melinda Rathjen and Phillip Heiden. Front row: Shawn Wiemer, Robin Kessinger, Paul Kohtz, Steve Gocke, Michael Rathjen, Valerie Heiden and Kimm Mason. Mrs. Eugene Rathjen is the group leader and Mrs. Don Kohtz, the song leader.



Set for Viewers

1980

An arrangement of silk and dried flowers, created by Matt Wagner is among the colorful and unique exhibits displayed this week in the 4-H Home Economics Building at the York County Fair. Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Ann) Wagner of York.



1980

Best of Fair

Some knitted socks and cap, displayed by Dora Madsen of York, were judged the Best of the Fair entry in the Open Class exhibits of the York County Fair. Miss Madsen said the entry was knitted in 1920 by her mother, whom she described as a "beautiful knitter".



1980

Dolls of All Types

Dolls of all types will be exhibited at this year's York County Fair, but perhaps the most unique will be this one made by Shelly Heinz of York. Shelly made the pattern for the doll, which is stuffed with polyester fill. Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Sandra) Heinz.

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Beef Showmanship Winners

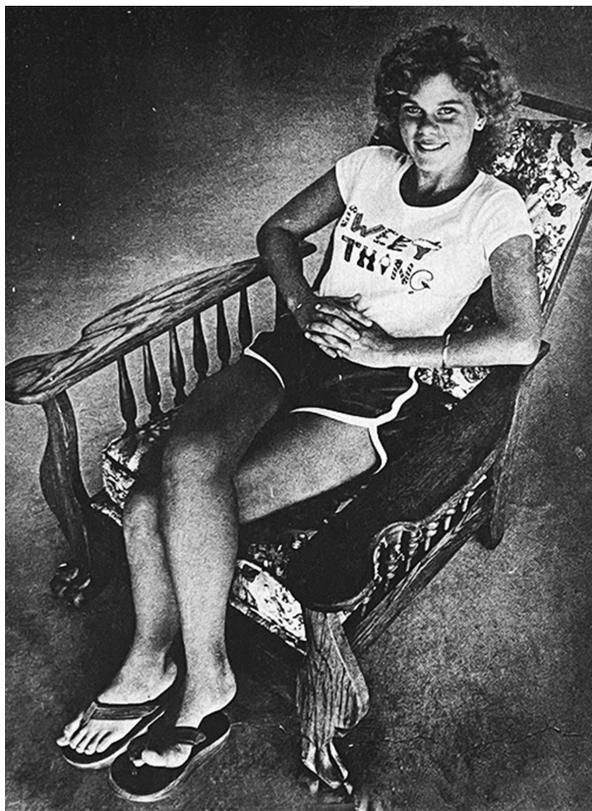
Beef Showmanship Winners at the York County Fair were Bryan Kliewer, front, junior division; Glen Ott, senior division and Bonnie Goertzen, Intermediate division.



1980

Apple of the Eye

Everyone knows one highlight of any county fair is the midway, and for Jennifer Worman of York, the merry-go-round was the apple of her eye. Jennifer was spotted enjoying herself Monday at the York County Fair. She's the daughter of Lyle Worman and Pat Worman, both of York.



1980 *Antique Haven*

Unique pieces of furniture await antique buffs at the York County Fair. Sandy Reynolds of York will exhibit a 1902 Morris wooden reclining chair, which is owned by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John (Dorothy) Upton. The exhibit includes a copy of a page from an old catalog which lists the original price of the chair at \$6.45. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris (Peg) Reynolds.

1985 *State Fair Entry*

The Rainbow Riders 4-H Club earned purple ribbons Monday night and the right to represent York County at the Nebraska State Fair music contest with their medley of songs from the Broadway musical "Cats". Members of the group are, from left, front row: Nikki Wilhelm, Carey Anderson, Stacie Niemann and Krystal Neal; second row: Jeryl Goertzen, Lorey Neal, Mia Mertz, Becki Perkins, Tamar Kohts and Erika Harris; and back row: Erynn Perkins, Judy Jacobsen, Rhonda Brooks and Cathy Toms.



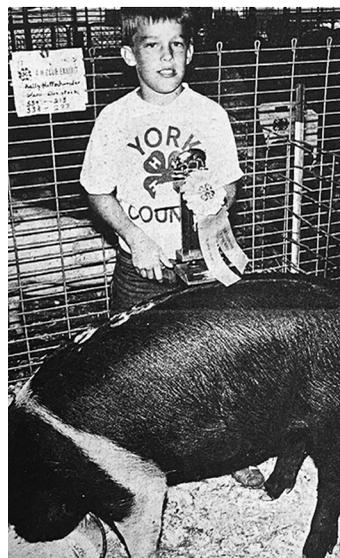
1985 | *Not Quite the Back 40*

Tractors of every variety could be found at the York County Fair Saturday evening as the Tractor Pull competition dominated the attention of many fairgoers. The event, which began at 8 p.m., lasted past 1 a.m.



