

Kids Korner



Competitors milked furiously to win certificates for free milkshakes. The cow milking contest (using water) is sponsored by Huber Seed, which gives away approximately 300 certificates each day during Ag Progress.



Blaze Contino, 9, gets a honey stick and a sticker from Honey Queen Kristen Miller. His mother Laura, from State College, said, "Ag Progress is a great place to spend a day outside, and gives Blaze the opportunity to see where his food comes from."



"I came every year since I was a tot," Marcus Zook said. Now his wife Anna Mary, and their children, Kenneth, 6; Dwayne, 2; and Jennifer, 6; and Anna Mary's sister Bethany Stoltzfus love Ag Progress Days. "We come to see what's new, and the many activities for children," Anna Mary said.

See, Do, Learn

Visitors Explore Ag Progress Activities

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Rockspring (Centre Co.) — Exhibits and interactive activities make learning fun for kids during Ag Progress Days.

From Tuesday through Thursday this week, thousands of children participated in activities just for them.

The Kline brothers Jarod, 9; Jacob, 5; and Jesse, 6, participated in the Cow Milking Contest.

"I won first place," Jarod said. He waved a certificate to redeem for a free milkshake while attending the event.

According to employees of Huber Seed, which sponsors the contest, more than 300 certificates are given away each day to winning contestants.

The event helps support the dairy industry promotion, and gives city kids the opportunity to

see what it's like to milk a cow and allows retired dairy farmers who remember what it's like to milk a cow retest their skills.

So much to do, and so little time to do it includes the following events:

The Family Learning Hub offers fun activities on hygiene, food, saving money, character, farm safety, math, language, and art skills.

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center features native wildlife species. The Farm Animal Learning Center has farm animals. ImAGination Station allows visitors to see eggs hatch and much more.

Kids Climb helps kids climb 40-foot-tall trees with ropes and harnesses.

And, of course, there are hundreds of tractors, snowmobiles, and four-wheelers to explore.



Aidan Finnerty, 5, shows off his milk mustache.

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Master storyteller Jan Kinney tells award-winning tales and traditional yarns in an outdoor presentation. Photo by Dave Lefever, staff writer



Joel and Carolyn Hauck, Middleburg, with children Benjamin, 1; Jackie, 8; Bryan, 5, and a friend Emily Ramp come for the many children's activities. "We go left, we go right, we go left...." Joel said of the many attractions the children want to explore.