

Grange Sponsors Farm Safety, Rescue Clinics



LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Three farm safety seminars are to be held through March at various locations in Lebanon County.

Sponsored by the North Jackson Grange, those for whom the seminars are designed include emergency medical technicians, paramedics, farmers, and firemen.

The seminars are being offered out of concern for the lives of farmers and live-saving personnel, but it should also be of interest to farm owners who may be liable for damages resulting from accidents on their farms.

On March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the North Jackson Grange Hall, located at Kutztown and Woleber roads, Kenneth Winebark, county extension agent, is to talk about what can be done to safeguard a farm from a safety standpoint.

On March 15, a split-day seminar is to address issues of concern on the farm and is to include a demonstration of equipment. Held at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds, the demonstration seminar is to run from 9 a.m. to noon and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Equipment to be demonstrated is being donated and operated by Lebanon County equipment dealers. Those whose company has a piece of special equipment that would be of interest to those attending, should call Betty Light at (717) 865-5148 and specify which of the two March 15 programs and what time attendance would be requested.

To date, the equipment being demonstrated includes manure pits and silos, a forage box, a regular baler, a haybine, a corn picker, small equipment, forage harvester, combine, round baler, and a manure spreader.

Participating implement dealers include Star Silos, of Myerstown; Lebanon Valley Implement Inc., Richland; Wengers Farm Machinery, Myerstown; Zimmermans Sales and Service, Bethel; Keller Bros. Inc., Buffalo Springs; Evergreen Tractor Co., Lebanon; Shuey's Sales and Service, Ono; and Umbergers of Fontana Inc., of Fontana.

Guidelines for demonstrating the equipment has been set by the Grange Safety Committee.

Those who wish to demonstrate equipment should identify the machine, how it operates, how it handles the crop, how the crop moves through the machinery, etc.

They should also point out the most hazardous areas of the equipment. For example, with a cornpicker, the snapper rollers and husking bed would be considered hazardous; with a combine, the cutter bar and auger in the grain box would be the hazardous areas.

With the group standing away from the machinery, start the equipment and demonstrate it actually working.

Shut off the equipment and hand feed a dummy into the hazardous area to simulate a trapped victim. Demonstrators may be able to turn PTOs or fly wheels enough to help make the demonstration as real as possible.

And lastly, demonstrators should then tell rescue people to go to work. Be prepared to answer questions about to release tension, or

how to reverse an auger, or how to dismantle some parts.

The most common question starts out with, "What if I do this?"

If possible, allow participating rescue workers learn by doing, rather than by telling them the answer.

On March 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the North Jackson Grange Hall, Dennis Murphy, Penn State University farm safety expert, is to discuss first response actions that emergency rescue personnel should take.

For more information call Betty Light at (717) 865-5148.

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