

Kids Korner

Bedford Conducts Farm Safety Day Camp

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — It takes a lot of sponsors, a blue sky, and lots of curious kids for a successful Farm Safety Day Camp. It was this combination that sparked off the second annual safety event for children at the Bedford County Fair Grounds.

Volunteers and donations from businesses and organizations all helped with the success of the

day which was attended by more than 120 children.

Children were divided, according to ages, into various groups with all groups receiving the same training at different levels throughout the day. Each participant was awarded a bag of goodies and a t-shirt.

Coming from all the schools in Bedford County as well as home schooled, the children were impressed with the First On The

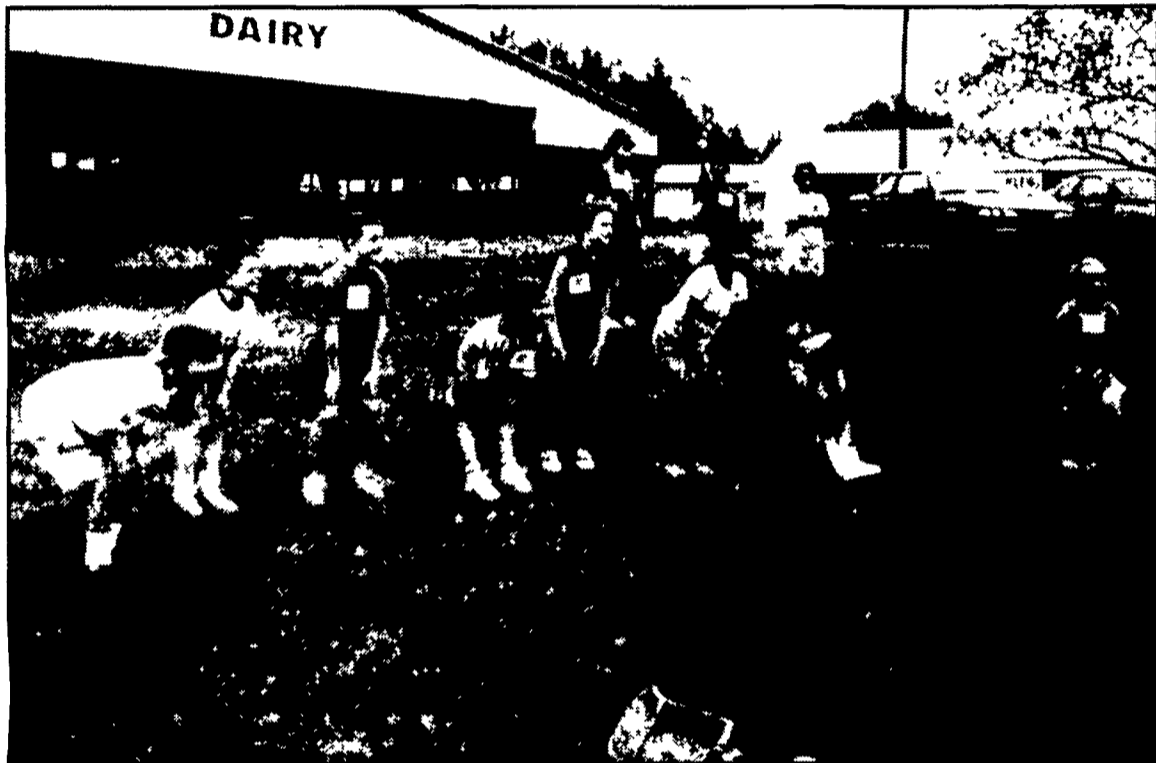
Scene: Tractor Rollover.

Members of the FFA Pennsylvania Association served as ushers from one class to the next and entertained those children who might have time between sessions.

Another lesson involved first on the scene: PTO entanglement. Other workshops included storm safety, animal safety, and a safety talk given by the ambulance company.



Dottie Bromley of the Somerset extension office teaches storm safety. Students participating include Daniel Emmell, Josh Felix, Megan Barkley, Mary Boyler, and Janna Bassette.



Kids play a fast game of "Simon Says" between Safety Sessions.



Mike Schreyer of the Altoona Hospital teaches about poisonous gases on the farm.

Blair County Events Reflect Old-Time Country Fair

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MARTINSBURG (Blair Co.) — While many counties in the Commonwealth have large fairs with ferris wheels and trinket stands, Blair County invites rural talent to compete in a series of six small old-time country fairs.

The small towns of Bellwood, Claysburg, Sinking Valley, Hollidaysburg, Williamsburg, and Martinsburg all participate on various scales in country fairs. Martinsburg also hosts the annual Morrison's Cove Dairy Show.

Some of the shows include animals and games such as ice

cream making contests. When the ice cream is made and the freezers are judged, spectators are invited to grab a spoon and participate. Another activity is a wheel barrow race.

Whatever the event, it is the anticipation of winning a ribbon and perhaps a few dollars that

draws most to these country fairs. They bring their handmade dresses, self-designed needlework, and smooth and sanded furniture. There are stuffed animals and art work in all mediums. Quilt stitches are shown off in pillows, bed quilts or wall hangings.

Large butternut squash, bright orange pumpkins, sparkling red apples, and flowers of all varieties both singular and in floral arrangements brighten up the halls.

And, of course there is the baked goods including chocolate cakes, cookies, and pies.

It's a time from the past that has not been forgotten in these rural Pennsylvania communities.



The best of the best...top prize went to Donna Yingling of Martinsburg for her daughter's prom gown.



Joe Beyer of Roaring Spring grew these flowers in his grandmother Barbara Beyer's garden in Martinsburg.



Best of show in wooden crafts.



Apryl Smith's best of show was a dried arrangement of colorful summer flowers.



Ty Neveir of Martinsburg created this angelic needlepoint.