

# On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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were various prizes from the boxes. I'm still finding surprises in packages - in the "Crackerjack" bales. Just the other day I split the strings on a hay bale and out tumbled a flattened stack of cardboard. This is one of the less unusual treats. The farmer has always practiced hayfield anti-littering. When he opens a new pack of baling twine, he simply throws the wrappings in the windrow to bale up with the harvest. That keeps the trash from blowing around and messing up the neighborhood. Occasionally part of a magazine, or newspaper, or advertising flyer turns up in a hunk of hay. Parts of feed bags and bits of plastic garbage bag are pretty common, too. Once in a while, a jagged-edged, flattened soft drink can is the surprise in the bale. That never fails to stir a fleeting wish that I could shove the residue into the fan blades or carburetor of the car driven by the passing motorist who tossed it into the field in the first place. Every now and then, a big hunk of tree limb finds its way through the baler's mechanism and is left lying, untouched, in an otherwise

relatively bare feed alley. "Roughage," the farmer calls it. Such wooden extras prove to be better fuel for the woodstove kindling pile than the cows' inner milk processing plants.

Even flattened, dried-up pieces of some poor luckless groundhog who met his fate before the mower and baler have been known to occasionally appear. Balers are not yet computerized to accept hay and straw while spitting out such harvest unwanted.

All that I can handle. But the load of straw that recently came in polluted with snakes, and is stacked somewhere, just waiting

for me, will haunt me for the next many months.

I wasn't actually helping unload this batch, so this is second-hand observation. But I understand there are - or at least it seemed - more than just a few bales with snake residue. The elder offspring who did unload these recounted in horror how she saw the tail end of a reptile protruding from a bale, gingerly poked it, and liked to have died when the tail began furiously wriggling.

And somewhere in hundreds of bales, they wait. Maybe for me.

If I had my druthers, I'd druther get my surprises from Crackerjacks.

## 4-H'ers focus on citizenship

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The nation's capital will become the classroom for more than 4,000 teenage 4-H'ers from different states during a week-long citizenship and leadership training held at the National 4-H Center.

Among those 4,000 participants will be 75 Pennsylvania teens from 35 counties.

The Citizenship-Washington Focus program for teens began on June 2 and will continue each week

through Aug. 10.

Participants will visit Capitol Hill for a close-up view of the political process; meet with their congressional representatives and senators for a discussion of legislative issues; visit historical and cultural sites within the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, and interact with other 4-H members from across the country to exchange ideas and learn different customs and interests.

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY FFA LIVESTOCK SALE

Thank you to the many supporters at our 6th annual sale held at the Shippensburg Fair.

Sale Total \$18,880.70

3 Steers  
Champion Steer



Grand Champion Steer Shown by Kim Hopple of the Cumberland Valley FFA. Purchased by Richard Shaw, Shaw Bros. Packing (Penns Pride Meats) - Newry, at \$1 05 per pound

20 Lambs  
Champion Lamb



Grand Champion Lamb shown by Sandy Hopple of the Cumberland Valley FFA. Purchased by Gary Blakey, Shaw Bros. Packing (Penns Pride Meats) - Newry, at \$2 55 per pound

45 Hogs  
Champion Hog



Grand Champion Hog shown by Scott Souders of the Big Spring FFA. Purchased by Wayne F. Craig & Sons Livestock represented by Wayne F. Craig III and Wayne F. Craig. The purchase price was \$5 00 per pound.

