

Girls form their own 4-H knitting club

The Knifty Knitters was formed by three 4-H members and their leader.

Cassie and Mandi Cooks, who are members of Plum Creek 4-H, and Kattie Wurm, a member of the Lawn Ridge 4-H, were enrolled in the Fiber Arts division and were planning to take knitting projects to the fair. Their instructor, Margaret Poling, suggested they get together once a week and knit. While clicking the needles, they decided they needed a name for their group and that's how they came up with the Knifty Knitters.

Both the Cooks girls have had knitting projects before but Kattie was a new knitter this year. They all said that they liked to knit.

Mrs. Poling said the art of knitting is coming back. It has been proven that young women are finding it as an outlet for relaxing.

Cassie, who is 7, is making a "felted" purse. The purse on the needles looks huge. Wool yarn is used and when it is completed, it is washed in hot water. The wool shrinks to the place where the stitches can hardly be seen.

Mandi, 9-years-old, was making a shirt. Last year, she made a hat and scarf.

Kattie was knitting a purse and she planned to put pom poms on it. She has since then, made a scarf. However, what she said she would really like to make is a "beautiful" shirt like Mandi's.

Their meetings are relaxing and they all sit around and chat while knitting.

Mrs. Poling is a 4-H leader in other areas including cooking. Whatever she is involved in, the 4-H'ers appear to be having a fun time.... and, that's what 4-H is all about!



LEARNING TO KINT — Cassie Cooks, Margaret Poling, instructor, Kattie Wurm and Mandi Cooks work on their project in a shady spot in the park.

Puddles heads to dog show

Kattie Jenik and her Schnauzer, Puddles, will be entering the dog show on Tuesday morning during fair week.

Katie said she picked Puddles because she didn't shed hair. Each Tuesday, she and other's entered in the dog project meet with Crystal Murray. They work with their dogs training them to walk, be obedient, sit, stay and heel.

Puddles, Kattie said, likes to be worked with — she likes the attention. Puddles likes other people and getting exercise. And, when it is time for bed, Puddles helps keep Kattie warm.

A member of Plum Creek 4-H Club, Kattie is enjoying her first year of 4-H and has selected lots of projects this year. She is in fiber arts and has woven a purse and hot pad. In needlework, she is working on a dog picture. She has also crocheted a flower, worked with ceramics and likes to sketch.

Keeping 4-H interesting, she is participating in the 4-H shooting project.

On Monday, Aug. 3, she will be one of the 4-H'ers in the fashion, buymanship and construction program. She will be modeling her garments.

She and her dad have been doing wood working and they should have a jewelry box finished by fair time.

Kattie said she likes 4-H but found being in the model meeting competition was a little hard. Next year, she said, it will be better. At the county 4-H Day, she prepared her Favorite Food entry, making an Easter snack. She said she received a blue.

Kattie is the daughter of Mark and Dolores Jenik, St. Francis.



KATTIE JENIK will be showing Puddles at the Dog Show.

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