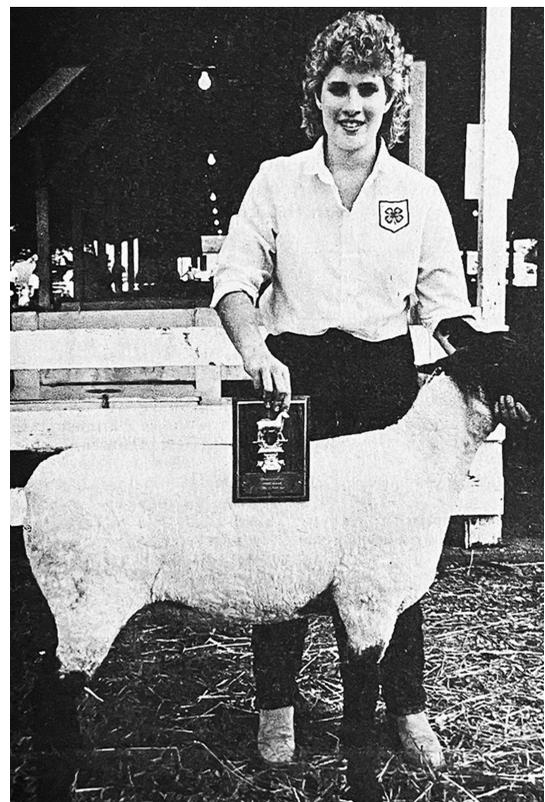
1985 *Grand Champion Market Barrow*

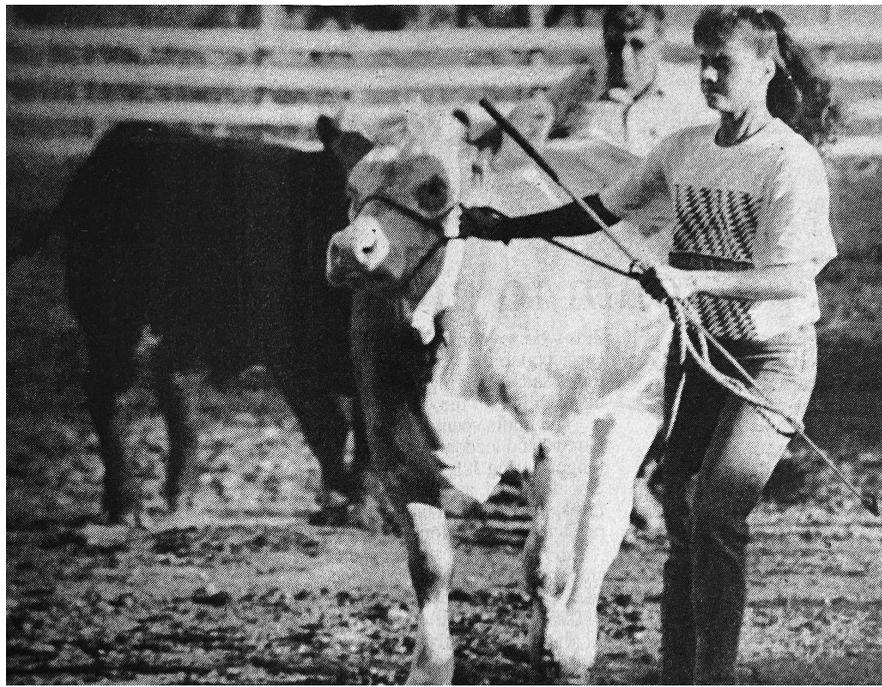
Kelly Hoffschneider exhibited the reserve grand champion market barrow at the York County Fair. The barrow was 238- pound Hamp-Doroc cross.



Champion Breeding Ewe | 1985

The champion breeding ewe at the York County Fair was exhibited by Kimberly Schrick of Waco.





1985 | *Practice Makes Perfect*

Blue River Beef 4-H club member Tami Goertzen of Henderson practices showing her entry in the market beef class at the upcoming York County Fair. Club leader Kurt Goertzen said he has reserved pens for 15 head of market beef which club members will be bringing to the fair.



1985 | *Showmanship Winners*

Showmanship winners Thursday in the York County Fair Goat Show are, from left, Rachel Jaeger, senior division; Dorothy Wehrle, intermediate division; and Pat Teinert, junior division. They are the children of Messrs. and Mmes. Lowell (Ruby) Jaeger of York, Jim (Delores) Wehrle of York and Edward (Loretta) Teinert of York.

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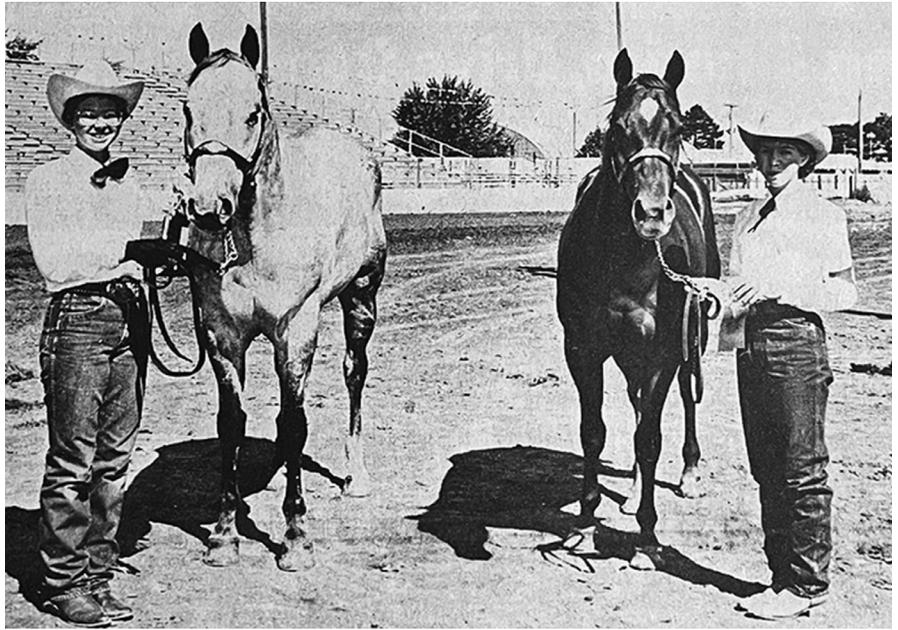
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Fierce Competition 1985

Brent Ellison of Benedict leans into the next turn in the Bike Slalom competition at the Bicycle Rodeo.



1985 Champion Geldings

The grand champion gelding at the York County Fair 4-H Show was exhibited by Nancy Epp, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Ella) Epp of Henderson. Showing the reserve grand champion was Joni Friesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Wyona) Friesen, also of Henderson.



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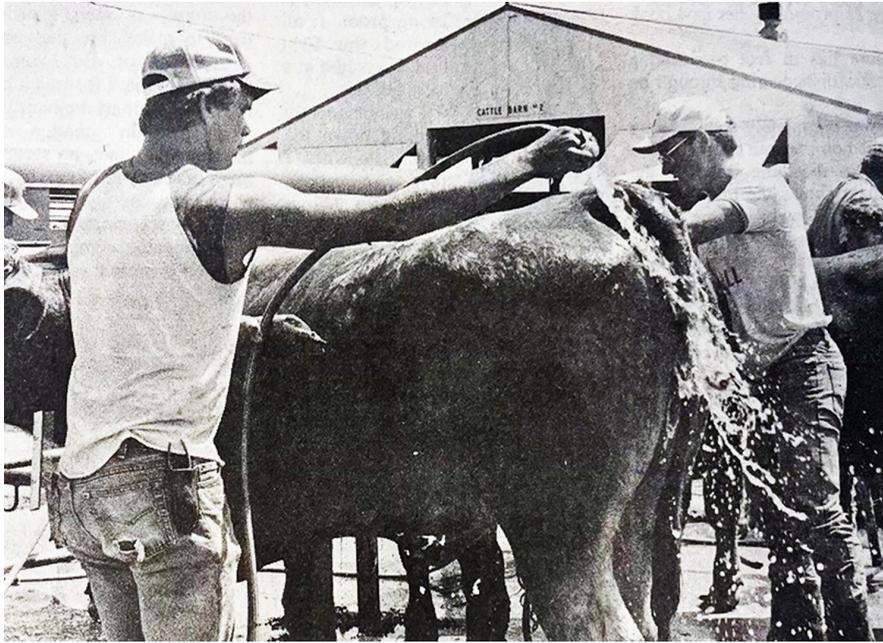


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The 1988 cattle show at the York County Fairgrounds began earlier today. Matt Rathjen gives his entry in the show a bath Wednesday afternoon after the cattle had been entered and weighed.

