

Grange, PSU, Dealers Teach Emergency Farm Rescue Class

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — About 40 people, mostly emergency medical volunteers, attended a farm emergency rescue educational meeting last week at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds to get hands-on experience with the danger areas of a variety of pieces of farm equipment and machinery.

Sponsored by the Jackson

Grange, Penn State University Extension, and a number of farm equipment, machine and implement dealers, the program was part of a series of safety programs offered through the Lebanon County Extension service.

The equal-opportunity extension service offered other safety programs, held last month. Monday's program had been originally scheduled for March, but because of the blizzard, was postponed

until this week. It was one of three programs involving Dr. Dennis Murphy, PSU professor of agricultural engineering, and Kenneth Winebark, county extension agent.

Rescheduling the farm equipment program meant that a few dealers and people who had intended to support the program had scheduling conflicts and couldn't attend.

Monday's program was designed to show participants the

various aspects of a piece of farm equipment, what the dangerous parts were, the types of injuries that have occurred, how to disengage gears and bring to a stop any moving part of a particular

machine, and what rescue equipment could best be used on the farm.

The program was helpful, according to Lee Groff, EMS man-

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Mervin Sensenig, owner of the installation and service portion for Cedar Crest Equipment, and also a certified emergency medical technician, shows a cotter pin on a gear of a Rissler TMR mixer, that, if missing, or sheared, could prevent the gear from being reversed if someone needed to be freed from entanglement. In an emergency, a small nail or similar temporary device could be used to replace the cotter pin.



Lee Groff holds one of two inflatable bags kept on his EMS truck. Using pressurized air, the bags are inflated and can lift objects high enough to extricate a trapped accident victim. The two bags carried on Groff's truck have lifting capacities of 19 tons and 13 tons.

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