

# Kids Korner

## Children Welcome To Participate In Tri-State Relief Sale July 19-20

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**GARRETT, Md.** — "Abe the Giant Penny" will be a part of this year's Tri-State Relief Sale, a Mennonite Central Committee fund-raiser conducted Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, at the Garrett County (Md.) Fairgrounds at Deep Creek Lake.



**Dale Miller (left), Harris-on City, treasurer for the Tri-State Relief Sale, to be conducted Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, at the Garrett County (Md.) Fairgrounds near Deep Creek Lake, helps Isaac Tice of Salisbury in Somerset County onto "Abe the Giant Penny" at last year's sale. Young Tice and Willis Beitzel of Bittinger, Md., will present a special program on giving at the Tri-State Sale, which has been conducted for the past four years as an effort to raise funds for the Mennonite Central Committee.**

Willis Beitzel of Bittinger, Md., and his young assistant Isaac Tice of Salisbury in Somerset County travel to different churches throughout their areas using "Abe" as a teaching and fund-raising tool.

In addition to the giant benefit auction on Saturday, conducted for the past four years at the fairgrounds, children of all ages and adults too will be counting all the coins saved during the year and sending the funds collected to help with water projects throughout the world, such as building cisterns and providing clean water.

"Some churches and youth groups take offerings and collect all year long," explained Harriet Berg of the Somerset area, publicist for the event. "All day long at the sale on Saturday, there is a coin counter provided for the children to count coins. Adults really love it too with the giant penny. It's a fun presentation and brings the whole project to life."

While their coins are being counted, children can take rides in the penny, wearing a motorcycle helmet and a seat-belt.

"Abe" is located in the Kids Activity Center, which allows children to play board games and participate in several activities, such as "shoots and ladders," and different craft areas where they can do things such as quilting.

In the movie theater area of the children's area, which is actually a tent, children can buy some popcorn, watch videos about children around world, and relax.

Children can also get their photo taken on a computer printout and attach it to a greeting card. And, they can also dress up like children from different countries.

Children also stuff health kits and school kits for other children in Third World countries. Health kits include things such as fingernail clippers, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and a hand towel. School kits include notebooks, pencils, rulers, erasers and other educational items.

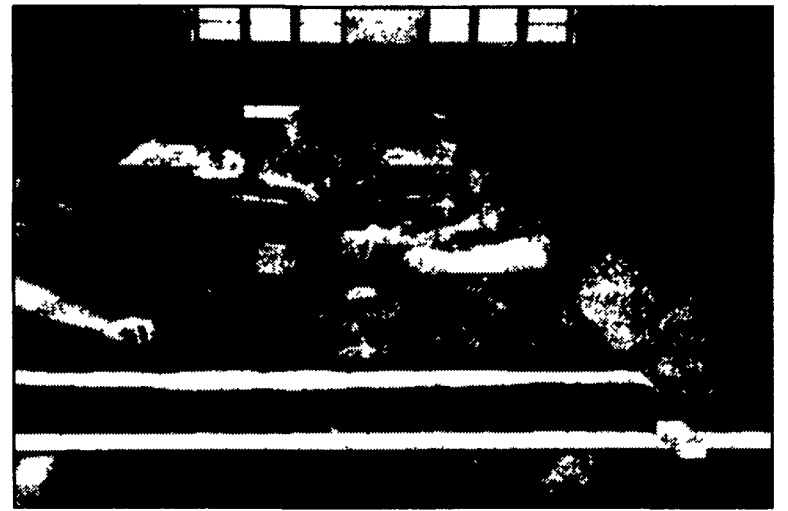
In addition, children ages 12 and under will have their own auction from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday. Toys, books, backpacks and other items, all of which will be new and have been donated, will be auctioned off.

"Parents are encouraged to attend the auction with their children so the younger ones learn about the process as well as how important it is to help others through the sale," said Berg.

"These children learn about the auction process and the giving process, not just the getting process, but giving to world relief projects. The sale allows families to come together and have fun as well as serve a greater cause."

Diane Holsopple of Holsopple in northern Somerset County, serves as auctioneer and coordinator for the children's auction. She and her husband, Ernest, helped begin the Tri-State Relief Sale in 1998. This is the fourth year for the annual event.

The Holsopples have traveled to other relief sales throughout the U.S. Ernest has served as a volunteer auctioneer for many of the sales. He had done some



**More than 50 quilts and wall hangings, in addition 130 handcrafted items, will be auctioned off at the Tri-State Relief Sale on July 19 and 20 at the Garrett County (Md.) Fairgrounds. At the children's activity center (pictured here), children of all ages can come and participate in crafts, including quilting.**

work locally with a sale out of the Richland Mall in Johnstown in Cambria County for several years. After the mall closed, the Holsopples thought this area was a prime location for a relief sale.

The Tri-State Relief Sale is one of 46 relief sales in the U.S. and Canada, raising funds for the Mennonite Central Committee, an organization founded in 1920 and dedicated to helping people suffering from poverty, oppression and natural disasters.