### MARKET STEERS

Exhibitor	Buyer
Reserve Grand Champion	Country Butcher Shop-
Sandy Hopple	Carlisle
David Shultz	Wayne F. Craig & Sons
	Lvstk

### MARKET LAMBS

Exhibitor	Buyer
Reserve Grand Champion	Greencastle Lvstk Market
Tom Gordon	
Champion Rambouillet	Newville Print Shop
Cindy Frey	
Champion Dorset	Country Mkt Nursery Florist
Scott Lemmon	
Champion Southdown	Hulse Associates Insurance
Bruce Lemmon, Jr.	
Champion Cheviot	Carlisle Lvstk Market
Jason Kutz	
Champion Corriedale	North Mountain Butcher
Betsy Kiner	Shop
Champion Columbia	Dr. Chitra Nagana
Chris Hopple	
Reserve Champion Suffolk	Carlisle Lvstk Market
Sandy Hopple	
Reserve Champion	Wayne F. Craig & Sons Lvstk
Hampshire	
Tom Gordon	
Reserve Champion	Georges Flowers &
Rambouillet	Shepherd's Crook
Cindy Frey	
Reserve Champion Dorset	Huntsdale Stock Farm
Betsy Kiner	

Exhibitor	Buyer
Reserve Champion	Mark & Carolyn Gutshall
Southdown	
Bruce Lemmon, Jr.	
Reserve Champion Cheviot	Larry Wert
Jason Kutz	
Scott Lemmon	Sunday's Mill Co
Kim Hopple	Farm Credit Service
Michelle Walker	Carlisle Lvstk Market
Chris Hopple	Country Mkt Nursery Florist
Michelle Walker	Rita Gould & Shepherd's
	Crook
Kim Hopple	First Bank & Trust-Mech

### MARKET HOGS

Reserve Grand Champion	Shaw Bros. Packing-Newry
Ed Goodhart	
Champion Pen of Two	Hatfield Packing Co
Scott Lemmon	
Champion Lightweight	Kreider Meats
Mark Bricker	
Champion Light-Heavyweight	Orrstown Bank
Ed Goodhart	
Reserve Champion	C V Co-Op-Shippensburg
Lightweight	
Steve Helm	
Reserve Champion	Joanne's Kountry Kitchen
Mediumweight	
Brandon Weary	
Reserve Champion Light-Heavyweight	Hatfield Packing Co
Jeff Warner	
Reserve Champion	Hatfield Packing Co
Heavyweight	
Bruce Lemmon, Jr.	
Mark Lehman	Country Butcher Shop
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Jeff Nolt	Souder Feed & Grain

Exhibitor	Buyer
Kim Hopple	Greencastle Lvstk Market
Duane Kough	Farmers National Bank-
	Newville
Duane Kough	Country Butcher Shop
Ben Myers	Doug C. Wallick Insurance
Chris Hopple	Country Butcher Shop
Chris Hopple	C.V. Co-op -Mechanicsburg
Robert Allen, Jr	Hatfield Packing Co.
Betsy Kiner	John C. Diehl & Sons Lvstk
Brandon Weary	Gutshall's Inc. -Carlisle
Ben Kutz	Hatfield Packing Co.
Bruce Lemmon, Jr	Kessler's Meats -Lemoyne
Mike Allen	CCNB-New Oxford
Jeff Warner	Huntsdale Stock Farm
Sandy Hopple	C V. Co-op -Newville
Andrena Sites	White Oak Mills
Steve Helm	Monn Real Estate -
	Shippensburg
John Sigler	Doug C. Wallick Insurance
Tom Gordon	Emery Buying Station
Robert Allen, Jr	Fred Potteiger & Sons
Bill Sigler	W.R. Sellers Buying Station
Kim Hopple	G. Leonard Fogelsonger Ins
Sandy Hopple	C.V. Co-op -Mechanicsburg
David Varner	North Mountain Butcher
	Shop
Ben Kutz	Fickes Silo - Newville
Betsy Kiner	Agway - Newville
Andrena Sites	Joanne's Kountry Kupboard
Mike Allen	Kessler's Meats -Lemoyne
Jason Kutz	Hatfield Packing Co
Mark Bricker	Vigortone Ag Products
Ben Myers	Orrstown Bank
Jason Kutz	Gwaltney of Smithfield, Ltd
Dave Varner	Shaw Bros. Packing-Newry