

4000 Attend Town And Country Day

PARKER (Clarion Co.) — More than 4,000 people attended the 25th annual Town and Country Day held late last month at Snyder Valley Farms owned by Jack and Donna Snyder. The event was sponsored by the Clarion-Venango Holstein Club. The first such event was held 25 years ago at Snyder's farm and has been held at many other farms over the years in Clarion, Venango, and Armstrong counties.

Town and Country Day was started as an opportunity for the public to see a working dairy farm in action. During the day, everyone was welcome to hayrides, a farm petting zoo, a craft auction, local entertainment, a kiddie pedal pull, barn tours, dairy princess skits, and many games. A big event was milking time on the farm, where everyone could see how today's milking is done.

Free dairy products were given away as they have been for 25 years. Ice cream cones, milk, and cheese were enjoyed by all. Local organizations also provide a wide variety of delicious foods for the

public to enjoy.

During the evening entertainment, John Walker, former county agent in Clarion County, spoke on memories of days gone by in agriculture. Yvonne Peterman, Pa. Alternate State Dairy Princess, spoke on promoting milk. Melanie Snyder, outgoing Clarion-Venango Dairy Princess, gave a recap of her year's activities. A highlight of the evening was the introduction of past hosts of Town and Country Day. Many door prizes were given out from area businesses. The grand prize was a Holstein calf donated by Nelson and Trina Smith of Mayport, Pa. The winner of this calf was Dick Schill of Venus. The finale of the evening was an old fashioned barn dance.

The Clarion-Venango Holstein Club and area dairy farmers are to be commended for sponsoring one of the longest running local dairy promotions in the state. It has been an event that the non-farming community looks forward to each summer.



Part of the large crowd is shown at Town and Country Day on Snyder Valley Farms owned by Jack and Donna Snyder. The annual event is sponsored by the Clarion-Venango Holstein Club.

Big E Celebrates 75 Years With Historic Exhibit

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Ma. — The 1996 Big E, Sept. 13-29, will showcase the long and colorful history of "New England's Fall Classic" with a special multimedia exhibit housed in the New England Center for the run of the fair. Remember the Hurricane of '38 or when the Springfield Indians hockey team played at the Coliseum? Re-visit those times and more in this spectacular display.

The Grand Opening of the "Diamond Jubilee" exhibit will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Opening Day of The Big E, Sept. 13, which has been designated at The Big E 75th Anniversary Day.

Grace Brooks Knibb, granddaughter of Eastern States Exposition founder Joshua L. Brooks, will be on hand to cut the exhibit ribbon kicking off the festivities. Additional opening day activities include a spine-tingling "Skywalk" (high wire walk) from the Brooks Building to the Coliseum at 6:00 p.m., The Big E Grande Parade at 5:00 p.m., a rousing concert by Grand Ole Opry star Connie Smith and the Bethany Assembly of God Choir at 8:00 p.m. and a special fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

The "Diamond Jubilee" 75th anniversary exhibit will encompass 2400 square feet and include

a tribute to fair founder Joshua L. Brooks; a life-size butter cow; history of the ESE Horse Show and hockey memories. Visitors will also find special sections on Dairy, Agriculture and Youth, the Avenue of States, Storowton Village Museum, Fiber Arts, Exhibits/Vendors, famous entertainers, presidential visits, fair memorabilia and a special salute to some time-honored "fair faces." One lucky fairgoer will walk away with a diamond from Hannoush Jewelers, simply for being a part of The Big E's "Diamond Jubilee" celebration.

Many of the items for this exhibit have come from throughout

New England and are on loan for the run of the exhibit. Thanks to the generosity of loyal fairgoers and past exhibitors, several of these items have been donated to the Exposition and will be placed in the Eastern States Exposition archives.

J&L Presentations of Westfield, Mass. will design the exhibit space, providing environments that capture interest with appealing visuals, period soundtracks and sound effects.

Featured in the "Diamond Jubilee" exhibit are:

- A life-size butter cow, sponsored by M.P.S.I. a recreation of the butter cow exhibited at Eastern States Exposition's very first event, The 1916 National Dairy Show. Five hundred pounds of native New England butter donated by Cabot Creamery in Vermont will be used to sculpt this unique display. James Victor, known for sculpting in a variety of mediums including bronze, cheese, chocolate and butter, has

been selected as the artist who will take on this challenging project. Victor is also recognized for creating portrait busts of many well known people for the New York Times, New York magazine and Harper & Row.

- In our Dairy, Agriculture and Youth exhibit, sponsored by M.P.S.I., visitors will find past trophies and ribbons, photographs and antique dairy implements set in a display created to look like an old barn. The Dairy, Agriculture and Youth exhibit and the life-size butter cow are sponsored by Milk Promotion Services, Inc., representing the Dairy Farmers of New England and Eastern New York.

- A model of the Massachusetts Building, photos and write-ups on all the buildings along the Avenue of the States.

- The evolution of the Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum.

- Also, "Faces of the Fair" including photos and first person accounts from Eastern States Exposition people sharing their memories of the fair; archival

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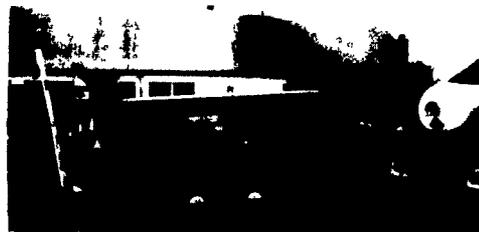
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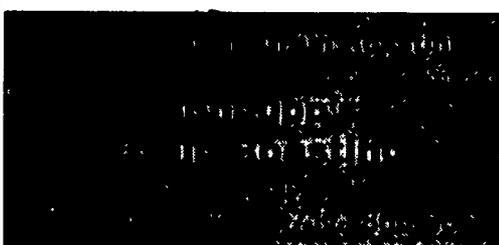
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