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'Everybody likes a good show'

Barnyard contests take center stage at Williamsburg Community Farm Show

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WILLIAMSBURG — It was sheer madness Wednesday night at the Williamsburg Community Farm Show as kids greased themselves

with Crisco to catch a pig and later geared up to ride a fluffy sheep — all for fun, and perhaps a bit of cash if they happened to win. Fairgoers attended the barnyard chase and the mutton busting competitions



— both back-to-back events — at the horse show ring to either take part in the contests or to cheer from the sidelines. Williamsburg Methodist Church minister Matthew Roberts, who signed himself up for the adult division of the barnyard chase contest, said the events give the

Leyton Houck, 4, of Petersburg takes off on a sheep during the mutton busting competition at the Williamsburg Community Fair on Wednesday evening.

Mirror photos by Patrick Waksmunski

Jayden Clark, 7, of Williamsburg loses grip on the pig during the barnyard chase at the Williamsburg Community Fair.

younger generation something fun to do while drawing in a crowd. "Everybody likes a good show," he said.

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To give everyone a fair chance at catching a young pig inside the ring, participants were divided into four groups based on their age. Some participants in the barnyard chase made disgusted faces while lathering themselves — up to the elbow — using cans of shortening. Others freely ditched their shoes for the muddy surface inside the horse ring. While the barnyard chase contest isn't new to the Williamsburg Community Farm Show, its mutton busting competition was new this week. According to farm show secretary Angie Walason, she saw other fairs incorporate the child version of bull riding into their schedules, mentioning a boy from Somerset County who won a mutton busting rodeo championship in January 2025 held in Fort Worth, Texas. "It's very popular at other fairs, so we thought we'd give it a try for something new," she said while wearing a pink pig hat.

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Cameras a concern for Logan residents

Group says five Flock devices installed in area near campus

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With the recent installment of Flock cameras in the nation, two residents aired their concerns during Thursday's Logan Township supervisors meeting over the surveillance devices being installed in the area. According to flocksafety.com, Flock LPR cameras capture license plates, vehicle characteristics and the time and date a vehicle passed a camera.

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Flock is a private company that uses artificial intelligence to not only track license plates but also distinguishing driver characteristics such as hair color, facial hair and appearance, among other details, according to resident Caleb McCoy. "All these kinds of weird things that they keep track of are far and above what I think would be a law enforcement function for something like a license plate reader," he said during the meeting's public comment. He said the company then sells this information, claiming that there is no expectation of privacy when looking at a road, "and that we don't have any right to expect anything more from them than for them to make money off that information." "The people in this area are very upset, as they are learning that this is something that we have already had installed in multiple areas around Logan Township and Altoona," McCoy said. Logan Township Supervisors Chairman James Patterson asked solicitor Dan Stants if he knew about Flock cameras. "Very little, just that they exist," Stants said. Patterson then asked the board who installs the cameras, which no one knew. Indivisible Blair County President Carol Taylor said five Flock cameras are installed in the area. She said most of the cameras are located around the Penn State Altoona campus, including one on Broadway Street and one on Juniata Gap Road.

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Farmers voice displeasure over beef imports

Cambria bureau president calls Trump policy 'misguided'

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NANTY GLO — Cambria County farmers outlined legislative issues with local, state and federal officials Thursday at the Blacklick Township-

based Moonshine Mine Distillery and Saloon, a family-owned business that holds the distinction of being the county's first legal distillery. Most notably, farm bureau members voiced their displeasure about President Donald Trump's recently announced plan to import 300,000 metric tons of foreign beef with no out of quota tariff. According to Trump's announcement last Friday, the deal will require this beef to be sold at 25% below current market prices, with the intention to reduce beef prices for Americans. Cambria County Farm Bureau President Marty Yahner said, while Trump's idea of trying to lower costs for American consumers is commendable, the policy is "misguided" and would only reduce the price of beef in supermarkets by "a very negligible amount." "By doing this and mandating that

this beef coming from other nations, which may or may not have the good standards that we have in America, be sold at 25% of the cost of the open market, it's just devastating to the American cattlemen," Yahner said. Farm bureau members at the local, state and federal level should ask their elected officials to tell the president, "Rescind this order; don't do it," Yahner added.

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