1988 *Baking Time*

The judging of the 4-H foods projects gets underway and one 4-H member who will be anxiously awaiting the results is Trisha Bell. Bell is a member of the Enchanting Chicks 4-H Club.



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1988 *Music Contest*

A 4-H music contest and style review launched the 1988 York County Fair into full swing. The Friday 4-H'ers and the L.B. Community Club performed many melodies on stage with each receiving a blue ribbon.



1988 *Decorated Duds*

Decorate Your Duds provided a lot of freedom for 4-H'ers who entered projects. The girls shown above decorated a jean jacket, shoes and t-shirts. The members of the Enchanting Chicks pictured are Amber Roelfs, Tara Bellows and Erica Rasmussen.



1988 *New Sheep Barn*

Darrel Ronne is shown working on one of the gates in the new sheep barn, which is a new addition to the 4-H facilities at the York County Fairgrounds in 1988. The new barn will hold close to 300 sheep and is attached directly to the show barn.

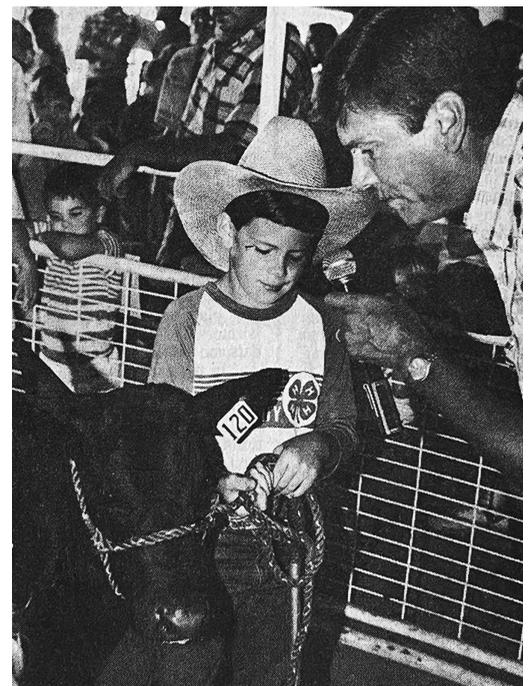
Horsemanship Team 1988

York County Horsemanship Team members, including Jason Ladman, Jodie Epp and Joni Friesen, all of Henderson, gave an exhibition at the 1988 York County Fair Horse Show. Parents of the team members are Vern and Clarice Friesen, Maynard and Chris Epp and Ed and Wyona Friesen.



Fashion Flair 1988

Bette Duerksen, a member of the fashion flair division, is assisted off stage after modeling her dress in the 4-H style revue at York High School. She is the daughter of Linda and Arvin Duerksen.



1990 Puma the Calf

A Calf Named Puma
Josh Chrisman, son of Rick and Gayle Chrisman of McCool Junction, gives Mayor Ken Kunze detailed feeding information about his calf, Puma, during the Pee Wee Pet Show during the 1990 York County Fair.



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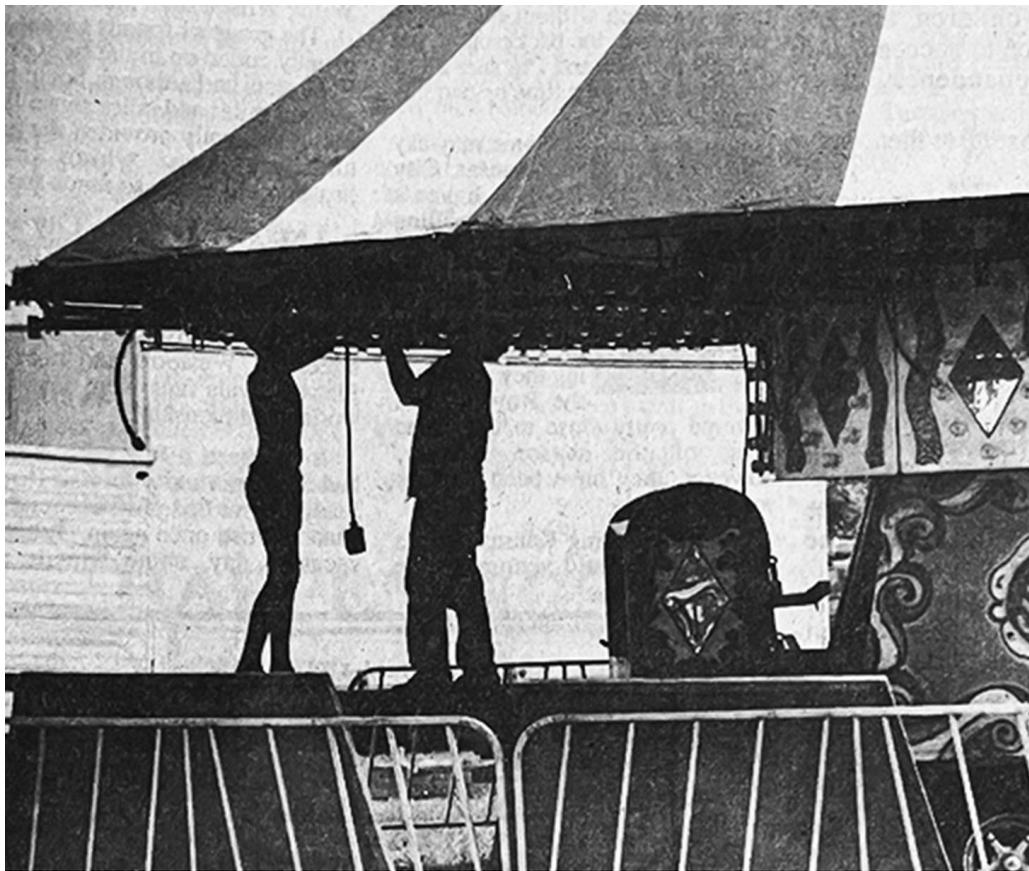
Pee Wee Show

Nearly 60 youths participated in the Pee Wee Pet Show at the livestock arena. Mayor Ken Kunze, who judged the event, speaks with participants who entered lambs in the event.

