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Kieffers Named Berks Farm Family Of The Year

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FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) —

Ask anybody about The Cookery — the tent filled with Grange members from around the region cooking up tasty treats every year at the Reading Fair. It's a mainstay of the annual countywide festivity.

But it's not often some of those who spend weekends preparing for the fair get the recognition they deserve.

Except for one family. For the past five years, Debbie Kieffer's family has worked diligently, preparing some of the best whoopie pies, including plain, mint, and strawberry, ever tasted at the baked goods stand in the Grange tent. For all the family's dedication to the Marion Grange, they were honored on Wednesday night by the Reading Fair.

Debbie and Mark Kieffer, Bethel, together with daughters Ann Melissa, 12, and twins Vicki Sue, 9, and Andrew Scott, 9, farm about 305 acres on their dairy in Tulpehocken Township. Every

day, the family contributes to milking 85 (mostly registered) Holsteins, including about the same number of replacement stock. Mark said that Ann and Andrew help with the milking and Vicki and Andrew help feed the cats and the calves.

Debbie said she helps set up the fair display on Sunday, the day before the fair opens. She said she helps "when I can. I don't know if I'll be down helping this year or not, because we're going to be filling (silos) that week."

Debbie operates the tractor which drives the wagons back and forth from field to silo.

"I'm pretty well limited with my time, with everything else I am in."

But Debbie assures the fair that "I'll be there when I can."

Mark said that his family competed against three others for the honor. The family was nominated by the Marion Grange.

The Kieffer kids will also be competing during the fair. Andrew

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Mark Kieffer, back left, accepts a \$600 gift certificate from Bill Hughes, Meridian Bank, at the Outstanding Farm Family Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening at the Fleetwood Grange. The Kieffers were honored as the Outstanding Farm Family 1994 by the Reading Fair. In front, from left, twins Andrew, 9 and Vicki, 9. In back, from left, Mark, Debbie, and Ann, 12. Photo by Andy Andrews

Nutrient Management Board Advances Rule-Making

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 15-member Nutrient Management Advisory Board to the State Conservation Commission elected new officers during its eleventh monthly meeting held Wednesday in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture building in Harrisburg.

The members elected Joel Rotz, a Franklin County dairyman, as

chairman, replacing Donald Bollinger, of Kleinfeltersville, who served as chairman since being elected during the board's first meeting in Harrisburg.

The advisory board is a council representing those interests involved and concerned with the application of nutrients mainly derived from agricultural operations, researchers from a land grant university, and two nonfarming citizens.

Created by the state's Nutrient Management Act, the advisory board's members are appointed by the State Conservation Commission to serve 3-year terms (except for the first board which has staggered terms) to review and comment on proposed regulations for the administration of the Nutrient Management Act.

George Robinson, of Snyder County, who represents the feed

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Special Deadlines: September 19-23

Because of the street fair in the town of Ephrata where *Lancaster Farming* is published, we need to change our publication deadlines for the week of September 19 to 23. These special deadlines are as follows:

Mailbox Markets — Monday, Sept 19, at noon.

Public Sales — Monday, Sept. 19, at noon.

