

Give The Best Gift Of All

UNIVERSITY PARK — During November, our thoughts begin to turn to the holidays. It's time to sit down with the family and make a list of all those people you would like to remember that with a gift this holiday season. Don't forget to put those people who help you all year long, like the person who delivers your mail or newspaper, Sunday school teachers, music teachers, etc. on your list. Then decide how much you can spend for gifts. As a family, try to put one or two gift ideas next to each name on your list. If cash is scarce, or if you want to be creative and give a more meaningful gift, consider giving handmade gifts.

We've gotten so used to buying things that we sometimes forget what may be the best gift of all - the gift of ourselves. There are many possibilities for us to give of our time and our talents. Woodworking, sewing, needlework, and baked goods come quickly to mind. Another thing to consider is giving IOUs for your time - 1 hour

of time with your child to do whatever they want to do, an IOU for a snow shoveling job for an elderly neighbor, an IOU to Mom for a night off from cooking, for example.

If you choose to give gifts from your kitchen, give the family a gift, too. Let everyone help, either in the making or in the wrapping. Even young children can help with mixing or making gift tags. Buy a Christmas stamp and let children stamp Christmas trees, Santa's, etc. on tags. They can help put ribbons through holes in the tags. These activities also help develop eye-hand coordination in young children. Older children can draw their own pictures on gift tags, put names on, tie ribbons, etc. and of course help with shaping, mixing, and reading recipes. Don't forget Dad! Try to schedule times when the whole family can work together. Families need strong holiday traditions - activities children and parents can enjoy year

after year and look forward to in the years to come.

Many other types of gifts can be made by the entire family. Just be sure to see that each family member has a job he or she can do to help. Families who work together on handmade gifts find they have given the best gift of all to others and to themselves - togetherness.



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remarked. She's convinced classroom appearances play a vital role in poultry product advertisements. "Kid's really take it all in. They learn a lot about eggs in a fun way."

Lonna sees a lot of changes for the farmer. She believes that in the future, farmers need to specialize more since it is too difficult for the small farmer to maintain his farm. "Bigger farms are killing them. The Amish are getting killed. It's sad that their culture will die because of that."

"In some ways, change is good," Lonna maintained. "Farmers are able to produce more on less land. Modern machinery makes a lot possible."

Although Lonna loves Lancaster County, she does not foresee herself living in it forever. "I'm an outdoor type person so I couldn't live in the city. Where I'll end up,

I'm not sure."

Responsibility is something that Lonna believes she has learned and in doing so has earned trust. "My parents don't set a lot of rules, like I don't have a curfew. When I'm tempted to stay out all night, I say, 'Lonna, use your head, you can't stay out all night if you're going to do eggs tomorrow.'"

She added, "Some of my classmates think it will be the ultimate freedom to go to college and stay up as late as they want." Lonna shrugs, "To me, it's no big deal. I have that freedom now. I think kids that don't have freedom when they live at home go off the deep end when they go to college and don't know how to handle their freedom."

Whatever Lonna does when she goes to college and in her future years, she's sure to be busy, for she has learned that activity makes life interesting.

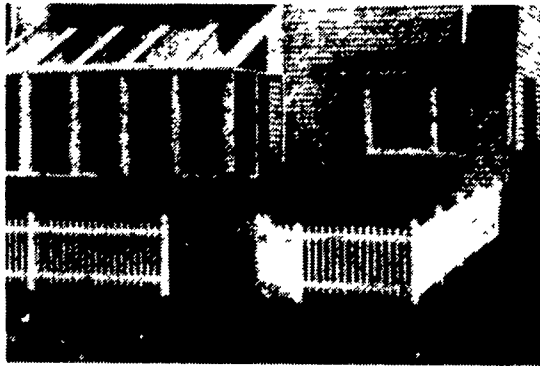
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Biglerville Hosts FFA Training Conference

FAWN GROVE — The annual FFA Adams-York Leadership Training Conference was held on Thursday, October 8, at Biglerville High School. Andy Riale, Cecil Hedrick, Suzy Hash, Paul Stewart, Richard Fantom, Angela Cooper, Rick Sealover, Larry Testerman, and Chuck Bankert attended the conference. Mr. Wright, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Travis also attended the conference.

There was a group discussion on how to make the FFA more effective. Each officer then reported to a session to discuss the duties of his or her office.

There were two quiz contests, individual and group. Chuck

Bankert and Andy Riale participated in the individual contest. Andy Riale received a 2nd place in the contest. Andy Riale, Paul Stewart, and Chuck Bankert participated in the group contest, in which they received a 2nd place.

After the contest there was a meal served by the Biglerville cafeteria staff.

There were four York county officers from Kennard-Dale they were Suzy Hash - President, Andy Riale - Treasurer, Paul Stewart - Sentinel, Chuck Bankert - Chaplain. In which they participated in the closing ceremonies. Suzy Hash introduced the Pennsylvania State President Melissa Spayd who gave an address to the banquet.

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