1990

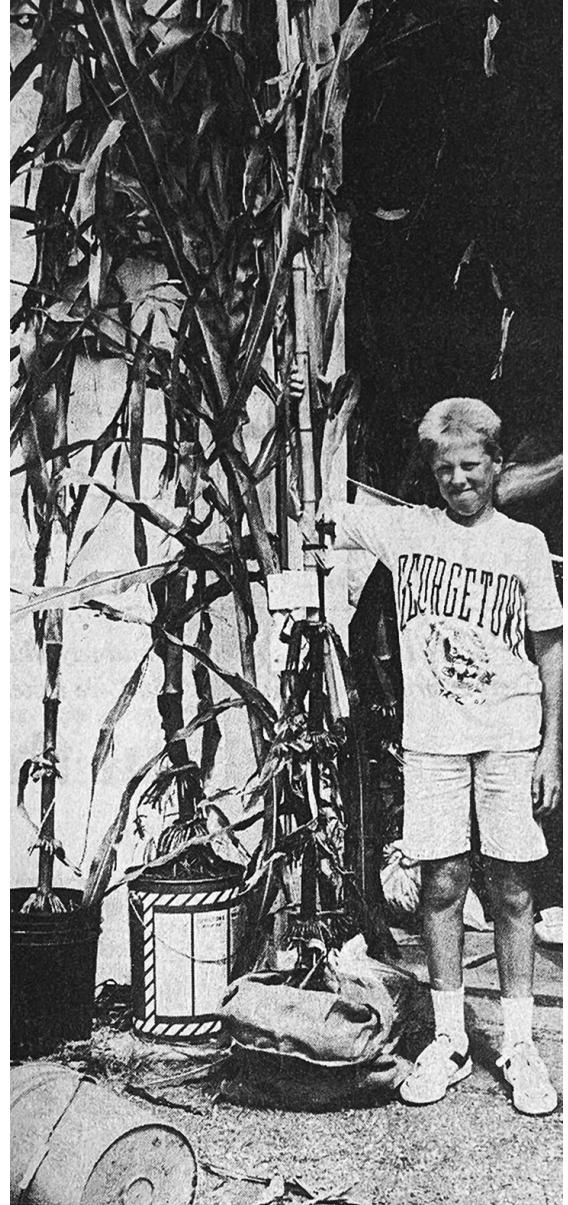
The Fun Begins

Although the York County Fair 1990 officially begins today, there was plenty of action on the grounds Tuesday when carnival workers began setting up rides on the midway and young exhibitors started carrying in exhibits. Two workers begin the task of putting up the merry-go-round.



Bicycle Rodeo | 1990

Renee Blitzkie was one of the riders in the bicycle rodeo who attempted to maneuver through a slalom course, as well as a figure eight, a control even and a balance competition.



1990 | *Tallest Corn*

One new project at the York County Fair this year featured a tallest corn contest, which was won by John Hankel with a 17 ft. 5 in. corn stalk. Participants were provided with the same amount and type of seed for the contest. Hankel, the son of Rich and Kathy Hankel of York, watered and fertilized his corn at the east end of the family garden and used stakes to support its growth.

1990 | *Stylish Affair*

Fair week began Monday with judging of the 4-H clothing construction category and the Public Style Show. Clothing construction judge, Dottie Anderson, right of Lexington, examines the entry by Miranda Shelden, left, of York. Jennie Real of McCool Junction wrote Anderson's comments about the garment.



1990

Sparkling Singers

One of the groups entering the 4-H music contest are the Sparkling Sensations. Pictured front from left are Valerie Mous, Liza Bumgarner, Jessie Lundy and Jill Tracy. Back from left: (standing), Brooke Hubbard, Tammy Becker, Annie Bumgarner, Rachel Shepherd, Amy Pohl and Amy Mettenbrink. Not pictured is Abby Robson. Leaders for the group are Bernice Mettenbrink and Clare Black. Also in the competition were the All-Stars, leader Sue Foutz; Krafty Kids, leader Sue Troester and New Kids on the Clover, Linda Perlman, leader.



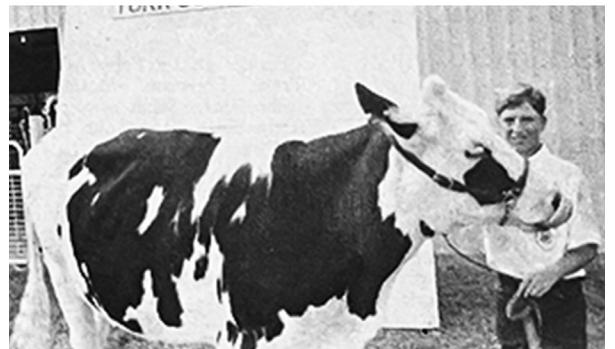
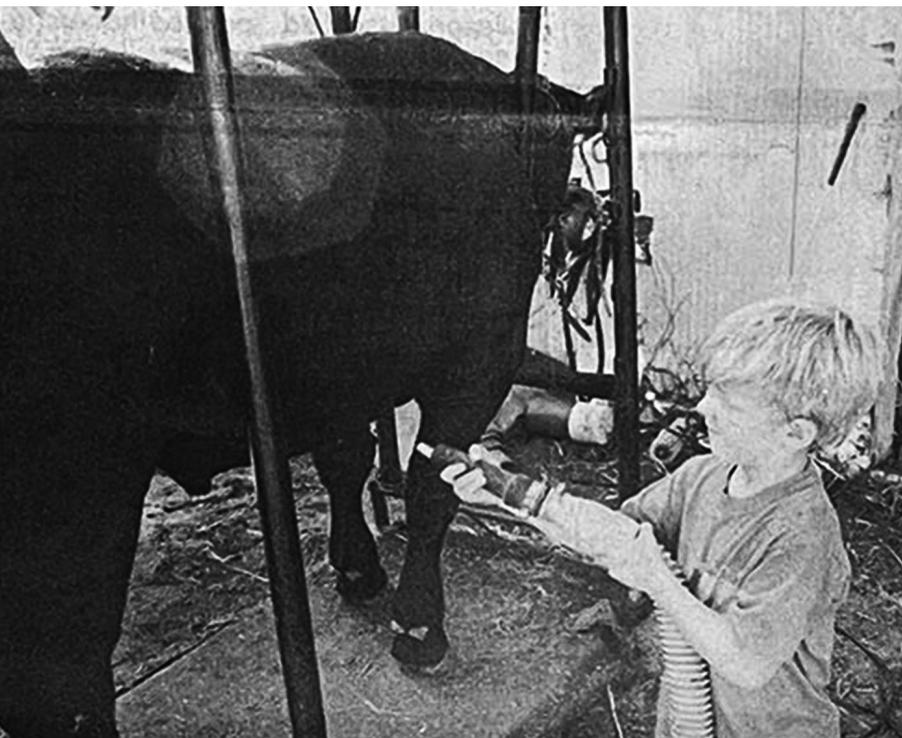


