



Kids Are Heart Of Fair

Animals, rides, the games of chance, the thrill of competition, the food all sticky, gooey, and loaded with sugar. Fairs were meant for children, young and old alike.

Imagine yourself as a pilot, operating the space shuttle as you glide in the air aboard the dive bomber. Petting the animals and imitating their sounds. This year there are tons of activities for the brave, the willing and eager to learn at the Biggest Little Fair in the State, Kutztown Fair Aug. 14-19.

The petting zoo offers an up-close and personal interaction with small farm animals. Touch and feel the goats, calves, ducks,

piggies and more. Sponsored by the 4-H, this is an educational tent that allows hands-on training. It is an opportunity to ask the caretakers of these animals all about the animals.

Wednesday and Saturday are designated Children's Day. There are special ride discounts on these two days. In addition, on Wednesday the annual pedal power tractor pulls take center stage of the Livestock Ring. There is no charge for entering, and children ages 4 to 9 are eligible to compete in their respective age category for ribbons and prizes. Sign up to compete, by coming to the Livestock Ring at 7 p.m. that evening. A parent must be present to register their child. Following the pedal tractor

pulls, the Berks County dairy farmers will be hosting the annual Giant Ice Cream Sundae. Free ice cream sundaes will be provided to all who attend, compliments of the Berks County dairy farmers and the Dairy Princess Committee of Berks County.

Friday evening is the Animal Mardi Gras. Here animal owners and their animals dress up and compete in a fun and festive parade of characters. Judged on creativity and originality, young animal exhibitors relax a bit and have fun dressing up in costume. See the Mardi Gras parade at the Livestock Ring on Friday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Following the parade will be the dairy and livestock trophy presentations. Then at 8 p.m. is the annual bale pitch contest. Contestants will compete by age groups starting at 14 years old up through the senior citizens category. The top four winners in each category will win prize money. Again, there is no fee for entering the bale pitch contest. Minors must have a parent present to register them.

Admission is \$1 and parking is \$2.



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Assessed as future development sites? Assessed value has nothing to do with the property owner's ability to pay taxes, and should have been done away with 30 years ago. It is now time for our farm organizations — Farm Bureau, Grange, NFO, and NFU — to get involved. They need to put pressure on our legislators and see that we get more than promises. I don't think much will come from taking tax assessment through the courts. We have Act 515 and Act 319 which are admissions that we are unfairly taxed, but do little to help, and put those who use them on a leash like a dog.

The farmers are not the only ones being hurt. The reassessment of the homes of senior citizens will make it impossible for many of them to pay the increased taxes. Our Chester County Commissioners have told the senior citizens not to worry by saying "We won't put you out of your home, we will take out a lien on your home." If they cannot pay the following

year, will that mean another lien? Should they live another 29 years the county will own their home. Will the county pay, if they need to go to a nursing home? This is when the AARP should join in the fight by contacting our legislators to support the older citizens.

Some have suggested that we go to income taxes. In Chester County nearly half of our citizens work in Philadelphia or Wilmington where they already pay a wage tax and would pay nothing in the county. We must keep our taxes on property, but it will have to be limited to a percentage of our net income. For example, put a \$10,000 tax on every property, then limit the tax to 3%, 4%, or 5% of the owner's net income. This should take care of the farmer, the senior citizen, or, in fact, all citizens in the state.

It won't happen if we just sit here and complain. Call your farm organizations and your legislators. Demand action!

Albert A. Bartels, Jr.
West Grove

Ephrata Farmers Discuss Herd Health

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Ephrata Area Young Farmers monthly meeting was held on July 19 on the farm of Doris and John Zimmerman.

Dr. Walter K. Trumbauer spoke to the group on dairy herd health. His presentation was illustrated with the use of a bovine reproduction organ. Other phases of herd health management were presented.

A short session of questioning was held for the FFA members on the evening's discussion by Trumbauer. A correct answer was rewarded with the gift of a Winross truck to Kevin Stauffer.

In a short business session, John Zimmerman reminded all of the trip on August 9 to Greenspring Dairy and Hickory Farms near Baltimore. Jody Brown, ag instructor, told about House Bill #20, which will provide funds for ag education in all schools. Robert Fox reminded members of the annual Ice Cream Social on Aug. 19 at Woodcrest Retreat.

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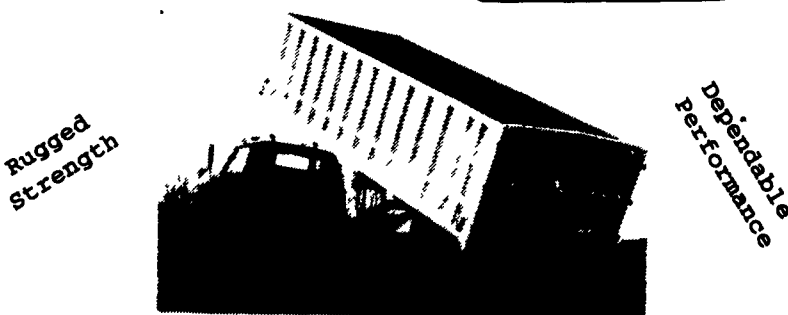
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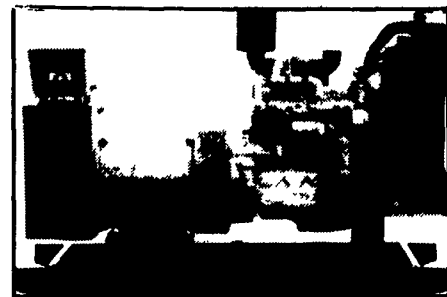
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