

Farm Forum

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Part of my responsibilities, on behalf of the 1993 "fair community," as well as my own personal responsibility, is to express our sincerest gratitude to the fair board and its committees, the judges and all the sponsors.

Thanks must go out to all the participants. The 4-H'ers the FFA members, the independents, all the families and the many, many visitors of the 1993 Lebanon Area Fair, "my fair," for making it a success and a wonderful experience.

Next, the media should get the gratitude they deserve. "The Daily News," the "Lancaster Farming," and their staff writers should be complimented on the very fine job of keeping the area updated on the fair and the activities. So often the

negative side of our communities need to be printed. This news was all positive! Thanks to WLBR radio and WLYH-TV, as well as other stations that followed and shared the fair news over their airwaves and television screens.

On a personal level, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fair board and committees and the judges of the fair queen contest; Mrs. Casey Gettle, Mrs. Geraldine Singer, and Representative Pete Zug. Thanks to Allison Martin, last year's queen for all her help. Thanks to the sponsors; the fair, Tim McGowan Studio, Boscov's, Nancy Thompson, Layser's Jewelry, Wertz Candies, and Dunkin Donuts, for all my prizes.

My special thanks to the following reporters/writers and photographers: Andy Andrews,

Vern Achenbach Jr., Liz Kooner, Dennis Larson and all the others that reported the fair news.

As a 4-H Lebanon County Sheep Club member, I need to thank my fellow club members for all their help during my busy schedule. For all that extra help, beyond the duty of a fellow member, thank you; John Risser, Janine Winebark and also the following parents: Mrs. Bomberger and Mrs. Smith.

Thank you, the buyers of my market lambs; Agway Feeds, Krall's Welding and Agway's High Energy Feeds.

Some of my most memorable fair events, besides being crowned as the fair queen, were the Big Wheel Races and the Farmer's Night. It was such a joy watching the little "tykes" and their big wheels and handing out ribbons and trophies to the victors. Farmer's Night was like stepping back into the past. It was great fun! Thanks Corey Bomgardner for being the better half of the wheelbarrow race!

In general, I have the greatest respect for 4-H, FFA and the opportunity to participate in one of the best county fairs in the state. I can honestly say, out of the eight years I have been a participant, each year has become bigger and better. We should all be proud to be affiliated with the fair and the showing of our projects, farming and agriculture. I encourage all to take part in the 1994 fair. I know I am looking forward to another year, but meanwhile, I have a job to complete for this year's fair, and I will represent the Lebanon Area Fair and all of you with 110% effort. Thanks again for giving me this opportunity to represent "my fair" and your fair!

Jamie C. Irwin
1993 Lebanon Area Fair Queen

Editor:

Having had the occasion and the pleasure to spend a day recently in Lancaster County, I felt that you might afford me an opportunity to make a few observations.

It is said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but who could

journey on the back roads of Lancaster County without marveling at its rich farmland and natural beauty? Who could come upon a village such as Strasburg without enjoying its unique charm?

And, your people; each that I met reached out to be helpful.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks County, I understand your pride in your heritage, for we, like you, are richly blessed. And like you, we are doing all that we can to assure the preservation of what remains of that heritage from an earlier time.

Thanks for a great day in Lancaster County.

Mark S. Schweiker
Bucks County Commissioner

Editor:

Referring to Opinion, Non-point Pollution Finger Pointing in the July 24, 1993 issue of the Lancaster Farmer - It is about time we get off the backs of farmers for environmental pollution.

In the Susquehanna Valley we

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Ag Republican Barbecue August 18

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Have a question for Tom Ridge about his plan to split DER into two agencies? Still draw a blank about Ernie Preate's farm views?

Ag Progress Days visitors will have a chance to size up Republican gubernatorial hopefuls Wednesday evening, August 18, at the annual Ag Republican Chicken Barbecue, according to chairperson Beverly Snyder Gruber.

The annual fund raiser will be held at VFW Pavilion along Rt. 45 three miles east of the Ag Progress Days site. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. and barbecue chicken served at 6 p.m.

According to Gruber, all announced GOP candidates have been invited. They include Tom Ridge, six-term congressman from Erie; Ernie Preate, Scranton, state attorney general; Barbara Hafer, Pittsburgh, state auditor general; state senators Michael Fisher, Pittsburgh, and Earl Baker, Paoli; and businessman Sam Katz, Philadelphia.

Reservations should be made by August 16 to Beverly Gruber, Pennsylvania Ag Republicans, P.O. Box 5, New Tripoli, PA 18066. Phone 215-767-5026.

The cost is \$20 per person. Checks should be made out to Pennsylvania Ag Republicans.

Reservations also can be made by contacting Ag Republican officers Glenn Wenger, vice chairman, Myerstown, (717) 866-7646; Carolyn Rutter, secretary, Dover (717) 292-1326; Furman H. Gyger, Jr., treasurer, West Chester (215) 696-5659; and George Gregg, director-at-large, Grove City (412) 458-8181.

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