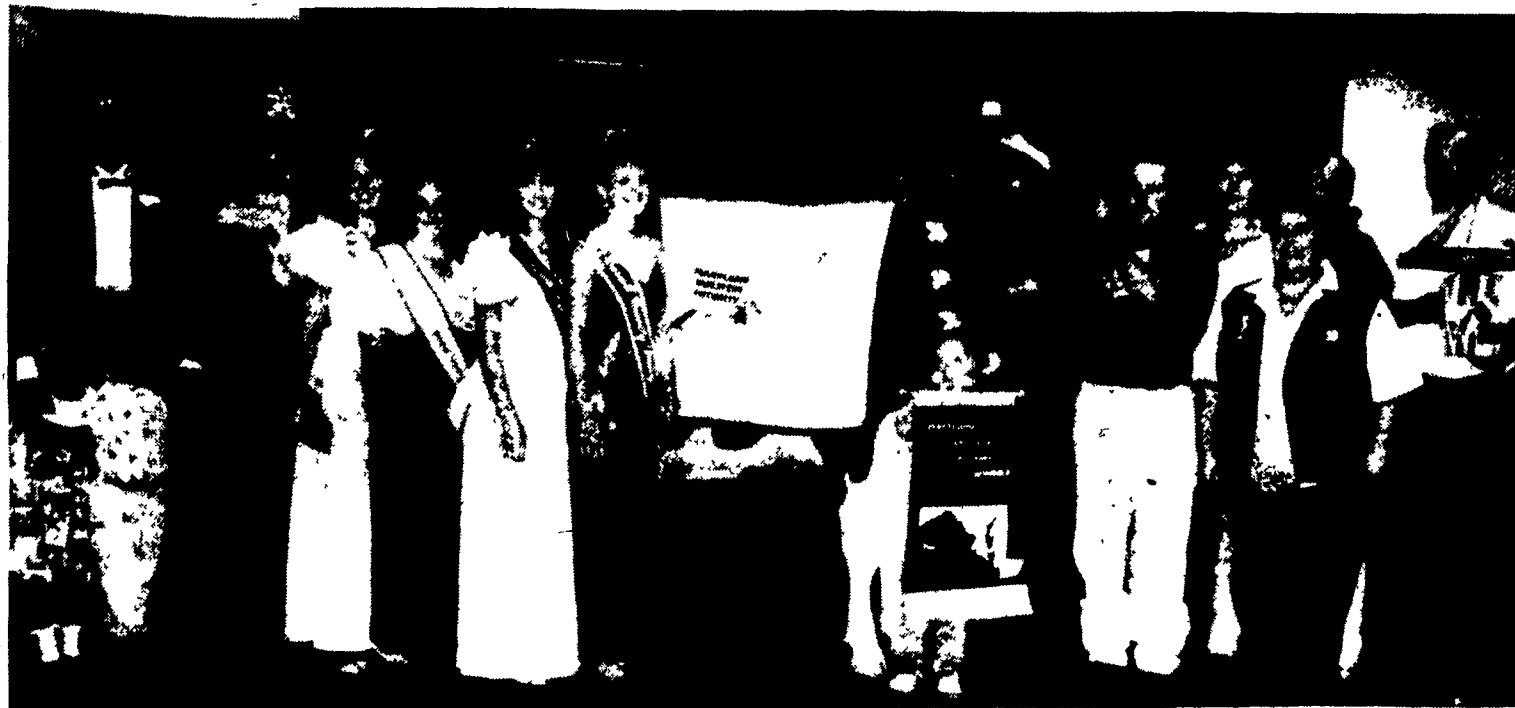
General News — Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m.

Other Than Farm Equipment Classified Ads, Section C — Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m.

Farm Equipment Classified Ads, Section D — Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m.

Late-Breaking News — Wednesday, Sept 21, at noon.

Peace And Plenty Wins Maryland Holstein Futurity



The winner of the 1994 Maryland Holstein Futurity is Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine, shown here with, from left, Dennis Patrick, judge with his children (twins); Jami Todd, Maryland farm queen; Heidi Houser, Maryland dairy princess; Shannon Harrison, Frederick County dairy princess;

Cheryl Lelshear, South Central dairy princess; Tanya Stambaugh, Carroll County dairy princess; Davis (with banner), Gus, Lisa, Nona, Joseph and Shane Schwartzbeck. Lexine was also grand champion at the open Holstein Show.

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TIMONIUM, Md. — Peace and Plenty Mark Lexine calmly stood her ground under the spotlight as her name was announced as the winner of the 1994 Maryland Holstein Futurity. With ears up and eyes alert she seemed to assess the crowd that cheered and screamed and shrieked at her big win. The Joseph Schwartzbeck family of Peace and Plenty Farm reacted quite differently, though. They seemed to be bursting with smiles and pride for the cow they has raised since her birth!

The lights were dim and organ music gently wafted across the ring in the Cow Palace on the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium last Sunday evening as the contestants entered the ring. Twenty of the top Holsteins in Maryland were vying for the title of Miss 1994 Maryland Futurity. In the dark, a spotlight accentuated each cow as her name and lineage were announced.

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