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Children take tour of animal centers

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About 2,700 first graders and preschool age children saw a piece of life on the farm when they visited various Texas A&M University animal centers.

The Children's Barnyard, an annual service project of the Saddle & Sirloin Club, was a success with an increase of 1,000 youngsters over last year's turnout, said Renita Lovell, Texas A&M agricultural education junior and chairman of the Children's Barnyard.

About 35 surrounding elementary schools brought bus loads of children for the tours. Some came as far as Buckholts, Thorndale and Orange.

Because of the large number of children participating, the event had to be extended to three mornings rather than the usual two in past years. The facilities could only handle a limited number of children safely at one time, so only about 20 bus loads were allowed each day. Tours began Wednesday morning and ended today.

The children visited the horse, beef, dairy, poultry, sheep and swine centers for 30 minutes each. Demonstrations concerning the animals' uses and functions were conducted by Saddle & Sirloin Club members.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club, the animal science technical club of Texas A&M University, had over 100 members involved during the day event, Lovell said.

Each bus load of children had a parent tour guide that gave instructions, made sure they arrived on time at the proper centers and led the group through the barns. There were also at least four club members

at each animal center showing the children around, demonstrating animal care techniques, answering questions and watching out for the children's safety when petting the animals, Lovell said.

The tours began at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 12:30 p.m. each day.

To the youngsters, it was an all-day field trip. To the A&M students, it meant rotating shifts so class schedules could be met. However, two professors in the animal science department, Dr. Howard Hesby and Dr. Thomas Marek, released their classes so more student participation would be possible.

At the sheep center, the visitors saw a shearing demonstration and examples of different types of wool fiber after shearing in contrast to actual wool garments. They also petted lambs.

The children were too small to actually ride a horse, but at the horse center, they saw riding demonstrations and different kinds of horse shoes and fitting equipment.

At the beef center, they got to pet a Brahma calf and Angus steer. A demonstration on types of cattle feed enabled them to smell and touch differences in sweet feed versus range cubes. They learned cowboy boots were made of cowhide and gelatin comes from horns and hooves.

The Texas A&M student enjoyed the tour as much as the children said Amelia Brock, a pre-veterinarian junior and tour guide who said the show was one of the most rewarding experiences she has ever had.



Cleaners up in smoke

Bernie Gessner looks over what's left of his University Cleaners. Fire gutted the laundry and dry-cleaners early Thursday morning. Gessner said he will begin processing claims

for clothes destroyed in the fire on Monday, at University Cleaners No. 2, 1333 FM 2818 in College Station.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Two arrested at A&M for disorderly conduct

Texas A&M University police arrested two Caldwell men Wednesday night for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana.

The men were arrested by police near the intersection of Ross and Ireland Streets.

According to the police report, neither of the men is a Texas A&M student.

One of the men told the arresting officer they had been arrested earlier in the day for "whipping a m-f-

like you," according to the police report.

The men were read their rights and taken to Brazos County jail to be charged.

At the courthouse, a small plastic bag of what appeared to be marijuana was discovered on one of the men.

John Lee Gober III and Larry Brock, both of 601 S. Temple St. in Caldwell were charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana Thursday.

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All of his students and friends, Elizabeth's students and friends are invited to drop by Grin's to listen to a terrific band that Greg loved to hear. Proceeds from the evening will go to the memorial scholarship fund set up in his honor by the university.

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