



EMILY LARSON held her kitten while she waited for her turn at the pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Owners proudly parade their pets

It's time to start working on that one trick your pet can do, whether it be sitting, rolling over, jumping, speaking on command or something unique, because the Decatur County Fair is almost here.

That's right, it is almost time for the annual pet parade at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, starting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10.

The parade allows pet owners and pet handlers to show off what their animals can do. Some have a special trick, but mainly this is a time for people and pets of all ages to spend some time together and everyone gets to oohh and aahh over each other's furry, scaly or finny

ones.

Past parades there have drawn frogs, fish, a praying mantis, cats, dogs, puppies, kittens, bunnies, rats and even an invisible elephant.

Judges ask each pet owner a few questions before they get to show off the tricks and take the animals around to show the residents at Good Sam. Everyone receives a certificate for their pet in categories including cutest, smallest, most talented, best behaved, chunkiest, best dressed and other unique categories.

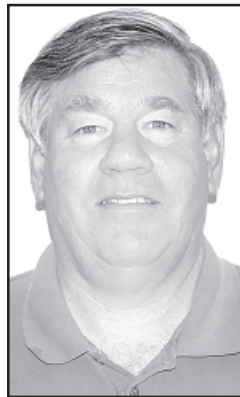
Anyone who wants to take their pet to the parade should be at the center a little early to allow time to register.

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