

Reading Fair Kickoff Names Outstanding Farming Individuals

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— "Fairs are an important part of our rural heritage," J. Fred King, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, began his comments. "Fairs promote the state's number one industry," he went on to explain.

He was speaking to the Outstanding Farm Families of Berks County and their guests last week as they gathered at the Fleetwood Grange Hall, Fleetwood, Berks County, for the annual Kickoff Celebration and Awards Banquet of the 1987 Reading Fair.

The Reading Fair, scheduled for September 21st thru the 27th, annually awards outstanding individuals in Berks County in 4-H and in FFA, and also follows a 32 year

old tradition of selecting an outstanding farm family from among the farm family grange members in the county. The fair also boasts week-long free entertainment on stage, good sized dairy, beef, goat, pig, rabbit, and poultry shows, and all the other trimmings of an outstanding country fair.

"It's such a fine example of community spirit, and such a growing atmosphere for young people," summed up Mary Grim, Fair Administrator from Harrisburg as she commented about the Reading Fair.

With these remarks to set the stage, Albert Boscov, owner of Boscov's Department Stores, and chief sponsor and advocate of the Reading Fair, announced and awarded the 1987 recipients of the

Reading Fair's recognition of achievement.

"It's been an extremely rewarding experience for me," stated 18-year-old Marianne Yanos as she accepted the recognition as Outstanding 4-H Girl. A 4-H member for nine years, Marianne's major projects included

sheep, clothing, teen leadership, and public speaking. In 1986 she was the state winner in the public speaking contest, and also the Kiwanis Youth Award recipient. She is currently a freshman at Albright College, and a member of the Berks County Sheep and Lamb Club.

The Outstanding 4-H Boy is Heath Fisher, age 18. Heath is a son of Jon and Jean Fisher, R1, Robesonia, and will be a freshman at Penn State this fall. A 4-H member for nine years, his major projects included goats, sheep, and gardening.

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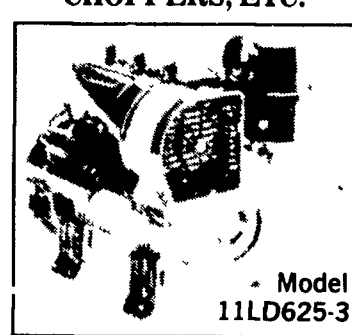
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 22

Place Farm Machinery Exhibits	11.30-3.30 P.M.
Farm Machinery Exhibits Open	4.00 P.M.
Pork Chop Barbeque (YF Food Tent)	5.00 P.M.
Adult Tractor Driving Contest	5.00 P.M.
Jr Market Hog Judging (UBD)	5.00 P.M.
Pig Chase (UBD)	8.00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 23

Dairy Cattle Judging	10:00 A.M.
Cloister FFA Tractor Driving Contest (LBD)	1:00 P.M.
Jr Market LAMB Judging (UBD)	4:00 P.M.
Street Fair Parade	7:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 24

Hog Sale (UBD)	6:00 P.M.
Garden Tractor Pulling Contest (LBD)	7:00 P.M.
4 H & FFA Baby Beef Judging (UBD)	7:30 P.M.

Friday, September 25

Carcass Sale Auction (UBD)	6:00 P.M.
BABY BEEF SALE (Ephrata Park, UBD)	6:30 P.M.
Cow Milking Contest (UBD)	7:00 P.M.
Family Fun Contests (Tent City)	
(Immediately following Cow Milking Contest)	

Saturday, September 26

Exhibits Close (Ephrata Community Park)	10.00 A.M.
Remove Exhibits	10:00-11.00 A.M.
(Ephrata Community Park)	

Visit the EAYFA and FFA refreshment and food stands
Crop, livestock, and farm machinery on display all day with
special emphasis 4-9 P.M. at the Ephrata Community Park
This schedule applies only to the Tent City portion of the Ephrata Fair.

Note: +UBD - Upper ball diamond
+LBD - Lower ball diamond