

Home Economists Hold Convention

Debra Strickler, local home economist, employed by Hempfield School District, recently attended the 67th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Home Economics Association March 22 to 24, at the Willow Valley Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, Pa.

Over 400 home economists attended the conference entitled "Horizons of the Twenty-first Century." The conference featured dynamic speakers from a wide variety of disciplines addressing a vast array of subject matters pertinent to the concerns of today's society and home economists.

Deede Sharpe, president of the consulting firm, The Sharpe Company, in Winter Park, Florida, opened the conference with her inspiring presentation "Selling the Success of Home Economics." Ms. Sharpe's background in business, education, and marketing research helped participants plan marketing strategies to be used in their work environments. The Honorable Judge Thomas Peoples of Blair County addressed the topic "Youth at Risk." His presentation helped members focus on this topic which was later explored in detail during smaller workshops sessions. These sessions included the discussion of teen pregnancy, depression and suicide, alcoholism, and helping youth maximize their potential. Liz Curtis Higgs



Through attendance at the state conference, certified home economists could receive up to 14 professional development units toward maintaining professional certification.

encouraged everyone with her lighthearted presentation "Does Dinner in a Bucket Count?" This wife and mother shared techniques needed to balance today's family and career. Diane Smathers, associate professor, Clemson University, closed the convention with a look at the challenges home economists will face in the next century "Toward the 21st Century: Will Home Economists Survive?" Commercial exhibits and

extended workshops focusing on nutrition, housing needs, fashion and design, working parents, leadership development, curriculum development, recycling, and international issues completed the program.

The Pennsylvania Home Economics Association is a state affiliate of the American Home Economics Association, a non-profit organization of more than 27,000 professionals.

Something For Everyone At Gratz Fairgrounds

DAUPHIN (Dauphin County) — It's a family event. No matter how old or young the member of your family is, he or she will find something at the sixth annual consignment auction to be held Saturday, April 7, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the Gratz Fairgrounds.

The first annual auction was held six years ago with 200 buyers and 45 consigners. Last year 851 buyers and 159 consigners attended the event.

Duayne Forsberg of Dauphin County Conservation District expects a much larger turnout this year. Profits are used for the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center in Dauphin County, which houses the Dauphin County Conservation District, Soil Conserva-

tion Service, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and A.S.C.S.

Five auctioneers who donate their services will be busy all day selling a fairground full of items. Items include dozens of lawn and garden tractors, farm tractors, tillage/planting/haying equipment, truckloads of nursery stock, contractor tools, shop and hand tools, lime/stone/concrete, and household goods, along with a limited amount of antiques and collectibles.

The Gratz Fire Company with the Dauphin County 4-H clubs will operate a food concession and the Dauphin County Farm Women will be selling their home-baked goods.

Gigantic Craft Show

Handcraft Unlimited will present a gigantic craft show in Intercourse, Lancaster County on Friday, April 13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Martin Sales Building, located 2 miles east of Intercourse on Route 340. In addition to having exhibitors in the building, there will be crafters inside three big-top tents and outside.

The show will feature over 200 exhibitors from surrounding states, displaying woodcarvings, tole paintings, quilts, fraktur, cross-stitching, wooden games and many other items not

mentioned.

The promoter, Bill Shumate, and staff have spent much time selecting each craftsman for their individual expertise. They feel that every item on display reflects the personality of the crafter. Although some of the crafts are similar, each item is one-of-a-kind. There will be many unique crafts such as baskets, dried flowers, Tiffany lights, tinware, stained glass, quilts, wooden items, dolls, toys, and decorative household items.

Any person interested in displaying their crafts may call (717) 354-7964 for more information.

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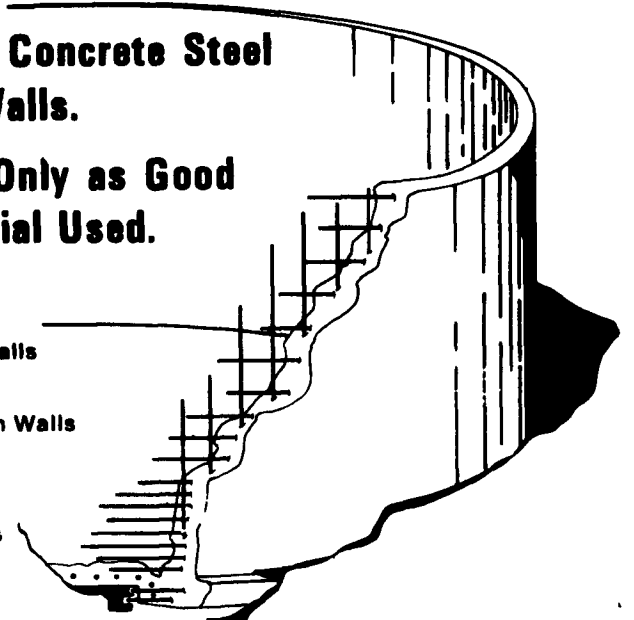
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