

Thriving Wool Business

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alternative finding popularity in the York area, and Martha sees it as a way to preserve, while developing outside interest in, the uniqueness of the county.

"We have wineries, craft and antique shops, beautiful scenery for photography, interest for history buffs, good restaurants and are centrally located for regional sites of interest," she notes. "And everyone loves to visit downtown Central Market."

To help their customers better enjoy the area, the Laus offer local tourist information in the shop, and

can even recommend scenic drives in the immediate locale.

An annual Country Spun Farm Fall Festival, held last weekend, draws visitors from both the community and more distant cities. The festival is an extension of Country Spun's participation four years ago in a county farm tour.

After they so much enjoyed sharing their shepherd and wool enthusiasm with hundreds of tour guests, Martha and Greg opted to make their "open house" a regular event. In addition to the attractions of the flock and the retailing shop,

they schedule extras such as shearing, sheepdog herding, spinning, weaving and felting demonstrations, barbecued lamb sandwiches, and live country music entertainment.

While customers, visitors, and the local tourist industry may all reap some benefits from the growing success of a formerly frustrated farm wife and homemaker, Martha sees one of the greatest benefits of Country Spun in her own and her family's renewed outlooks on life.

She acknowledges having developed greater levels of confidence and assertiveness in her own personality and in dealings with business associates and customers.

"Greg calls it the 'new woman,'" Martha chuckles. "We've learned to appreciate York County from the eyes of our visitors; we've studied architecture, history, tried new foods, visited new places and picked up new ideas. We've learned how things are done elsewhere."

"If we never made one penny on

this business, all the work would still be worth it for the broadening it has given to our own horizons."

Country Spun Farm's retail shop is located approximately one block

south of the Route 214 intersection in Loganville, and 1.3 miles off Interstate 83 at the Loganville exit 3. For additional information, the shop may be called at 717-428-1162.

Extension Offers Tips On Child Care

NEWARK, Del. — Working parents seeking quality after-school care should read "A Parent's Guide to Choosing Day Care for School Age Children," offered by the Delaware Cooperative Extension System.

A double-sided fact sheet prepared by Dr. Patricia Tanner Nelson, University of Delaware extension family specialist, the guide lists items to look for when searching for warm, friendly and flexible caregivers and suggests questions to ask when examining the building and programs offered

"Good care is based on the mutual respect of parents and care providers, open communication and a shared commitment to the well-being of the children," Nelson says. She advises parents to visit several centers with their children before making a choice and suggests visiting when the center is open and full of children.

To obtain a copy of the guide, contact the extension office in Newark (451-2538), Wilmington (571-2284), Dover (736-1448) or Georgetown (856-7303).



Wholesaling is now a major portion of the business. As the Laus consider expanding toward more national product exposure, Martha spends an increasing amount of time visiting with customers over the phone.

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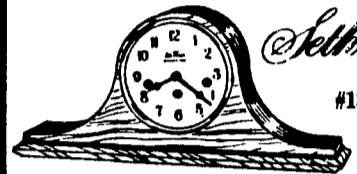
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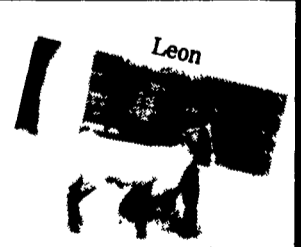
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