

# Kids Korner

## Farm Show Activities Entertain Kids Of Every Age



Riding a Cobra 4-wheeler is Wade Frances Fausey, 5, Sunbury, who said, "This is the best, but it's too fast for me."



This bin of field corn entertained children for hours.



Pennsylvania Fair Queen Jacqueline Pratt congratulates Greatest Cocoa Cookie Contest winners, from left, Krista Border, Bedford County; Timothy Lozier, West End Fair; and Jaclyn Hoffman, Schuylkill County.

### Kids Bake Brownies, Cookies For Farm Show Competition

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Lots of competitions exist for kids attending the Pennsylvania Farm Show. One of the most competitive is vying for top prizes in the Hershey Chocolate Cookie Contest, open only to kids.

The most entries ever — 68 — showed up for judging on opening day of Farm Show. The contestants must prequalify by winning first place at a local fair.

Gail Matthews, Susquehanna County, placed first but was missing when winners were announced. She receives a two-night stay for four at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Second-place Krista Border, Hopewell, received \$45 for her brownies that had a layer of marshmallows and rice crispy cereal on top.

Ten-year-old Timothy Lazier of West End Fair in Monroe County baked cookies with Reeses peanut butter cups in the middle. Jaclyn Hoffman baked black and white brownie bars. Jaclyn is from New Ringgold and had placed first at Schuylkill County Fair.

Here is the recipe for the first-place entry.

**Cocoa Caramel Bars**  
2 cups granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
½ cup Hershey's Baking Cocoa  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup butter  
1½ cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
¼ cup chopped pecans

**Topping:**  
¾ cup caramel ice cream topping  
¼ cup chopped pecans  
5 tablespoons hot fudge ice cream topping

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine sugar, flour, cocoa, and salt into a bowl. Stir in butter, eggs, and vanilla. Mix well. Spread batter into a 9x5-inch greased baking pan. Arrange chopped pecans evenly in batter. Bake for about 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Place caramel topping in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high until hot and bubbly. Stir chopped pecans into a caramel topping. Spread evenly over hot bars. Place fudge topping in another microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high until heated thoroughly. Spread hot fudge evenly over caramel-pecan bars. Cool completely. Cut into bars.



Kameryn Trimble, 7 months, sports his "got milk" bib purchased at the dairy promotion stand. Kameryn is the son of Christopher and Kimberly Trimble, Holtwood.



Ashlea, 2, daughter of Larry and Karen Dull, Manheim, rides a "horse" available in the Family Corner at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.



Emily Shaeffer, 7, holds a Holland Lop. At home, Emily helps her dad, Bob Sheaffer, Lebanon, to care for more than 100 head of several different breeds.



At right, even the alphas were curious about Farm Show happenings. Far right, Alexa Zimmerman, 1, grabs a basket and runs in her enthusiastic response to participate in the kid's activities available at the Farm Show.

