



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

We've just had a family reunion at a pavilion in a nearby Community Park. The playground equipment and picnic food was just what the children wanted. About one-third of our group were very young and full of energy. But, some of the older ones played basketball and discovered that they weren't as young as they thought they were as their muscles ached afterwards.

There was lots of food left over even though the people picked at the desserts all afternoon. There were three bowls of potato salad, plus chicken and ham salad. The platter of red beet eggs were quickly eaten. I took a jug of plain

ice water, as I prefer it to tea or soft drinks, and it was all used before the afternoon was over.

The one drawback to the park was the fact that the children had to cross a road to get to the playground. And, sometimes they got so excited and forgot to look both ways. Even on the deadend road that we live along, there are cars and trucks to watch out for every day.

Our grandson from Georgia visited for a week and rode a bicycle between our house and the farm. I worried that, with the corn growing so tall, he might meet a truck at a turn in the road. He and his sister certainly enjoyed the farm

and also the chance to play with their cousins. Thank goodness, they brought boots and work shoes along as there is lots of manure and dirt that can be dragged in to the house.

When I pick blueberries the three-year-old helps me but he only wants the "big" berries for his mother and so when I pick two quarts, he only has a dozen or two "big" ones. Of course, he found a lot to eat. It is a pleasure to have him help me pick our purple string beans too as it makes the job easier.

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Ag Progress Plans Activities For Families

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toys from common household materials.

Don't miss the insect petting zoo featuring hissing cockroaches, large walking sticks, and ladybird beetles. A bee-keeping display complete with free honey samples and an insect feeding experiment and monitoring station. The zoo is located in the Family and Youth Exhibits Building.

Storyteller Jan Kinney will perform in the College of Agricultural Sciences Exhibits Building Theatre for 30 to 45 minutes each day.

The Happy Valley Friendly Farm will be next to the Family and Youth Building. Visitors can bottle-feed and touch the animals.

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center will have a tent, displaying wildlife materials and live owls, hawks, turtles and snakes. 4-H and the Foundation for Better Living will also have displays and activities for kids.

Smokey Bear is expected to be seen wandering the grounds.

Those who want to learn more about using computers can visit the

computer awareness tables in the Youth Building.

Pasto Museum depicts early farm life: More than 300 implements from the muscel power era of farming and homemaking, which ended around the time of World War II. Items on display range from 6,000 year-old clay sickle used for grain harvesting to a 175-year-old mechanized apple peeler, to a turn-of-the-century foot-pedaled milking machine.

Also featured is a collection of dollhouse-sized kitchen furniture. The collection, built by Work Progress Administration workers in the 1930s, includes dry sinks, corner cupboards, a miniature fireplace and even a tiny braided rug.

Also featured is a collection of full-sized cast-iron cooking pots and copper cooking utensils.

Collections of household items, irons, rug beaters, and field equipment will be displayed.

Many artifacts have been restored to working order so visitors can turn cranks and pull levers. It's a hands-on history book.

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