"This is such a great cause and the joy of giving is rewarding," said Berg. "This is a way to help others who are in need in foreign countries or who have suffered disasters in the United States and abroad."

Berg also explained that the

sale brings together several hundred volunteers from about 20 churches in the Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. The bidding begins at 10 a.m. with more than 180 up for sale. The giant benefit auction will feature over 50 handmade quilts and wall hangings, handcrafted furniture, such as bentwood hickory rockers, cherry Shaker tables, an oak king-sized headboard, limited edition prints by P. Buckley Moss, glassware by Lenox, Simon Pearce, and L.E. Smith.

"We truly have beautiful, high-quality handcrafted products here at the sale," she stressed. "These are items that buyers would have to search for at local stores and shops but they are all here for their purchase. It's a buyer's paradise."

## Farm Safety Day Camp Draws Over 140 Children

**BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.)** — According to the West Snyder FFA Chapter, over 140 community children learned how to identify and deal with hazards on the farm June 27, at the Beaver Community Fairgrounds.

West Snyder FFA Chapter's Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp drew children between the ages of three to 12 from throughout the community for a day-long event.

Children learned how to take

responsibility for their own safety, respect parents' safety rules, and share safety tips with their family and friends, said Mrs. Cynthia Shaffer, West Snyder FFA adviser and coordinator of the event.

Samuel E. Hayes, Pa. Secretary of Agriculture, was present to welcome the group of children and West Snyder FFA members. Secretary Hayes told the children "Without safety, it's very hard to have fun. It's very important to

protect our hands, our feet, our legs, our eyes, and our ears."

Dr. Merrill Arnold, superintendent of Middle-West School District, also reminded the children of the importance of being safe on the farms that are fun, but can also be dangerous.

Hands-on experiences led by members of the West Snyder FFA Chapter taught camp participants lifetime farm safety lessons. Over time, Mrs. Shaffer said that she hopes that by sharing and applying the lessons learned at camp, participants will help reduce the number of rural children who die or are injured in farm accidents.

The West Snyder FFA and Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp was sponsored nationally by Shell Lubricants, Farm Plan, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Dupont Agricultural Products, Cargill, Inc., Agco, Asgrow Seed Company, The Phillip Morris Family of Companies, State Farm Insurance Companies, Case IH, Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc., CHS Cooperative Foundation, Agrium, Inc., PotashCorp., Farmland Insurance/Nationwide Agribusiness, MacDon Industries, Ltd., National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, and Progressive Farmer Magazine.

Throughout the day, the 140-camp participants rotated through 10 safety stations. Each

group of approximately 14 campers each were led to the stations by members of the West Snyder Jr. High FFA Chapter, Sr. High FFA Chapter, and the Middleburg Boy Scouts. The West Snyder Senior High FFA members conducted the safety presentations for the campers.

At the Basic First Aid station, FFA members Tiffany Esbenschade and Jenna Briggs explained how to bandage a wound. Each camp participant also assembled their own first aid kit.

At the Chemical Safety station, FFA alumnus Jennifer McWilliams and Heidi Good explained the similarities between household chemicals and certain food and candy products.

At the Gun Safety station, Wildlife Conservation Officer Harold Malhorn, with the assistance of FFA members Tyler Miller and Jeremy Roush taught gun safety to the campers.

Campers made their own ear plug key chain at the Personal Protective Devices station. FFA member Derek Fetterolf also demonstrated the value of wearing safety glasses, steel-toed shoes, and a hard hat at this station.

Each camp participant was professionally fitted for their own bike helmet by Theresa Laccianca from the North Central Highway Network, Inc. While campers were fitted for their bike helmet, FFA member Victoria Adams ex-

plained to the participants other aspects of bike safety.

Doug Hollenbach and Steve Yakamook, West Snyder FFA members, conducted the ATV and lawn mower safety station. The participants were able to view the safe and unsafe parts of the equipment.

FFA Alumni Maria Trego demonstrated water safety. Each camper tried on a life vest as they learned the importance of wearing one at all times while boating.

At the animal safety station, FFA members Hannah Etzler and Amanda Shaffer explained how and when to safely approach an animal. Each participant practiced their skills with live cows.

Paul Saylor of the Beavertown Fire Company volunteered to give the participants a "tour" of the fire truck. He also explained the equipment that a fireman uses to fight the fires.

FFA member Phaedra Wray explained the importance of having an escape route, using smoke alarms, and how to "stop, drop, and roll." Each participant received their own smoke alarm.

At the farm equipment safety station, FFA members Jeremy Waite and Shane Kremer explained how difficult it is to see small children while operating a tractor. Participants were able to climb up on a tractor and try to locate others around the equipment.



**Derek Fetterolf, 2002-2003 president of the West Snyder FFA Chapter, demonstrates to the campers at the West Snyder FFA and Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp "How to make a keychain to hold earplugs." Derek demonstrated the importance of wearing earplugs, eye protection, steel-toed shoes, and a hard hat at his Personal Protective Devices station.**