

Kids Korner

KILE Kid Fun

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— Some kids show sheep, some ride horses. Some kids tag along with their parents and just watch the excitement around them. Other kids come to compete in Agri-Olympics and the annual tractor pull sponsored by Evergreen Tractor.

It all happens at Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) held the first Saturday of October.

Participants received ribbons galore and lots of fun when they

competed in sack races, wheelbarrow races, a laughing contest, horseshoe pitch, and a hog calling contest.

These farm-related activities, sponsored by Lebanon Valley Farmers/Fulton Bank, offer kids, parents, and grandparents lots of laughs.

In the afternoon, the Kiddie Pedal Power Tractor Pull held competition in divisions from age 3 to 12. Contestants pedal a tractor with a wagon filled with weights. Each age group must pedal a heavier load.

Some children practice for this annual event by riding their own

pedal tractors on the farm. Some compete in local fairs and at events sponsored by tractor companies. But, some have no experience whatsoever before competing in the annual event at KILE.

Pedaling a tractor hauling weights is no easy feat. It requires lots of leg muscle power, concentration, and perseverance as contestants strain to go additional inches.

The prestige of winning seems important to even the youngest contestants. Taking home a ribbon or a gold cup serves as a reminder that KILE is an outstanding place to have fun. And it's free!

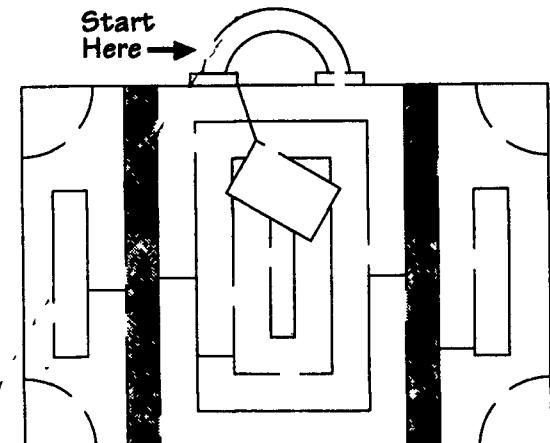


The crowd cheers as 4-year-old Ryan Bollinger pedals a full pull in the Kiddie Pedal Power Tractor Pull.



Huggles the clown blows up eight balloons at one time.

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"How does he do that?" is the unified question as kids watch Huggles the clown perform his magic.