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A BUTTERFLY MAKES A FLIGHTY PET. This one got away before the show at last year’s pet parade.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt



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Pet Parade brings critters of all kinds

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The parade, a part of the Decatur County Fair offers youngsters the opportunity to show off the animals and their ingenuity.

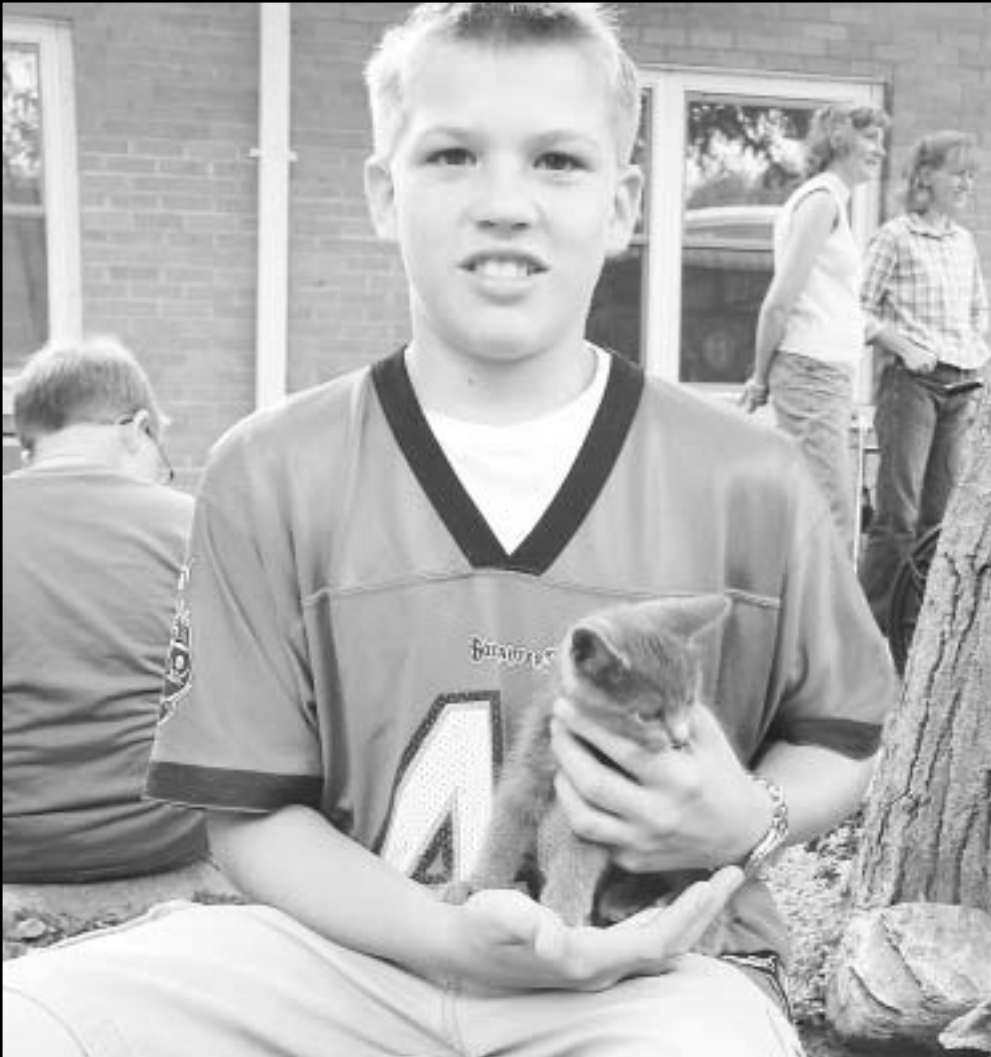
Cats and dogs come in everything from a plain brown leash to a baby carriage. Fancy dress is common on both owner and pet.

And while most people would think of a dog or cat as the most common pet lots of other more

exotic animals show up every year.

Last year there was a praying mantis and a butterfly among the participants. In the past the Good Sam residents have gotten to make friends with a goat, several snakes, turtles, fish, lizards, birds and even an invisible dog.

Each participant gets a certificate for having the most original, cutest, best looking, most behaved, biggest, smallest, or whatever the judges feel is appropriate. The folks at Good Sam get to meet and greet all the contestants and their owners and everyone has a good time.



SHOWING OFF HIS KITTEN, Baby Grayby, Gage Reichert had one of the more "normal" pets at last year's parade. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

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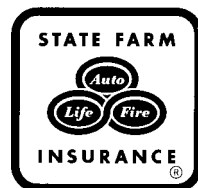
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