

Grant County Rural Safety Day Camp

The Grant County Health Department and the University of Wisconsin Extension held the first annual Farm Safety Day for kids on July 1, 1992, in Lancaster. Plans for the day started taking shape as Debbie Martin, a volunteer from the Health Department and Linda Adrian drove home from the Farm Health and Safety Council of Wisconsin's annual meeting in the spring at Stevens Point. The following week a meeting was proposed with the Grant County UW-Extension staff and the Grant County Health Consortium.

The program was developed with stations for First Aid, Hearing Protection, tractor rollovers, ATV, electricity, chemical handling, lawn mower, skidloaders, victims of farm accidents and the local fire and rescue squad demonstration of the "jaws of life".

Registrations were sent out through the schools in late May with every child in Grant County schools in grade 1-8. A total of 476 were registered. Two school districts provided transportation for their students as part of their summer programming.

Students were divided by age into groups of 25-30. Two high school students were assigned to be leaders for each group and keep them moving from session to session.

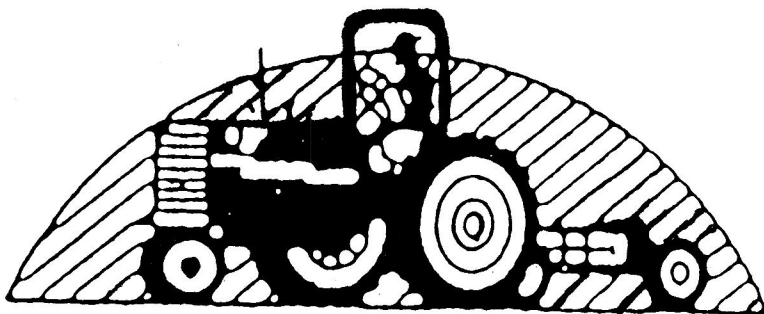
Many local merchants and organizations volunteered to send equipment, staff and donations of money and/or food.

The evaluations and comments have been very positive. One co-op dealer commented that he sold more Slow Moving Vehicle signs in the 10 days after the program than he had in the entire previous year.

Many groups and individuals have already volunteered to help next year.



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