1993 *Watermelon Feed*

Volunteers cut up watermelons as a special treat for exhibitors.

1993 *Cleaning Cattle*

A young exhibitor cleans one of his cattle entries preparing for a competition.



1993 *Champion Market Steer*

Douglas Bailey showed the champion in the Market Steer – Last year's Bucket Calves competition. He also showed the Champion Bucket Calf – Junior Division.

1993 *Champion Holstein & Dairy Cow*

The champion Holstein dairy cow was shown by Jesse Gloystein.

Spicy Spicettes | 1993

Members of the Spicy Spicettes fill the York High School Auditorium with the hum of the "Kazoo Concerto" during the 4-H Music Contest on Monday night. From left are Greta Steingard, daughter of Dale and Laura Steingard, Kayleann Epp, daughter of Mark and Judy Epp and Justine Nissen, daughter of Scott and Jody Nissen.



1993 | *Come Out to the Fair*

Fair board members June Moore, left, Sheri Beins, Lynda Zieg and Don Jones were promoting the "Grand Champion Affair" recently throughout the York area.



Champion Market Steer - Angus | 1993

Aftan Hoffschneider showed the Champion Market Steer – Angus.



1993

Open Class Gardening

Topping the open class gardening exhibits were, back row: Charles Newton, Brett McBride, Justin McBride, Jennifer Janzen, Wilma Flick and Allen Veleba. Front Row: Tara Buss, Steve Thieszen and Jill Schoch.

1993

Rockets, Birds and Woodworking

Rockets, birds and woodworking, 1993 Brian Stahr took top honors in rocketry; Justin Bolte for his Nebraska Birds exhibit and Steve Thieszen in woodworking.



A Pee Wee Pony

1993

Katie Dey shows off her pony during the Pee Wee Pet Show.



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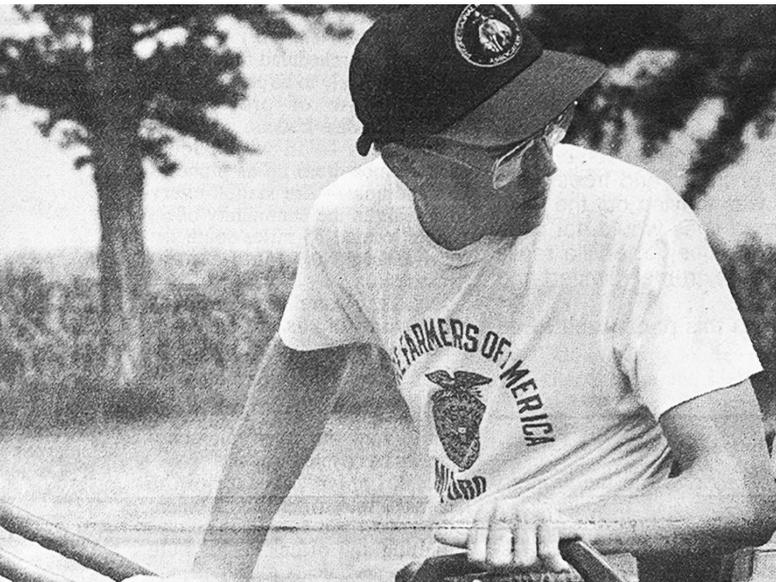


Kim Stephens, Vicky Ziegler, Laura Rowe & Tricia Heine

Skillful & Driving

1993

Matt Krenk of Pleasant Dale carefully guides his tractor through an obstacle course during 4-H and FFA competition, one of the first events for the 1993 York County Fair.



Miniatures on Display

1993

Tommy Todd of McCool will display all kinds of miniature steam engines, tractors, toys and even a merry-go-round and ferris wheel at a special exhibit Saturday at the York County Fair.

1993

Scotch Highlanders

Creighton Demuth (front) and Collin Demuth showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Scotch Highlanders.





Members of the Shirts and Skirts square dancing troupe perform a line dance Thursday evening under the big top during Senior Citizens Day at the York County Fair. The group also did a round dance and square dancing for spectators.

1995

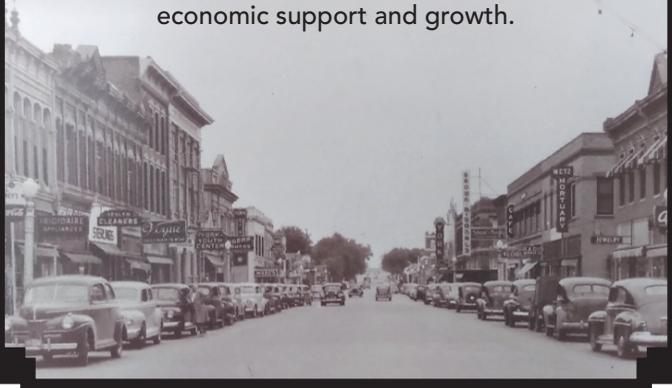
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1995

Country Reminisce Hitch

The Country Reminisce Hitch featuring six champion Belgians was among the most popular attractions at this year's York County Fair. The team set up Friday afternoon at the fairgrounds and then gave a grandstand performance Saturday. Fair officials said they were very pleased with this year's turnout for the fair.



