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Family Celebration Day To Be Held

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NEW BLOOMFIELD (Perry Co.) — The Family Issues Task Force of Perry County has once again planned an exciting "Celebrate The Family Day" for Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greenwood Elementary School in Millerstown.

This is the second year of this event spear-headed by Jane Mecum, home economist for Penn State Cooperative Extension in Perry County.

Comprised of a dozen individuals from various agencies in Perry County, the Family Issues Task Force addresses the different needs of the families in their community and then works cooperatively to best serve and educate the residents in the county. One of its major tasks is the Celebrate The Family Day.

"Our major goal is to provide a family activity. We aim to have something for the entire family — no matter what age!" said Lori Lower, director of Children & Youth Services. She explained that while the primary goal was to provide a family activity, a great benefit that came out of the planning was that agencies found out what other services and resources are available in the county that they did not know about prior to their task group being formed.

Last year the event was held at Susquenita School in Marysville and attracted more than 300 people. By moving it to a different location the committee hopes to reach families who weren't able to participate last year. This annual event slated for the first part of October will continue to move to various parts of the county so as not to eliminate any residents due to distance.

"Celebrate the Family Day" will provide educational informa-

tion to families through the use of exhibits and presentations. All the exhibits are family focused. Highlights for this year include Duncannon Health Center doing on-site cholesterol screenings. Perry County Human Services will address drug issues, Children and Youth's focus will be on foster families and Penn State Cooperative Extension will offer water testing for pH, nitrates and solids. The 4-H Clubs of Perry County will also feature a petting zoo for children. And kids, don't miss Ronald McDonald in the afternoon! Many other exhibits and demonstrations will also be on hand throughout the entire event.

There is no registration for the day's festivities. Come any time from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The featured speaker Mary Laeger-Hagemeister, Dauphin County Extension home economist addressing "Celebrate Your Family Through Traditions" will be presented from 10:30 to 11:15.

"One of the programs that we want to draw special attention to this year is the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) chapter at Greenwood. They will be handing out Hershey Kisses to people who arrive wearing their seat belts. In addition, they will also be tying red ribbons on the car antennas in awareness not to drink and drive," remarked Lori Lower.

Also it's not too late for Perry County families to enter the photo contest. Entries will be judged in three categories: Family Humor, Family Warmth, and Special Moment. All entries must be in by October 3. For further information, contact Jane Mecum at 582-2131.

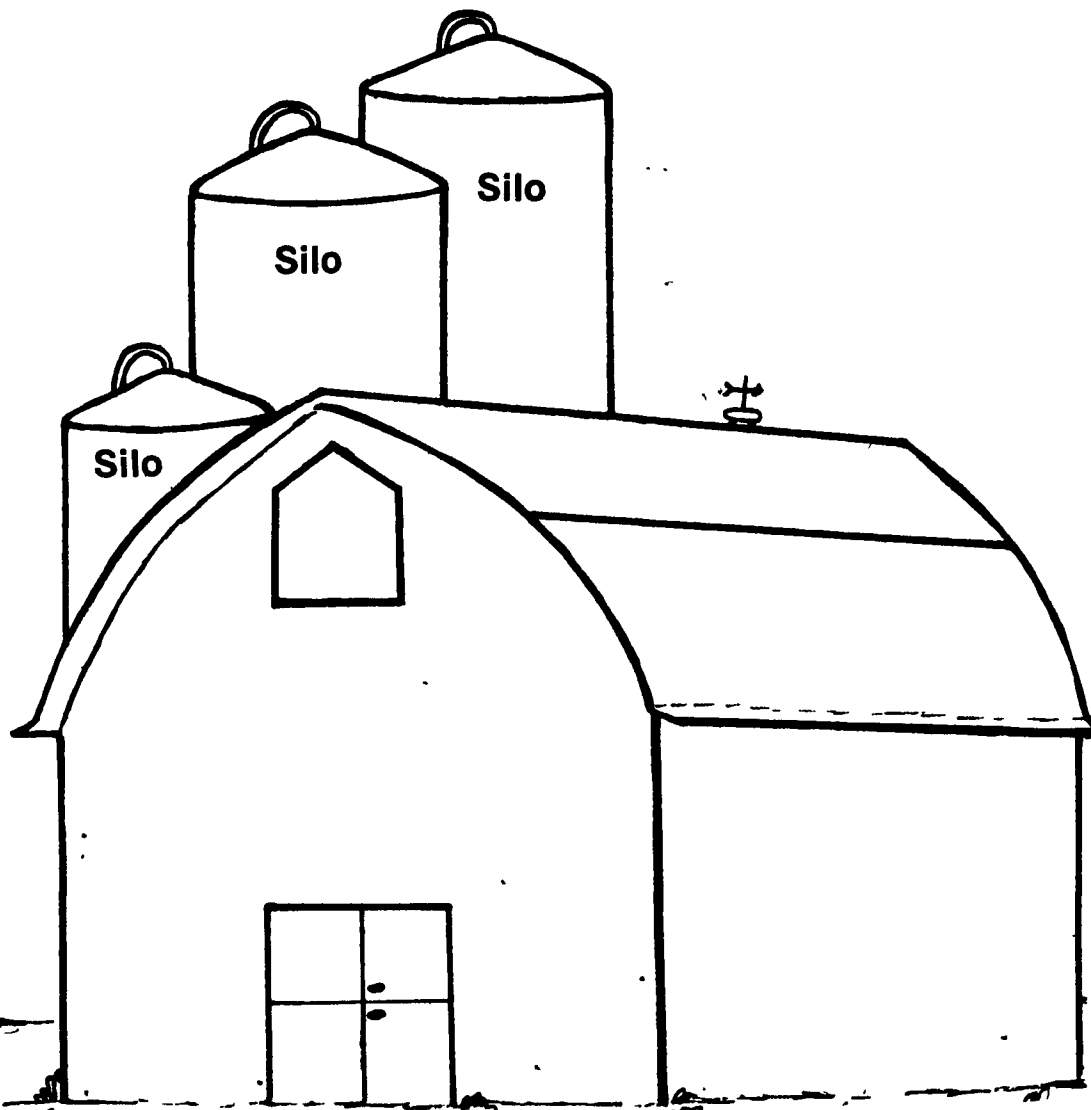
With such a variety of events slated, pack up your family and join the Family Issues Task in Celebrating Your Family at Greenwood Elementary School and have a day of FUN!



A petting zoo offers children an opportunity to experience farm animals.



Exhibits provide an educational tool for participants.



Cows live in barns on farms, their feed is stored in the silos. Draw in the windows.

Kiddie Pedal-Power Tractor Pull

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition to be held in Harrisburg, from 4-8, is not only adult-oriented. A special event geared for the youngsters is the Kiddie Pedal-Power Tractor Pull to be held on Saturday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. The event is sponsored

by Evergreen Tractor Sales of Lebanon.

What exactly is a Kiddie Pedal-Power Tractor Pull? It is very similar to the big tractor pulls featured across the nation. A pedal tractor is hooked to a small sled, complete with a moving weight box just like the big ones. The dis-

tance each child pulls the weight sled is measured and recorded. Weights are added for each higher class.

All children are encouraged to enter the competition. Children pull according to their age. There will be six classes for children between the ages of 3 to 8 years;

one for each age group. Children must register for this event at the Exposition. Registration begins at

1:30. The event is limited to 80 participants. Each child will receive a participating ribbon.