

Joshua And Abby Pedal For Fun And Trophies

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FLEETWOOD (Berks) —
"Come on, Abby," Joshua encourages, "pedal!"

If you happen to pass through Fleetwood farming country, you might find Abby and Joshua pulling a hay bale attached to their pedal tractor.

It isn't that they enjoy working so hard, but this brother and sister are strengthening their muscles for tractor pulling competitions.

Both have won numerous awards at tractor pulling contests held in Berks and Lancaster counties. Both started competing in tractor pulls when they were three-years-old. Now, Abby is 6 years old and Joshua, 8.

Abby admitted that it's more fun to race on their tractors than it is to drag hay bales.

"But," Joshua explained, "We need to develop our muscles."

They don't spend all their time developing their muscles. They do a lot of other fun things.

Both like playing with their baby sister, Rebecca, who is eleven months old.

Twenty-eight dolls fill Abby's bed. Her favorite is one named Vera that was made by her Aunt Vera.

On Joshua's bed are 36 teddy bears. He needs to throw many of them off his bed so he can find a place to sleep. Some of the bears take turns sleeping next to him. Others he dresses and puts hats and glasses on them.

Joshua also has collected 1,155 baseball cards.

The children have to go down a long lane to the school bus stop. Lucky for them, their dad takes them to the school bus stop or a

3-wheeler. But if it is snowing, they ride out on a snowmobile.

At school, Joshua likes recess and gym. His sister likes Show and Tell and taking newspapers articles to show.

When they grow up, Joshua wants to be a farmer and help his dad, Floyd Kurtz, on their 110-acre farm.

Abby said, "I want to sew." She sees her mother, Beth, stitching many nice things. Already, Abby has finished a sewing project. She drew a heart, cut it out and stitched a design on it so she could hang it on the wall.

If you ever get to a tractor pull, watch for Abby and Joshua Kurtz. They already had many trophies and ribbons and they're sure to earn some more.

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Look at these trophies won by Abby and Joshua Kurtz of Fleetwood. In addition to winning ribbons and trophies for tractor pulling skills, Abby won a pedal tractor.



"Bye, Mom." Abby and Joshua Kurtz hitch a ride with their dad, Floyd, on the 3-wheeler. Each morning he takes them to the school bus stop on the 3-wheeler or, if it is snowing, on the snowmobile.



The Kurtz children have hours of fun in this tree house, gym combination.



"Come on, Joshua. Pedal!" This picture was taken at a tractor pull at the New Holland Fair.



Joshua holds her favorite teddy bear among his collection of 36.



Twenty-eight dolls provide hours of fun for Abby Kurtz.