



Zack Smith takes a good natured pounding with a sponge during a play rally after services at the Trucksville Methodist Church.



Katelyn Reinert paints the face of Rachel Chamberlain during a play rally after services at the Trucksville Methodist Church.



Zachary Calkins concentrates very hard to get the bean bag into the hole at a play rally following services at the TUMC.



Ty Kaufer was awfully fond of the rubber ducks in a tub during a play rally at the Trucksville Methodist Church.

# Rally 'round at church

Rally Day at the Trucksville United Methodist Church on September 9 served as an introduction to the beginning of the new church school year.

New this year, Rally Day was created to get the children excited for

the start of church school. The 11 a.m. service was held outside in the church pavilion as part of the day's events. The older students performed a play and all the children enjoyed games and a picnic complete with hot dogs, hamburg-

ers, and snacks. Adults signed their children up for church school.

Sunday, Sept. 16 was the first day of church school at Trucksville United Methodist Church. Classes run through the beginning of June.

## GIRLS

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"I donated a lot of my time and effort to get the kids ready for this," said Orloff-Yatsko. "And they exceeded my expectations."

Lendon Gray's Youth Festival is held "to encourage riders under 21 to become true horsemen." During the festival, riders compete based on their age and level of experience. First, riders take a written test based on a horse-related book they are required to read. Then, they are

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scored on their performance in an equitation class or a group class measuring the rider's position and effectiveness in riding the horse. The final component of the competition judges each in-

dividual rider's skill on a horse.

In order to participate in the festival, riders must first qualify at a local dressage show. Kolbeck and Hug participated in a show at the Peaceful Valley Equestrian Center and scored high enough to make it to the festival.

"This was a big deal," said Orloff-Yatsko of the contest. "It mimics an Olympic-level competition."

Orloff-Yatsko says many awards and scholarships are presented, including opportunities to train with famous riders in Europe. Cash prizes and gifts are also granted.

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