

Farm and Family

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the All-American Show and the Bedford, Cambria, Clearfield and Fulton County fairs.

When you have prize winning cattle, everyone wants in on the action. Berneta says she furnishes cattle and helps seven 4-H'ers prepare for showing. Four of the youths are family members, while three hired men also show.

Her three-year-old son Aaron is getting a head start in farming thanks to his mother. He already has a calf for the county fairs. The Gables also enjoy riding horses. Berneta and her husband, Brad, have two horses and Aaron has his own pony to

A surveyor for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Brad, does not have a farm background, but takes part in the farm work and makes it easier for Berneta to accomplish her tasks.

"He's really good about me farming. He helps bale hay and

feeds the heifers. He also is my babysitter, when I come down to milk at five in the morning," she states thankfully.

Berneta also credits Brad, with preparing a delicious evening meal, when she is unable to handle the kitchen chores. "It's difficult for me to keep my house looking the way I want it to look. I go in cleaning splurges," she laughs.

Most people would be curious how a woman with long farm hours, a house to run and a family to care for finds the time for anything else. Relaxation and getting your mind off work are very important, according to Berneta. She enjoys keeping her large garden and overflowing flower beds in excellent shape. They compliment the beautiful old house which Brad and Berneta remodeled two years ago.

There is still much more to this farmer than first meets the eye. She is an exceptional first base player in the Morrisons Cove

Softball League. Two nights a week, she is excused by her family and farmwork to play ball. "I tell my team not to expect me at practice when we're baling hay!"

A good book also helps Berneta unwind from an exhausting day. "I read a lot, every night before I go to bed. You'd think I'd be tired enough after working, but reading relaxes me and puts me to sleep."

Berneta is highly regarded in her community. Her support for area 4-H clubs and the United Church of Christ, in Loysburg, is greatly appreciated. She can be found singing in the choir on Sunday mornings and working as secretary of the Sunday School. A state director of the Pa. Guernsey Breeders Association and a past member of the Pa. Holstein Association, Berneta is often asked to judge the county 4-H round-up.

Berneta and her lifestyle are very compatible. The teacher-turned-farmer has what she wants in life. "I'll never give up farming," Berneta's voice is confident and comfortable when she adds, "my future is here."

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



A friend called this morning with the unpleasant news that their home had been burglarized during the night. The thieves were not satisfied to empty pocketbooks and wallets downstairs, but actually came into the bedrooms to steal money. They took other valuables, and then helped themselves to the contents of the freezer.

When she told me about these happenings, I got a creepy feeling. Who wants to think of someone prowling around their bedroom while they are asleep? These thoughts made me remember other similar occurrences that have happened in our family.

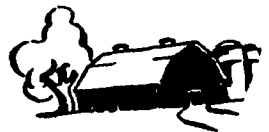
Just a few years ago, my mother had the jarring experience of finding her money taken from her wallet in her bedroom closet. Many old coins were also missing. She had not been away from the house, and therefore, surmised this all happened while she was home. I'm sure this helped to persuade her to go to a retirement community rather than live alone in a huge house.

My Grandmother Landis told me that she and her husband had gold

coins stolen from their home. The jelly jars were taken off the windowsill and placed on the floor. But they always had a feeling that it was an "inside" job as they had several hired people. This would have taken place one hundred years ago, and at that time, there were no police to come and take fingerprints.

Many of the very large homes in a nearby development do not keep money in the house. Therefore, when I sell them a one dollar box of strawberries, they have to write a check for me. I too keep my valuables in a bank.

It seems that the more things change the more they remain the same. I suppose we'll always have dishonest people among us.



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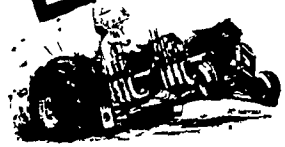
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- Ham-Bar-B-Q - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - \$3.75.
- Judge Rabbits and Cavies - 1:30 p.m.
- Music by New Life - 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday, AUGUST 8th

- Judge Poultry and Dairy Goats - 3:30 p.m.
- County Tractor Pull - 7:00 p.m. - \$2.50 Admission
- Music by Reunion - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, AUGUST 9th

- 4-H and FFA Dairy Show - 9:00 a.m.
- Dog Obedience and Pet Shows - 6:00 p.m.
- Keystone Grass Band - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Farmers' and Dairy Night (Cow Milking, Calf Dressing, Bale Throw, Wheelbarrow Race, Tug-of-War.)

Wednesday, AUGUST 10th

- Judge Livestock - 9:30 a.m. Swine, 1:30 p.m. Beef, 5:30 p.m. Sheep
- Country Big Wheel Race - 7:00 p.m. (Ages 4 & under, 5-6-7)
- Square Dance - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, AUGUST 11th

- FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
- Open Dairy Show - 9:00 a.m.
- Chicken Bar-B-Q - 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$3.75
- County Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull 7:00 p.m. - \$1.00
- 4-H Auction - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, AUGUST 12th

- Judge 4-H and FFA Dairy Fitting and Showmanship - 9:00 a.m.
- State Tractor Pull, Class B and 4-Wheel Drive Truck Competition - 7:00 p.m. \$4.00 Admission. Children under 12 free.
- Together Again Band - 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- John Batz Music For All Occasions.

Sunday, AUGUST 13th

- FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
- 4-H Market Hog, Sheep and Steer Sale - 1:00 p.m. (No Building Exhibits)
- Demolition Derby Followed by Fireworks - 7:00 p.m. \$4.00 Admission

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