Judging Training Session

Scheduled at Penn State

Training Session for non-Extension judges of beef cattle, sheep and hogs has been scheduled for May 24 at the Swine Center on the Penn State University campus, under the direction of Extension vestock specialists. Several classes of each species of livestock will be judged and discussed.

A number of local men, recognized for their judging

An all-day Livestock Judging abilities, have been invited to participate in the training session. They include: Fred Frey, Quarryville RD2; Mark Nestleroth, Manheim RD3; Sam Wylie III, Quarryville RD2; Gene Spangler, Oxford RD1; C. Warren Leininger, Denver RD2; Joe Little, Quarryville RD3; Jim Horton, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown; John Henkel, Strasburg RD1, and Larry R. Weaver, New Holland RD1.

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Editor's Note: The timely article this week was prepared by Lew Ayers, agriculture instructor at Ephrata Area High

Lawn Mower Safety

Each year hundreds of people are injured by power lawn mowers. Careless operation of power mowers can result in lost toes, fingers and other injureis.

Unfortunately, children are the ones that have accidents more often than adults. Parents should provide proper safety instruction to their children before allowing them to mow the lawn. Above all, parents should set an example of safe operation with all types of power equipment.

The blade of a rotary mower has the power to throw rocks, sticks, and other objects at very high speeds for distances of 50 feet or more. Rotary mowers are also very dangerous to use on wet, slippery, or steep lawns.

Always maintain the mower by checking all bolts and nuts, guards, and other parts to be sure they are tight. Stop the engine

and disconnect the spark plug wire before checking or working under the mower. When starting the mower keep feet well away from the blade and never stand near the discharge opening.

Other important safety rules to follow include:

-Stop the engine whenever you leave the mower, even for a moment.

-Never add fuel to a running engine.

-Keep children out of the yard when mowing.

-Never allow anyone to ride the mower with you-it was made with one seat.

-Be extremely careful when using mowers on slopes-never mow up and down; if you slip, your feet and hands can be injured quickly.

-Do not over-speed the engine or alter governor settings. Excessive speed is dangerous and can shorten mower life.

-Stop the engine before pushing mower across drives, walks or roads.

Lew Ayers Agriculture Instructor **Ephrata Area High School**

-Never leave a starter in the cocked position.

—Disengage clutches and shift into neutral before starting engine.

-Above all, know your controls-learn to engine quickly in case of an emergency.

Power mowers are designed to provide the ultimate in safety and efficienty However, as with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. Power mowers, particularly the riders, have increased horsepower, more attachments and controls than every before. It becomes more important that you know the controls and how they work.

Let's think safety with power mowers this summer

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