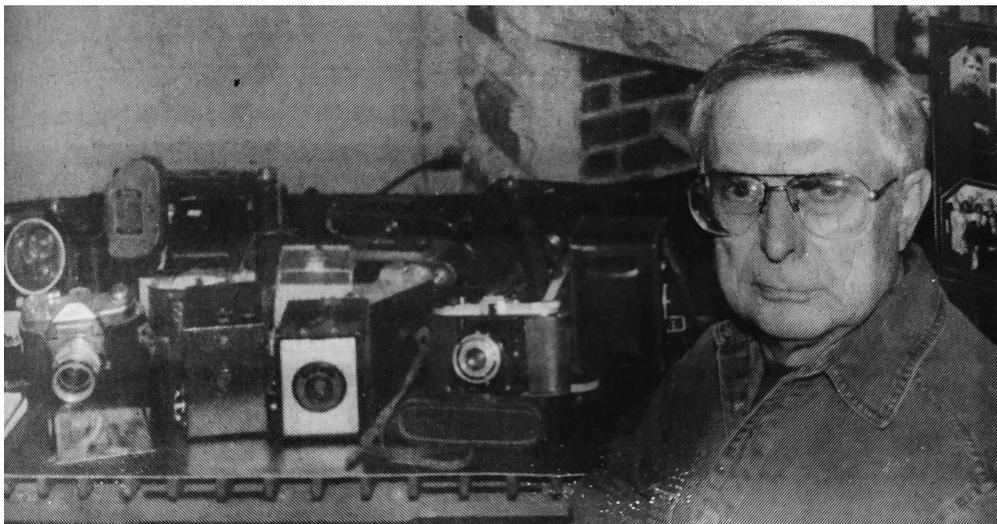
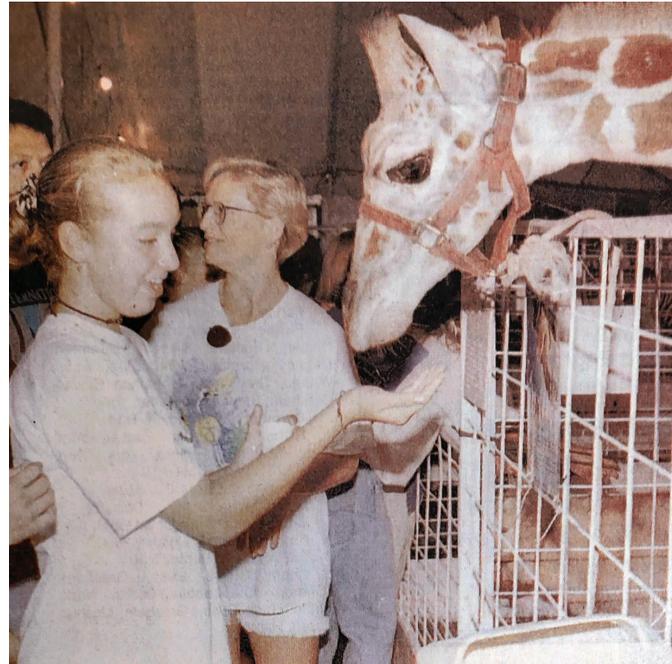
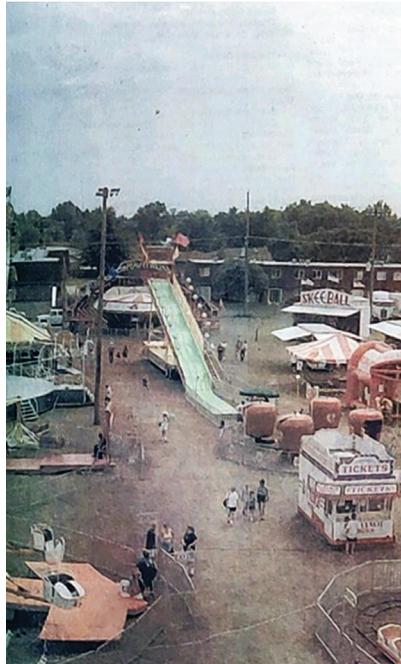
Fair Weather 1998

The weather held most of the Wednesday – Sunday fair, although some rain Wednesday dampened the birthday celebration and some heat Sunday made shut-down sweltering, but the weather was an overall success.

1998

Exotic Animals

Cassie Faller of York feeds a giraffe at the exotic animal show, a hit during its first year at the York County Fair.



1998

Nostalgia Programs

Photographer and antique collector Don Osentowski of York will be part of the nostalgia programs Thursday under the Big Top at the York County Fair.



Michael Dorcey of York struggles to pedal his tractor further than his competitors Saturday afternoon during the Tractor Pull Contest at the York County Fair. About 30 kids entered the contest this year.

Tractor Pull Contest

1998



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Petting Zoo | **1998**

Laura Bergen pets a goat at Hedrick's Exotic Animals. Bergen's grandfather, Eugene, was honored throughout the weekend for retiring from the extension service.



The Goertzens | **1998**

Kurt, Kellen, Kathryn and Kelsey Goertzen show two of the cattle Kellen and Kelsey will enter at the 125th annual York County Fair. The Goertzens are one of numerous families who have been involved in the county fair for two or more generations.





1998

Dale and June Moore

Dale and June Moore, 1998
 Dale and June Moore are called by many as the ultimate volunteers because of their many organizations, willingness to help and ability to get things done. As News-Times volunteers of the month for August, we highlighted especially their involvement with the York County Fair.

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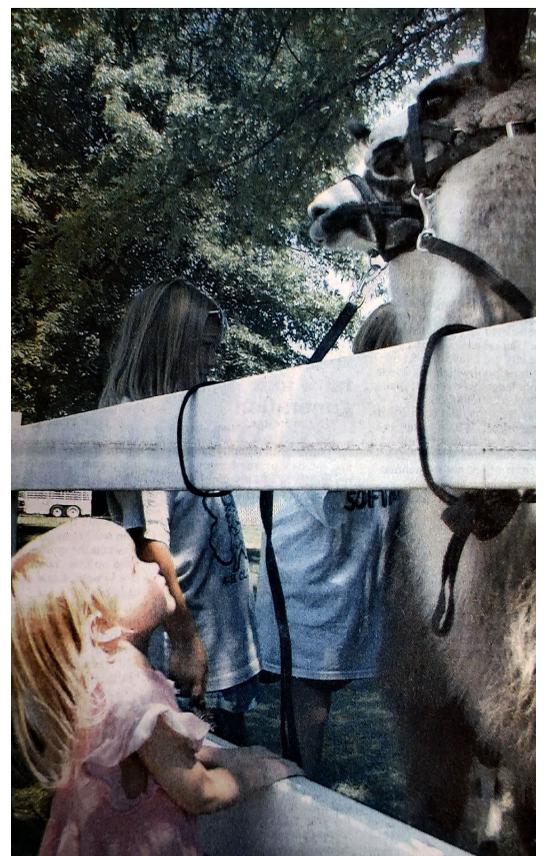
Gene and Lu Bergen

York County Extension Youth Activities Director Gene Bergen will retire Friday after 28 years. His new endeavors will include training horses, becoming a York County Commissioner and spending more time with his wife Lu, pictured here with him.

