

Farm Show to honor senior citizens Monday

HARRISBURG — Monday, January 12, has been designated Senior Citizens Day at the 65th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show, according to Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

"We have set aside a special day to honor our senior citizens," said Hallowell, "because their contributions have been important to Pennsylvania agriculture. It is our hope that our senior citizens will be able to attend the show, and enjoy the livestock

exhibits, demonstrations and shows that have been planned for them."

As part of a joint effort between the Departments of Agriculture and Aging, a Senior Citizens Corral will be set up at the main entrance on the Maclay Street side.

"Our senior citizens can use the Corral to rest up, relax and sample a snack," Hallowell said. Information on the Farm Show will be available for senior citizens at the Corral.

A wide variety of events

are scheduled for Senior Citizens Day. Animal lovers will find judging, sales and contests among the big draft horses, sheep and swine during the day.

Monday night is Secretary of Agriculture's Night in the large arena, and visitors will be treated to the sounds of Country Current, the U.S. Navy's special musical unit which plays a variety of country, bluegrass and traditional music.

During Secretary of Agriculture's Night, Secretary of Aging Gorham Black will present an award to the oldest Pennsylvania farmer in attendance. Senior citizens are being encouraged to stop by the Corral and sign up for this contest.

Hallowell said the award would symbolize the importance of the senior citizen and the family to Pennsylvania agriculture.

Following the special presentation on Monday night, the Cumberland County 4-H Horse and Pony Club will sponsor a horse and pony riding demonstration.

Throughout the week, farm product booths will offer fresh Pennsylvania

products such as baked potatoes, donuts, fried mushrooms, crisp apples and apple cider, homemade

soups, fried chicken, roast beef and pork barbecue sandwiches, lamb stew, ice cream, honey and thick milk

shakes, all prepared by the men and women who produce these products on the farm.



Governor Dick Thornburgh, center, will be on hand to welcome young and old to the 1981 Farm Show, along with Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

Thornburgh to open 1981 Farm Show

HARRISBURG — Governor Dick Thornburgh and his wife Ginny will officially open the 65th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show on Sunday, January 11.

The Sunday opening ceremonies, which are open to the public, will feature the many foods produced by Pennsylvania's family farms.

The theme for the 1981 show is "Pennsylvania Agriculture — We're Growing Better," in recognition of the tremendous job of production being done by the state's farm and agribusiness industries.

Gov. Thornburgh will officially open the Farm Show at ceremonies in the Large Arena at 1 p.m.

Representatives of 22 Pennsylvania farm commodity associations will be on hand, presenting gifts to the Governor, and later providing visitors with the chance to sample Pennsylvania-grown foods. Each association will sponsor a booth in the large arena where samples will be distributed.

The U.S. Naval Academy Concert Band will highlight the afternoon's activities, with a split concert. The band will play from 12:30

p.m. until the arrival of Governor Thornburgh and Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell at 1 p.m. Following the opening ceremonies, the band will conduct a one-hour concert.

Hallowell said the band is "one of the most professional and polished concert bands in the country. They are sure to entertain the whole family."

The Agriculture Secretary noted that Sunday's events are again open to the public at no charge, to help families avoid school and employment conflicts.

The main exhibition areas of the Farm Show Complex will open at 1:30 p.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m.

Hallowell said the doors of the large arena will open at 11 a.m. to accommodate visitors attending the non-denominational worship service which begins at 11:30.

Parking is available on the Farm Show's 60-acre lot

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