

The Name Of The Game Is Summer Foods At Schaner Senior Center

Jim's Wife, Darthey Wrightstone



Members of the Schaner Senior Center in Enola held several food-related activities in the middle of July. Pictured are, front row, left and right, Betty Blumenstein and Edna Newton; back row, left to right, Carl Campbell, Rita Clouser, and Darthey Wrightstone. ←

Members of the Schaner Senior Center in Enola recently found several unique ways to enjoy their favorite summer foods. The center shared special activities to recognize the peanut on Thursday, July 18, and the watermelon on Tuesday, July 23.

The fun began on July 18 with Peanut Day. Many of the seniors did not know what to expect when they arrived at the center. The day's agenda had been filled with many interesting games and activities. And, all the events related to peanuts, in one way or another.

The push the peanut game was very amusing for everyone

involved. This was a race. The participants were required to push a peanut from one end of the activities room to the other using a shuffleboard stick.

No one had expected these events to be so challenging. Pushing a peanut seems like an easy enough task. However, these activities were meant to be more fun and recreational than a physical challenge.

Another event was called "feed the elephant." To prepare for this game, a box had been decorated to resemble an elephant. A hole had been cut in the box where the elephant's mouth would be.

The members of Schaner

Senior Center had to toss the peanuts into the elephant's mouth. Lynn Kemper, director of the center, said, "It wasn't easy." It seems that many people had trouble with this event.

The third physical game was a peanut drop. Participants were required to drop peanuts into the mouth of a jar. The difficult part of this game was the small opening in the jar.

The seniors did very well at this game. Kemper said that the champion managed to drop 15 out of 16 peanuts into the jar.

Another activity on Peanut Day required a lot of luck.

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Another jar had been filled with peanuts. The members of the center were asked to guess how many nuts were in the jar.

The winner only missed the correct number by eight peanuts. Kemper said that there were a total of 328 peanuts in the jar. The winning guess was 320.

The prizes for these activities were pretty interesting. The winners walked away with jars of peanuts or peanut butter. It seems that the prizes were quite appropriate for the day's theme.

To end Peanut Day, the

seniors indulged in some delicious desserts. Kemper said, "We overdosed." Everyone brought desserts which used peanuts as a key ingredient. The desserts included: fudge, peanut butter pie, cakes, and cookies.

The fun did not end there. Watermelon Fun Day was held on the morning of July 23. The seniors participated in watermelon-related activities to continue their celebration of summer.

Watermelon Fun Day began with a little singing. The members of the center received new lyrics to two familiar songs. Instead of

singing "Frere Jacques" and "The Paw Paw Patch," the seniors sang "Watermelon Song" and "Picking Up Watermelons," which utilized the formers' melodies.

Then, the seniors had a lot of fun playing picnic bingo. Instead of numbers, the bingo cards contained pictures of picnic items. Kemper, who acted as caller, could be heard describing beach balls, butterflies, hot dogs, hamburgers, baseball mitts, barbecues, ants, and sunshine.

The watermelon also could be found on the game cards. If the members of the

center won when watermelon was called, they received a special prize. Two ladies won the special cash prize a rolled dollar while playing the final game.

Other prizes for the day consisted of food items. Many of the items are commonly found in a picnic basket in the summer. Some prizes included: beans, peanuts, macaroni and cheese, mustard, and sandwich bags.

Following the bingo games, the seniors were able to enjoy some of the summer fruit. A large watermelon was cut and shared among everyone.

Kemper said that summertime inspired her hold the food-related activities. People usually like roasted peanuts and watermelon at picnics. In addition, she added, "We like to have fun."