

Berks Agri-Women honor Ag Day baby

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READING — Berks County's Penns Agri-Women celebrated Ag Day last week by promoting agriculture to new mothers. Ag Day, nationally recognized as March 21, the first day of spring, was chosen by the local Agri-Women as the occasion to give a wealth of farm products to a new arrival in one of the local hospitals. Slated as the first promotional activity of the year by the Berks

County Farm City Council, the "ag baby" promotion is generating more enthusiasm in this, its fourth year.

The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Reading, was the birthplace of this year's winner of the wicker clothes basket overflowing with Berks County's farm products. Kyle Louis Schmehl, born at 12:16 a.m. on Ag Day and weighing in at 9 pounds 2½ ounces won the farm bounty for his parents, Warren and Wannita

Schmehl, 1347 North Tenth Street, Reading.

Schmehl is employed by Sharp Point, Mohnton, making surgical needles. Kyle Louis also has an older sister, Flora, age 3, who will be sharing the farm products.

Coordinators of the promotion were Nancy Seidel, R1 Lenhartsville, and Jean Beck, R2 Hamburg. Sponsors of the gifts included: Penns Agri-Women, Albrights Mill, Clover Farms

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Berks County 4-H Sheep and Lamb Club

The Berks County 4-H Sheep and Lamb Club elected officers during their meeting March 10 at the 4-H Center in Leesport.

The following are the new officers: president, Tricia Werley; vice president, Glenn Heffner; secretary, Gwendolyn Perry; treasurer, Travis Werley; and news reporter, Megan Perry.

Committees were formed for the

year's activities and dates were announced for future meetings and fairs.

The next meeting will be discussion and planning of the Community Service Project with Easter Seals to be presented May 6. All members are requested to bring wool craft ideas.

The April meeting will be held April 14 at the 4-H Center in Leesport at 7:30.



The Ag Baby poses with his mother, Wannita Schmehl, Reading, as Agri-Women Ag Baby promotion coordinators stand by. Jean Beck, R2, Hamburg, right, and Nancy Seidel, Rt. 1, Lenhartsville, presented the ag products to the new mother on Ag Day last week.

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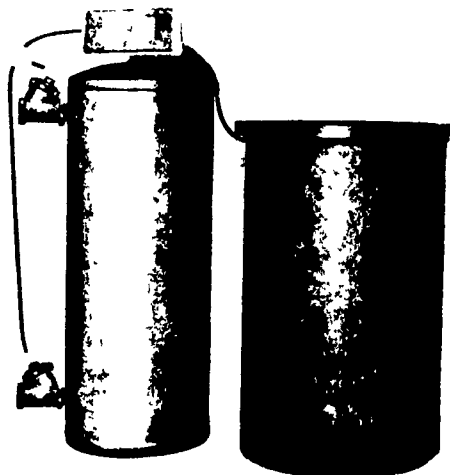


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