

Farm Safety Day Set At Oxford Greenline

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OXFORD (Chester Co.)—What started out as an idea to promote farm safety at the local level has become a full day of safety events at the Oxford Greenline dealership on Limestone Road. Bill Cheek said they wanted to

promote farm safety in an interesting way, so they contacted area FFA groups. And five groups have responded with teams to compete in a safety contest. The event is their John Deere Safety Day to be held on November 9th starting at

10 a.m. Oxford Area, Octoraro Area, and Solanco FFA's, and Cecil Co. Vo-Tech, and Chester Co. Vo-Tech schools plan to send teams. The contest will center on a two-hour safety instruction course and a

ride and drive course. In addition, Stihl, a chain saw company, will sponsor a safety program and the Chester County Extension Service will be involved. At the same time, various fire companies will hold rescue schools on site, and the climax of the day will come when all the various participants work on a simulated rescue of people from an overturned tractor and skid-loader. Cheek said another part of the safety instruction will involve what family members should do if they are the first at the scene of a farm accident. Often family members are the first persons at an accident on their farm and they need to know what to do for the person in the accident. This program is

called the "First Response School," and will be held the Wednesday evening (Nov. 6) prior to the safety day program. The John Deere Company has made farm safety a major part of their dealer instruction this year, and the event at Oxford Greenline will serve as a model for other dealerships who want to conduct a farm safety program. "We would especially like to invite our customers and other interested persons to come to both events," Cheek said. Art Hershey, state representative, will present the merit awards. The Chester Co. Farmers Association has sent out mailings to announce the event. For more information, contact the dealership at (215) 932-2753.



To get ready for the safety day program, a simulated skid-loader accident was staged at the Oxford Greenline dealership. Surveying the situation are, left to right, dealership staff persons, Wes McCoy, Brian Stoltzfus, Bill Cheek, and Tom Gouge, and Mike Snyder, the area parts manager for Deere and Company.

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