

Jeff Hess, left, told the group that they could feel the calf's head inside the cow. Here they inspect the animal closely.



Don Brubaker had a difficult time convincing the youngsters that this gander's bark was worse than his bite. Next year the FFA will take district second graders to the Lampeter Fair.

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Fall mums need care now

LITITZ — For a colorful display of chrysanthemums in your garden this fall, you may divide or take cuttings from established clumps now, advises James McKeehen, Delaware County Extension Agent.

Chrysanthemums quickly become crowded unless replanted about every two years. Use a spade, trowel, or old knife, to separate the small plants on the outside of last year's chrysanthemum clumps Replant these young

plants and discard the old ones. Also, you make take cuttings about 6-8 inches long from the new shoots which are growing from last year's plants. Dip them in a hormone powder and root them in moist, coarse sand, perlite or vermiculite, in a flower pot or cold-frame. The proper temperature for rooting cuttings should be about 65° F. Keep the cuttings away from direct sunlight. Rootings will take

two to three weeks, after which you can plant the cuttings in the garden.

Let your mums grow 6 to 8 inches high, then pinch the top one inch of growth off each shoot. This will cause side branches to develop. When each of the side branches has developed 6 inches of new growth, pinch the tips from these shoots, too. The final pinch should be made about June 15 for early varieties and July 15 for late varieties to allow sufficient time for buds to develop.

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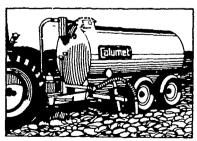
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