

## Lehigh Baby Beef Club

Officers of the Lehigh County 4-H Baby Beef Club were elected at a recent meeting. They are: Seth Gruber, president; Lewis Trexler, vice president; Bonnie Wessner, treasurer; John Skrys III, secretary; Rhonda Hartman news reporter; John Skrip, custodian; and Debra Kraus and Seth Gruber,

teen council.

A county bowling tournament will take place Dec. 29 at Jordan Lanes, Allentown. A Beef Club officers meeting will be Jan. 15. The next meeting of the club will be Jan. 16 at the Farm Credit Building, Fogelsville, at 7:30 p.m.



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| 50 - Green Marble Top Plant Stand...Closeout... 12"x36" . . . . .  | <b>\$9.95</b>       | 4 - 6 Gun Cabinet...<br>Reg. Price \$329.95 . . . . .  | <b>\$139.95</b>     |
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| 50 - 19" Color TV . . . . .  | <b>\$239.00</b>     | 21 - Chest...4 Drawer...<br>Reg. Price \$199.95 . . . . .  | <b>\$55.00</b>      |
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| 18 - <b>\$129.95</b> 60 - <b>\$169.95</b>  |                     | 12 - Sofa...Chair and Loveseat...Early American...Reg. Price \$1489.95 . . . . .   | <b>\$269.00</b>     |
| 26 - <b>\$189.95</b> 24 - <b>\$229.95</b>  |                     | 10 - Sofa...Chair and Loveseat... Trad and Early American...Reg. Price \$1589.95 . . . . .   | <b>\$325.00</b>     |
| 250 - Heavy Duty Swivel Bar Stools w/Back...<br>Reg. Price \$169.95 . . . . .  | <b>\$45.00</b>      | 15 - Sofa...Loveseat...Chair...Antron/Nylon...Early American...Reg. Price \$1829.95 . . . . .  | <b>\$405.00</b>     |
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## On being a farm wife - And other hazards

Joyce Bupp



Rain. Pouring rain. Sheeted off the barn roof, pounding the apron of blacktop around the buildings, cascading over miniature waterfalls as it gathers momentum down through the pasture.

"Mom, can I go get a Christmas tree?"

"Now? It's pouring outside. The trees are soaked and you will be, too. Wait until tomorrow evening."

After some minutes of silence, unusual stillness for the late afternoon of a school day, I suddenly question the lack of noise.

"Where's your brother?"

"He went to get a Christmas tree."

After fifteen years of motherhood, something tells me I should have known.

A banging of doors downstairs announces the tree seeker's return, bearing the object of the search, which is described as being "maybe just a little big."

Shaking the clinging raindrops from the aromatic branches, they haul the prize into the basement, do a bit of mental reckoning, and retrace their steps, tree dragging along.

A foot of "big" is lopped from the bottom. Another yard of unruly branch jutting out the top earns the same treatment.

After chores, and a chance for a final drip-dry, the cedar returns to the house. Site selection is critical. Previous locations are discussed - and discarded.

They want it in the living room, already too small for the part it plays in family activities.

"We don't care. We want it in the living room."

Some minor juggling of furniture and the chosen spot for the cedar is cleared for a trial stand.

"Get the saw!"

Off comes another foot of trunk and scented branches.

Stabilized in a plastic bucket swiped from the calves, the tree stands in all its natural beauty. Size wise, it's overwhelming.

In fact, the foliage is as wide as it is high. My favorite reading chair has cedar tips protruding halfway across the seat. And if the farmer stretches out to watch TV (sleep) on the couch, the outlying lower branches will tickle his nose.

"A bush." I tease. "We have a Christmas bush this year."

"Mother!" comes a sharp reprimand in my direction. "Don't say a word about this tree. For once it's big enough to hold all our decorations. I love it!"

Love. Isn't that what it's all about anyway?

Take this humble, ordinary cedar for instance. Arrayed with shining bears, and snow, pom-pom teddy bears and snowmen, cookie dough homemade ornaments, strings of styrofoam "packing peanuts" strung years ago by the kids and treasured mementoes from friends, past teachers and each other, this tree is transformed.

Transformed to something special. With love.

There was once another who came, humble, to lowly, ordinary stable setting. It is He whom we celebrate, this one who came full of grace and wrapped in love. It is that love, still today, which can take the simple, the lowly, the ordinary, and transform it to something special.

May His birthday celebration reach into the ordinary lives of you and me, and let them, too, become transformed with hope and joy, peace and love.

From all of us, gathered around our very special Christmas bush, to you and yours, a blessed and a Merry Christmas!

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