

Berks Little Miss

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which are registered.

Neither Rachel nor her sisters are old enough to help extensively on the farm yet. And her dad doesn't want to rush it.

"I had some farm accidents when I was a kid," he says, watching his three youngsters cavort in the yard beside their home. "She's only a kid once; let her be a kid."

But Rachel does have a special chore of which she is immensely proud. She gets to provide some of the care of the four calves, whose tongues tickle her hands when she feeds them hay.

"When she gets older, if she wants to show animals, she can," her dad said. "But that's up to her. We're not going to push her."

In the meantime, Rachel is also busy with junior choir at St. Paul's

UCC in Kutztown and Brownies, as well as attending the many functions throughout the year which call for the attendance of the dairy princesses.

At these times, Rachel can see her special friend, Kelly Gelsinger, the Berks County Dairy Princess, who Rachel says is the neatest person she's met while being an ambassador for milk.

In one of Kelly's last appearances, she came to Rachel's school on March 18, did her magic-show presentation about the benefits of milk, and went room-to-room with Rachel proclaiming the same message.

That was a day Rachel will remember

"She was like a superstar," said Bruce about the attention shed on Rachel. "Everyone loved her."



Berks County's Little Miss Dairy Princess Rachel Hartman, 6, of Hamburg, feeds one of the calves on her farm.

Burnside Festival Highlights Barn Raising

BETHLEHEM (Lehigh Co.) — Burnside Plantation's Barn Raising Festival promises to be one of the most rewarding tasks in which volunteers will participate and the most dramatic, historic event of this decade that attenders will witness.

Scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, the Barn Raising Festival will help realize a long range goal set by Burnside Plantation to become a living history farm museum where visitors can experience firsthand, the pre-industrial agricultural life of the Moravian community between 1748 and 1848.

Once the barn is finished, it will be used for processing and storing crops and housing equipment and animals. It will also serve as a resource for area civic and educa-

tional organizations, and make available unique resources for study and research.

To raise the barn, volunteers are needed to serve as post guides, and on the rope crew, lift crew and pegging crew. Post guides will monitor the progress of the post/sill alignment during the early stages of the lift and prevent the posts from "kicking out" while the rope crew will assist in the later stages. Lift crew volunteers will lift by hand or man pikes of varying lengths. Pegging crew volunteers need to be agile as they will be checking and adjusting the alignment between timbers and driving the pegs into place.

Other highlights of the Burnside Barn Raising Festival include craft displays, food and entertainment.

About 40 crafts people are expected to be featured at the festival selling and demonstrating wood carving, pottery, weaving, spinning, quilting, blacksmithing, rug making, frakturs, needlework, embroidery, primitives, basket making, herbs, straw hat weaving, furniture making and wood graining.

A variety of foods from chicken barbecue to roast pig and apple dumplings to strawberry shortcake will be sold.

Saturday's entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. with a performance by Jens and Brandywine Friends. The group's repertoire includes some Appalachian and bluegrass fiddle tunes, country tunes, nostalgic melodies and new songs. At 2 p.m. Bruce Gaston takes the stage.

On Saturday night, activities will culminate with The Fresh Vegetables calling for the square dance which will run from 8 p.m.

to 11 p.m. The event requires a \$5 per person, admission. Music, food and drinks will be served.

Sunday's performers will be Roy Justice with his minstrel, storytelling and music program at noon, and Bonnie O'Donnel at 1 p.m.

Lectures provided by the Heartland Guild of Craftsmen from Fleetwood, Pa., include "Pennsylvania German Folk Art" on Saturday, May 16 at 3 p.m., and "500 Years of Design" on Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m.

Children's activities such as potato printing, barn-bent making, a feather or walnut relay race, sack races, a water relay race and a Maypole, are provided by the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley.

Festival admission fees of \$5 per family, \$2 per individual and \$1 for children under 12 years of age will be charged. Festival operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

For more information call Burnside Plantation at (215) 868-5044.



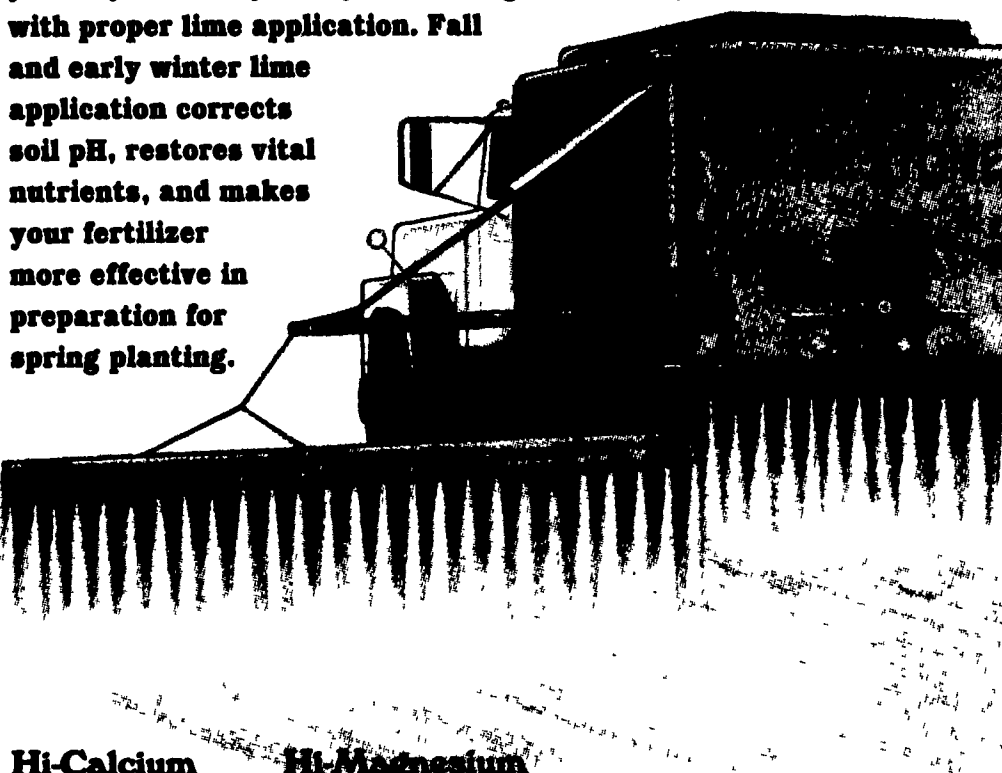
Rachel has a natural gymnasium in her yard — a hill for tumbling and doing cartwheels.

Vendors Wanted

Flea market and craft vendors wanted for Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair on Sunday, August 2, 9 a.m. rain or shine. Spaces available, 24' x 24', for \$20. If you would like a contract or for information, call or write Gene Fisher, 2903 Cedarhurst Rd., Finksburg, MD 21048, phone (301) 861-8353 or Joan Eline (301) 848-1384.

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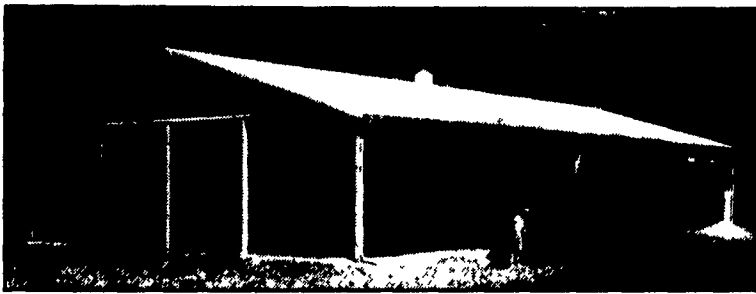
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