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Event works to build families

Strong Kids, Safe Kids offers information and fun for families.

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Some have come to think of Strong Kids, Safe Kids event as one mainly focused on abduction prevention, says Susie Collins, one of the event's co-chairs.

However, this is not what Strong Kids is about, Collins maintains of the free event that will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Chemung County Fairgrounds.

"(The event) is about teaching families. ... Healthy, safe children means healthy, safe families; it's not about protecting them from child molesters," Collins says. "Stranger danger abduction is just not the problem we have in our community; it's about educating the family on what they need to know, giving them the opportunity to have a stress-free, fun time."

Participants include those from nonprofit organizations, local businesses, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, city and county government service clubs, fire departments and the faith community.

Collins stresses the event also allows families to have a good time without spending a lot of money. "They can have a full day out and mom never has to say no," she says.

Some of the day's activities and events include:

- A bike rodeo.
- Car seat safety.
- Health screenings.
- A miniature train for the kids.
- Live animals.
- Doc Possum.
- Twin Tiers Magicians Club Magic Show.
- 171 Cedar Arts Center Dance Troupe - selections from the musical "Cats."
- Rick and Paul, an acoustic guitar and comedy duo.
- Karen Matthews African Dance and Drum.
- Donna Brooks Dancers.
- Ernie Davis Center's "Glam" Dance Troupe.
- Mark Twain Moonlighter Square Dancers.
- Storytelling from the Steele Memorial Library.
- Circus organ concert.
- Elmo, Scooby Doo, Bert and Ernie, Blue and SpongeBob SquarePants.
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