1998

Exhibition Building

Laura Smoyer, Lindsay Heatwole and Heather Hoskins look through exhibits in the exhibition building at the York County Fair.



Llama Show

2000

"What is that?" Kathryn Karabel, two years old, of York, asked her mother as she gazed up at the unique and unfamiliar animal at Sunday's Llama Show at the York County Fair. The open class livestock competition was the first of its kind in the history of the county fair. Some showmen, such as Carrie Stiv of Lexington, traveled far to participate in the event, with these two llamas, Bunny Hug and Ranger.

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It's Showtime! | 2000

An obstacle course was included in the first-ever llama show held at the York County Fair Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6. The animals were led across a blue sheet of plastic, over this ramp, in and out of an enclosed area, over several suspended planks, through a tunnel and suspended, colored straps. The open class competition was organized by Don Ramsey of Waco.

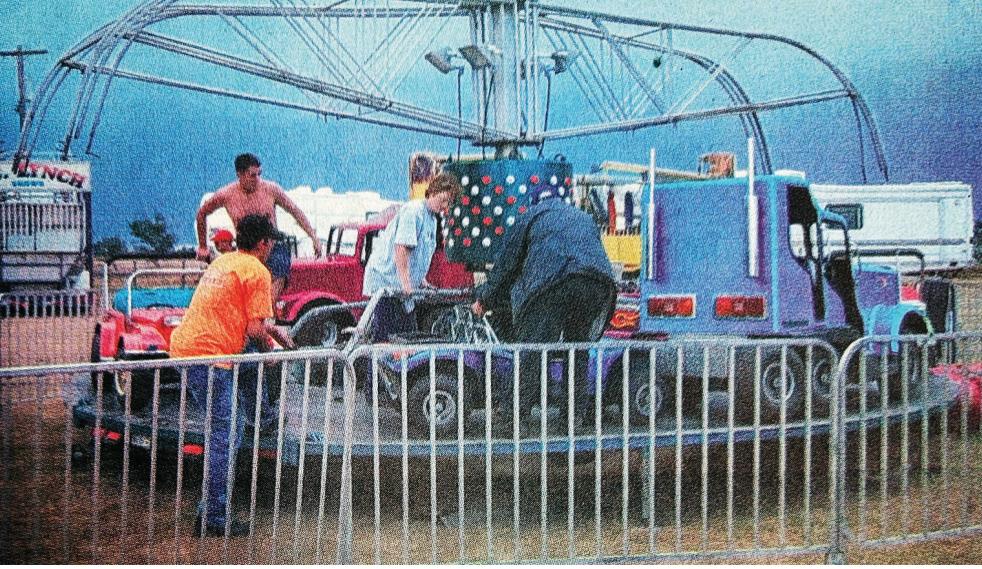


2000 | *After-dinner Nap*

Preparing to bring home the bacon at Saturday's 4-H swine show, this contented porker 'swine' naps after pigging out on a meal of grain at the York County Fair. The swine show is scheduled to kick off at 8 a.m. Area 4-H'ers have spent much of this week scurrying around the fairgrounds like a herd of greased pigs as they prepare their livestock, poultry and small animals for competition. The fair continues through Sunday.

2000 | *Photography Winners*

Photography winners are (back row, from left): Cori Rathje, Photo II champion; Elizabeth Rasmussen, Photo III reserve champion and Latona Schmeiding, Photo III champion; (front row) Michael Folkerts, Photo II reserve champion; Jacquelyn Uffelman, Photo I champion and Emily Bergen, Photo I reserve champion.



2003

Some Assembly Required

The sights and sounds of the annual York County Fair were obvious yesterday as events and all the fun got underway. The carnival was being assembled into the morning – and was up and running last night.



2003

The Wash Rack

It's a big task – getting all the animals ready to be showed. The wash rack has consistently been busy with workers – and an occasional water fight.

2003

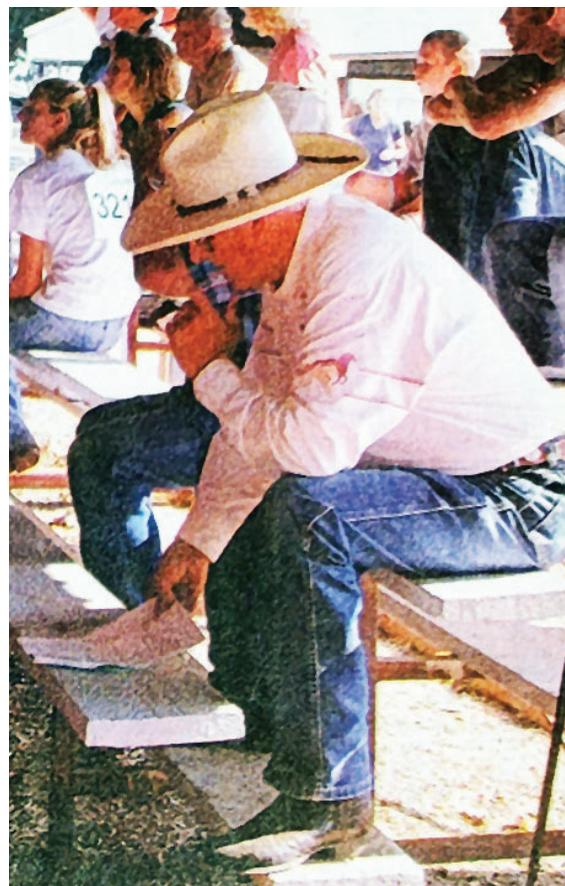
Wildlife Art

Brittney Senff, 12, of Benedict, shows her wildlife art project to the judge.



