

4-H agent offers parents fair words of wisdom

Bill Broderick, 4-H agent, passes on this story from the Jefferson County Extension newsletter with the suggestion it's good for parents everywhere.

Anyone who hangs around fairs has heard the cry of the discouraged parent, 'This is the last year we are going to do this.' Most of us have said it ourselves once or twice.

Along with the fun and excitement of fairs, there are pressures for both parents and kids. We have seen situations where the parents are taking it much harder than the kids.

I think psychologists would tell us that winning and losing are important to everyone. Obviously, people who lose all the time don't adjust well to life's demands.

But they say those who win all of the time don't adjust well, either. Some experience at both winning and losing is important for each individual.

I believe winning and losing are individual things. Through some combination of experience, environment and maybe heredity, each person decides what constitutes victory or defeat.

Most readers have seen the youngsters, with the animal at the bottom of the class, break into a big smile when presented a white ribbon. You may have expected to see disappointment at receiving what many consider to be third rate prize. But, He or she felt good about his or her efforts and the ribbon was important.

Then, we have seen the boy or girl in second place frown when receiving a fancy rosette and a blue ribbon. Sometimes it's hard to tell the losers from the winners isn't it?

Years ago at a county fair a little girl ran up to tell me 'I just showed my lamb and I got a ribbon, and I show it again this afternoon for showmanship.'

I started to ask, 'what color ribbon did you get?' but managed to hold my tongue. It occurred to me that the girl was happy with her effort and with her lamb and the color of the ribbon was not that important. Besides, it's none of my business, it's her ribbon.

I later learned the little girl's lamb was awarded a white ribbon and stood near the bottom of the class. But that was the judge's opinion, which need not have a big impact on either the girl or the lamb.

What's the moral to the story? I think, as adults, we put too much emphasis on what color ribbon the kids receive and tend to emphasize the results rather than the effort.

The kids develop certain expectations, and as they grow older we see all sorts of reactions to winning and

losing. Unfortunately, we see all sorts of reactions from their parents too.

I'm not saying youngsters should be satisfied with less than their best effort, but it's important to keep things in perspective. We should emphasize the effort rather than the result.

So, I guess I'm suggesting that as we go through this fair season, we consider our actions and our words in relations to what the young showmen are supposed to be learning from their experience.

It won't be easy; but considering the pressure and circumstances, I think we parents do a remarkably good job of keeping our heads on straight.

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