

# Kids Korner

## 'Little Farmer' Keeps Right On Working

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Recently 6-year-old Scottie Smith went to the shore for vacation. He spent the whole time digging in the sand.

Several people nearby commented on his diligence in digging by saying, "My, you are a hard worker."

His mother said, "He's from the farm and thinks he needs to work all the time."

His parents, Scott and Sara Smith, and a sister Lydia, 14 months old, live on a farm owned by Sara's Uncle Glen Krall. Scottie's parents help out with milking and haymaking when needed, but Scottie makes his rounds from sunup to sundown wanting to help with everything around the farm.

"Sometimes he awakens three to five times during the night and asks if it's time to get up and milk," his mother said.

Scottie hops on his trusty mountain bike and pedals from barn to field looking for something to do.

At the heifer barn, he sweeps the scattered feed into the feed bunk. He helps feed the calves.

But his most favorite job is picking up rocks and putting them on the skid loader.

"You won't like that job when you get older," his mom warned.

His mom grew up on a farm. She likes cows but doesn't consider picking up rocks much fun. Her husband was from the city, but now helps on the farm also. But he doesn't think picking rocks out of

the soil is much fun either.

"I always will love picking up rocks," Scottie insisted.

"Only one thing I don't like to do," Scottie said. That's bringing in the cows.

His mother said, "He doesn't like that because he can't ride his bike to do it."

"I tried but it's a big hill," Scottie said.

Scottie rides on the tractor with his cousin, Jason Krall.

"He's only allowed to ride on the cab tractor for safety purposes," his mother said.

During a recent stint on the tractor, a severe storm arose. When hail — some as large as three-inches in diameter — pelted the area, Jason told Scottie to curl up on the floor of the cab tractor and he covered him with a coat.

They were afraid the windows on the tractor would break from the large hail, but they made it back to the barn safely.

When Scottie isn't working on the farm, he often accompanies his great grandpa to antique tractor pulls.

"I like the steam engines. They make a lot of noise," Scottie said.

Some of the tractor shows have tractor pulls for children. Scottie likes to enter the competition. At the Lebanon Fair recently, Scottie took first place in his age group in the kiddie pull and third place in the Big Wheel Race.

Although Scottie doesn't like to spend much time inside the house, when he does, it's usually playing with toy tractors and implements.

"You must be careful not to walk on his fields," his mom said of the imaginary cornfields that Scottie plants in the house.

Recently Scottie dressed in his

favorite shirt with a tractor design and new work shoes. He's ready for school. Although he won't be able to spend as much time on the farm, Scottie plans to tell his class-

mates plenty of stories about life on the farm.

"If my parents move off the farm, I'm staying here," Scottie said.



Scottie sweeps the haylage in the feeding area for the helpers.



Scottie is shown with his mother Sara Smith and his cousin Jason Krall.



Sometimes Scottie takes a break just to admire the farm.



Scottie often tags along with his cousin Jason Krall who works full-time on the farm. Scottie is allowed to ride on the cab tractor but not on the other tractors on the farm.



During the hot summer weather, Scottie remembers the heavy snows of winter and wishes he could cool off in the snowbank like this fellow.