2003 *Non-Stop Fun*

The 2003 York County Fair continues – the carnival rides are non-stop, as is the fun. So many events are still in store for this weekend. Today there will be a large number of events under the Big Tent, as well as a free watermelon feed between 2 and 4 p.m. The Figure Eight Races will get underway at 6 p.m. followed by a dance. Tomorrow lawn mower races will start at 1 p.m.



2003 *A Usual Sight*

A usual sight at the York County Fair – Gene Bergen has attended every day of the fair for decades and continues to do so.

2005 *Fair Fun for Everyone*

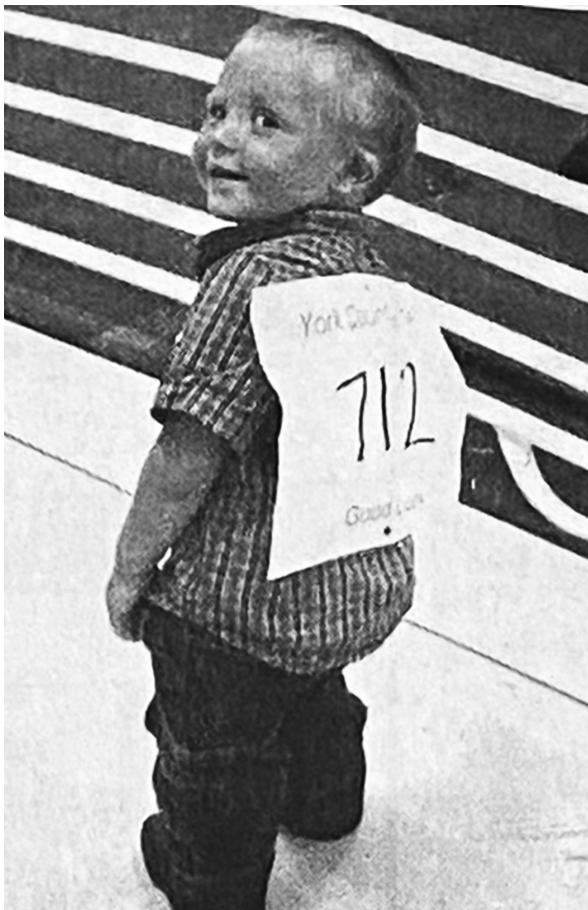
The carnival rides attracted many children, young adults and adults to the York County Fair midway Friday night after the Demolition Derby. Sunday was the final day of the 2005 fair.



2005

Encouraging Words

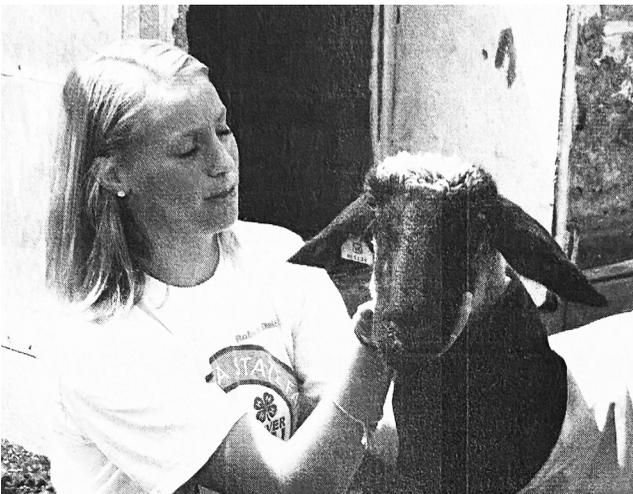
Rachel Burger shares a few 'encouraging' words with her calf before showing at the York County Fair.



2007

Open Class Hog

Keenan Kosek had to wait until the last drive of the day to show his open-class hog.



2007

Baby

Edie Nickel has bonded with Baby, the sheep. Baby is easy going and loves to travel. Nickel says she pouts when she doesn't get to go to a show.



Settin' 'Em Up | 2010

4-Hers made sure everything was set just right at the Beef Show. Today's fair events include the swine show, fun for kids under the tent, team roping, the kids pedal tractor pull, geocaching scavenger hunt, figure-8 races at 6:30 and the beer garden at 8 p.m.

2010 *Trail Class*

Kaelee Walbrecht competes in the junior trail class of Wednesday's York County Fair.



A Little Bucket | 2010

Ella Wambold (right) gets some help from a bucket and Brynn Hirschfeld (left) with showing her rabbit Friday at the rabbit show





A Long Line | 2012

A long line of 4-Hers presents their chickens for the judge during the poultry show on Friday.

2012 *Ice Cream*

Breckon Hirschfeld, 2 ½, of Benedict rolls a frosty coffee can of salt, ice and homemade 4-H ice cream makins'



A Duct Tape Gown | 2012

Jessi Harrington-Newton models a most unique fashion creation she made using duct tape over fabric for a conversation piece princess gown.





2013

Out of Line

Allee Maronde pulls her heifer out of line and around the ring in judging for the Beef Show.

Setting Their Sheep | 2013

Christina Blender, Atlanta Maronde, Deric Blender and Jordan Swan set their sheep up for the judge during the Senior Showmanship Division.



2013

Agility Course

Hannah Blender takes her dog through the agility course at the Dog Show on Tuesday night at the York County Fair.

2014

High Stepping Hog

Creighton Hirschfeld keeps his pig in line while competing in the Junior Swine Showmanship division during Saturday morning's Swine Show at the York County Fair.



2018

Fair Time!

The midway opened Thursday at the 2018 York County Fair, bringing entertainment for the many people attendance. The ferris wheel, as seen from the top of the grandstands, was a display of colors against the night sky.



2016

Judge's Big Day

Judges worked on the mostly empty York County Fairgrounds during the day Wednesday. Standing exhibits in 4-H, FFA and open classes were all rated and rewarded accordingly, as Gary Zoubek (left) and Gerry George are doing here.

One Big Coloring Page

2016

Coloring books are all the rage right now so why not turn the side of a building into one big coloring page? Fairgoers are invited to pick up a magic marker and leave their mark during the York County Fair.





Carnival Lights | 2018

The carnival is one of the highlights of the many offerings at the York County Fair.

Fair Favorite | 2019

The coffee can ice cream contest is a favorite each year for youngsters as they learn to make ice cream from scratch – which includes rolling the concoction in a coffee can until it becomes the sweet treat. This is one of the early events during the week as the York County Fair gets underway. Finley Doremus (left) and Nealy Jarosz partner up to freeze their coffee can ice cream.



2022 *Fairgrounds at Night*

A view of the York County Fairgrounds at night.

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