

## Dauphin Co. 4-H Fair to open July 26

HARRISBURG — Behind the scenes...cows, beef, sheep, swine and goats are being washed and clipped, horses trotted, cakes tested and routines practiced for the Fourth Annual Dauphin County Fair, July 26-28 at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

The fair will be a joint round-up for all livestock, general, and home economics 4-H Clubs in Dauphin County, plus many more attractions including an auction school, cake sale, fashion show, square dancing, bike rodeo and clogging demonstration.

The Auction School, to be held Friday evening, will use cakes, donated by local 4-H clubs, giving the general public an opportunity to learn the auction process. Following the school, the public will have the opportunity to use their new skills to bid on 4-H pigs and lambs.

Thursday features clown judging, swine judging and horse and pony trail class. Friday includes sheep, goat and beef judging, general and home economics projects, fashion show, bike rodeo, auctions, horse and pony grooming and showmanship judging and square dancing.

Saturday, the horse show begins along with dairy judging, Livestock, General and Home Economics Clover Award competition.

The general public is invited to the Free Admission fair to explore the wide variety of opportunities offered to young people through 4-H. For more information regarding the Dauphin County 4-H Fair or program, contact the Dauphin County Extension office at 717-652-8460.

## SCS spending \$1 million

HARRISBURG — Federal soil conservationists are clearing stream-blocking debris and stabilizing eroded channels following a series of recent damaging summer storms across Pennsylvania.

The USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has been authorized to spend over \$1 million to restore damaged streams to pre-flood condition, reports John Mank, Assistant State Conservationist.

As a result of the storm on June 17 and 18, SCS has issued 11 contracts in Centre County at a cost of about \$500,000. In addition, one contract was awarded in Juniata County for \$42,000 and one in Erie County for \$25,000 to correct damages caused by the same storm.

Contracts worth over \$500,000

are being awarded in Lancaster and York Counties to correct damages of the storm of July 1. Mank reports that three contracts will be issued in each county.

SCS conducts stream clearing and restoration work following floods under Section 216 of 1950 Federal Flood Control Act. Stream restoration plans are prepared by SCS in cooperation with county conservation districts, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

"Under our operating procedures, all possible efforts will be made to protect the soil and water resources," stated Mank. He predicted that stream restoration work would be completed within 30 days."

## Hay Creek Festival slated

GEIGERTOWN — The 9th annual Hay Creek Valley Fall Festival, to run Sept. 7, 8 and 9, will feature a recreated lifestyle on an early American iron plantation. The festival activities take place daily at Historic Joanna Furnace on route 10, three miles north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Morgantown interchange.

During the festival, visitors will experience the lifestyle of an early American rural iron-making community including the foods, music and crafts then in existence. The festival will include one of the largest concentrations of working early American craftsmen in southeastern Pennsylvania. The Hay Creek Valley craftsmen have become renowned for their work. Visitors will also be able to see a large technological history exhibit of hundreds of working turn-of-the-century gas and steam engines, numerous contemporary artists and craftsmen, and antique dealers. Interpreters will paint a portrait of the iron furnace and archaeologists will be working on

the site.

The event is sponsored by the Hay Creek Valley Historical Association which is comprised of over 700 members from Berks, Montgomery, Chester, Lancaster and several other counties. In 1983 almost 50,000 people from 17 Pennsylvania counties and 4 states attended the 3 day festival.

About 28 acres of land and the remaining structures of Joanna Furnace are owned by the association. The main goals of the association are to research, restore and reconstruct the historically significant iron complex. The association is a non-profit organization whose members donate their time to complete the restoration effort.

The Hay Creek festival is held each year on the first weekend after Labor Day and is one of two events at Joanna Furnace to raise money for the reconstruction of the furnace complex. The other event is the Hay Creek Apple Festival held annually the second weekend in October.

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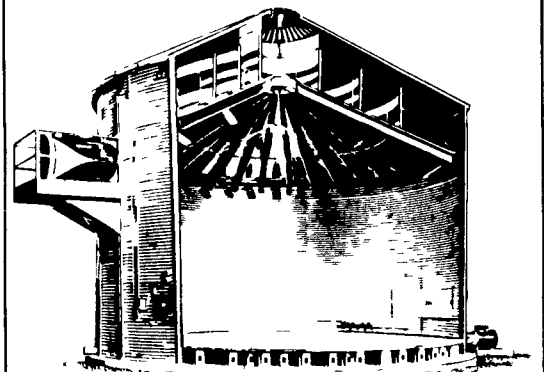
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