

Kid's Korner

Ag Progress Holds Interest For Kids Of All Ages

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A petting zoo, ranging in appeal from the classy llamas to sleek-slimy snakes and turtles, attracted the crowds at Ag Progress this week.

But it was the furry bunnies that 7-year-old Katy Elizabeth Peoples most enjoyed in the petting zoo.

The Itinerant Talesman Bill Metzler brought his collection of homemade toys, games, and puzzles — things that have delighted children for generations. And the children who played with them discovered the pleasure of toys that they can learn to make too.

Smokey the Bear and the 4-H Clover Bears wandered throughout the grounds, giving hugs and handshakes.

At noon, story teller Jan Kinney entertained the crowd with her tales from Africa, Italy, and America. Children sat on the floor, in the chairs, or stood in the College Exhibits Building Theatre to hear about Davy Crockett and to take a magical journey to Africa where the trickster Spider Man lives.

A hands-on museum allowed children to use their muscle-power to turn, churn, and stomp implements their ancestors used in the field and home. It was the place where 6-year-old Ricky Klein found intriguing as he actually ground grain in a hand-turned grain mill.

Despite the many activities for children, the tractors still held the most appeal for Albert, 7, and

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Daniel, 3, and Rashelle, 5, shake hands with 4-H Clover Bears who tour the grounds during Ag Progress Days.



Katy Elizabeth Peoples, 7, talks about her day at Ag Progress with her sister Sara and brother John. They are the children of John and Bonnie Peoples from Mahlon, Md.



Seven-year-old Albert Drelbellis IV and his brother Chad, 4, are from Port Matilda, Centre County. The sons of Albert and Lisa like to accompany their dad to the barn. Their favorite activity at Ag Progress is climbing on the tractors.



Eating cotton candy, filling their bags with souvenirs, and taking a snooze occupy Michelle Martin, 5, and siblings Bethany, 7, and Nathan, 11 months. They are the children of Larry and Karen Martin of Berks County. With them are the children of Lloyd and Tina Oberholtzer of Lebanon County Janelle, 6; Crystal, 8; Lisa, 4; and Javin, 1.