

Kids Korner

Day On A Dairy Farm Attracts More Than 700 People



Hayrides were popular at the Day on a Dairy Farm event. The tractor driver, Doug Puzo is pictured here with Dairy Princess Shana Mack and other hayride participants.



Children enjoy the twin red and white Holstein heifer calves at the Day on a Dairy Farm petting zoo.

Have A Dairy-Good Day

KINGSLEY (Susquehanna Co.) — Susquehanna County Dairy Ambassador Amanda Miner reflects on the past year. She writes, "For starters, spring was a washout without a doubt. The poor farmers who got their corn in got flooded out with rain nearly every other day. Then came summer, or should I say 'the lack there of.' Hay season for most, including my family was a 'bust.'

"The best thing summer brought me was the dairy shows and fairs, which my family and I got to participate in. My brother had a particularly good year with his calves and heifers winning many junior champion and reserve junior champion awards.

"Although I can't say I did as well, I held my own and had a good time. I got to spend quality time with my family and friends and when you have that, who needs anything else?"

"Now we're moving into the autumn and winter months and as the seasons change so do our eating habits. We go from the typical hurried up dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs to the



Amanda Miner is not just a Susquehanna County Dairy Ambassador. She received owner-breeder awards at a recent dairy show. She is pictured with her Holstein heifer.

healthier dishes and meals that follow through autumn and winter.

"When making this transition to autumn and winter don't forget to include dairy products in your diet.

MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — More than 700 people attended the Day on a Dairy Farm event at Mark and Cindy Tompkins Evergreen Lane Farm.

Mark and Cindy milk about 60 cows with a herd average of 27,761 pounds of milk, 992 pounds butterfat and 862 pounds protein.

Tompkins raise their own replacement heifers and their own crops to feed the dairy animals on the 200-acre dairy farm.

Mark and Cindy also earned the honor of receiving a Pennsylvania "Dairy of Distinction" farm award. Evergreen Lane Farm is located in a very scenic area just four miles north of Montrose.

A guided tour of the dairy barn enabled visitors to see cows, heifers and calves munching on hay and at milking time.

Tours were given to the visitors of the dairy facility by the county dairy royalty. People were told how milk gets from the farm to their dinner table and about cows, heifers and calves and what they eat at these different ages. After the tours the tour guides told their group about the 3-A-Day program. 3-A-Day is the new dairy slogan that reminds everyone to have at least 3 servings of dairy a day, milk, cheese or yogurt.

The 4-H Pumpkin Roundup took place at Evergreen Lane Farm in conjunction with our Day on a Dairy Farm event.

A petting zoo was available for the children and adults. Horse and tractor drawn hayrides took place and were very popular. An-



Mariah and Trevor Tompkins are two of the happy hosts at their parents' Evergreen Lane Farm for the Day on a Dairy Farm event.

other big success was the kiddy tractor pull for children. About 100 children ages 4 through 11 peddled the kiddy tractor pull event provided by Doug Puzo. A newborn baby calf and other small animals were on hand for a petting zoo.

Pumpkin Roundup Showcases Originality

MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — The 4-H Pumpkin Roundup was recently conducted in conjunction with Day on a Dairy Farm at Evergreen Lane Farm in Montrose.

Shrouded in a backdrop of gorgeous fall foliage and a boastful bright blue sky, 4-H members brought their pumpkin projects to the festive Roundup tent.

Twelve 4-Hers completed this year's pumpkin project. Members were responsible for growing their own pumpkins and filling out a project book complete with their "pumpkin story." The members enter their pumpkins in categories such as largest, smallest, recipe, pumpkin people, pair, carved and painted.

Ben Hayes dropped off his two largest pumpkins, one weighing 146 pounds and the other weighing 128 pounds. Ben won a grand prize for his endeavors.

Julie Delaney won a grand champion for the best pumpkin pair. Tiffany Testa won a grand champion for her painted pumpkin that featured a spooky haunted house. Tiffany also won a grand for her carved pumpkin and a reserve champion for her pumpkin muffin recipe. Elaine Mackey received a reserve grand champion for her Frankenstein painted pumpkin.

Anna Chichura won two grand champions also. Anna's pumpkin roll was a delicious delight and her pumpkin person clown was a big hit at the Pumpkin Roundup. Her brother Paul participated also with his pumpkin pig. This



Dylan Jenner, Montrose, is shown with Anna Chichura's prize-winning pumpkin person at the 4-H Pumpkin Roundup.

"pumpkin pig" had a pumpkin body and pumpkin head and was put on 4 large springs for legs. Luckily no one decided to try to ride the springy pig! Other blue ribbon winners included Courtney Erat, Jonathon, Mark and Ruth Delaney.