

# Kids Korner

## Kids Are Farmers For A Day

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**BEDFORD** (Bedford Co.) — Abby Heinz of Scranton was manning a fair craft booth with her grandmother at the Bedford Fair when she discovered the Farmer for a Day activity being sponsored by the Bedford County Farm Bureau Association.

"Abby is our steady customer," said the booth attendant. "Between this and the petting zoo, she is busy all day long."

Chores at the "farmer" booth include gathering eggs, picking apples, digging for potatoes.

Chickens were plush with plastic eggs nesting in beds of real straw. Apples were plucked from wooden trees and potatoes were found in a sawdust pile.

The petting zoo included everything from llamas to miniature horses. Visitors could purchase a \$1 cup of pellets or a \$2 bottle of milk to feed the animals.

Children's attractions are something the Extension office plans to expand at forthcoming Bedford County Fairs.



Brian Mihailovich, Cumberland, gathers eggs from the make-believe chicken.



Abby Heinz is a steady customer at the farmer booth.

## Blast For Kids

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Kids had a blast at the party Walker's Farm Service of Somerset threw for more than 1,500 people. The party is like saying a jolly "thank you" to customers.

One grown up said it was the social night of the year for farmers.

Yummy food, as much ice cream as you wanted, games, hayrides, kids tractor pull, three clowns, music, square dancing, prizes, and trophies.

One kid aiming at the dunking tank threw the ball so well, he hit the bull's eye three times. The person on the monkey seat splashed into the water tank



This dad has a load to push around with triplets — from front, are Jacob, Samuel, and David with John Beckwith, their dad.



This little boy has rhythm and wants the microphone.

below.

There were four big square boxes filled with shelled corn, money and prizes. After removing their shoes, the kids climbed into the boxes and sifted the kernels. They looked like prospectors panning for gold.

Soon the wrapped candies, quarters, dimes, nickels were making their bags heavy. Then, as coins were found more money was dropped into the corn by an adult, who walked through the corn box, unrolling coins that fell



Here is Ben Habel with Pinky the Clown.

as she went.

Parents laughed as the children dug for hidden treasure. Probably some moms and dads wanted to remove their shoes and do what the kids were doing.

Pinky the Clown was a super balloon twister. She made hats that wrapped around your forehead and stuck up so high in the back you looked like an alien about to lift off for outer space. Believe me, there were scads of little aliens still running around when the party ended around 10 p.m.

By then, instead of going to the moon or Mars, most kids decided for their own beds, which pleased their parents.



Pedaling to win.