

# Knepp Becomes Berks County Lamb And Wool Queen

**KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.)**—With a gracious smile, and warm “thank you” 16-year-old, Nicole Knepp, assumed the duties of the Berks County Lamb & Wool Queen. Nicole is the daughter of Theodore and Dawn Knepp, they reside on a 21-acre farm near Mohnton. She accepted the crown, banner and responsibilities from

retiring Queen Stephanie Bowman of Lenshartsville.

Knepp was crowned 1995 Berks County Lamb and Wool Queen at the 124th Annual Kutztown Fair. Knepp has an impressive string of registered Corriedales. She travels to fairs throughout eastern Pennsylvania, and has won numerous champion honors. She is a member of the Pennsylvania

and the National Corriedale Association. Currently she serves as the president of the Berks County 4-H Lamb and Sheep Club. She has been a 4-H member for seven years.

At home, she enjoys riding horses. In addition to her farm and animal activities, she plays the violin in her high school orchestra.

## Hot Air Balloon Lift-Off Opens Maryland State Fair

**TIMONIUM, Md.** — Opening Day skies over the Maryland State Fair will be full of color as approximately 10 Hot Air Balloons Life-Off, Saturday, August 26, at 7 p.m.

Fairgoers are encouraged to

come early and enjoy the Fair before heading over to the infield at 6:30 p.m. to watch the pilots unfurl, inflate, and take off in their colorful balloons.

“The Balloon Lift-Off has always been one of the most popular


events at the Fair,” said State Fair Vice President and General Manager Howard “Max” Mosner. “We’re looking forward to having the grandstand and infield packed with fairgoers cheering for their favorite balloons.

The 114th Maryland State Fair, which will offer a variety of livestock and horse shows, arts and crafts and home arts exhibits, runs from Saturday, August 26 through Monday, September 4. The Fairgrounds open at 8 a.m. for livestock and horse shows, demonstration and exhibit halls open at 10 a.m., and the Midway opens at 12 noon on weekdays, and 10 a.m. on weekends. Admission is \$4 for adults, children under 12 are admitted free. Admittance to the race track is included in the admission price of the Fair. Parking is available at the Fairgrounds with handicapped parking at the North Gate entrance to the 4-H Home Arts Building. Free parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Park and Ride location on Deereco Road. The Fairgrounds encourage use of the Light Rail with an easily accessible Light Rail stop at the Fairgrounds Cow Palace Gate. For general info., call 252-0200, ext. 776.



Stephanie Bowman, left, crowns Nicole Knepp as the new Berks County Wool Queen.

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**Notebook**  
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For years, I have said, “No thank you” to people who offered me old canning jars. But this month I said that I’d take some that were offered as I have canned 110 pint of pickles so far. There is no sign of the patch slowing down from their 100 cucumbers every day—so far over 2,000. Yes, I counted them as I washed them. Now I must remember to give some away.

Then as I trudge up the hill to the house with my buckets of produce, I can look forward to filling some of those boxes of empty jars. My problem is that I do not like working late into the night as I feel that daytime hours should be sufficient.

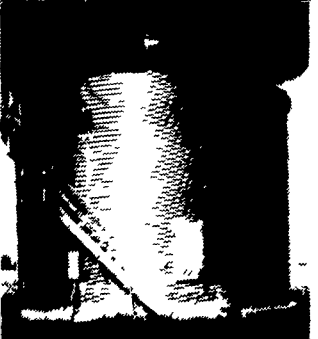
Last week, as a gift from our children, we saw a play “Singin’ In The Rain” at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre in Delaware. The food was delicious and the entertainment interesting. One surprise was when my name was announced and I was given a belated birthday cake from the management. It is nice to have dessert on hand during these busy days of peaches, tomatoes, beans and cucumbers.

It is late in the season, but I finally got around to putting more houseplants in the garden. However, I couldn’t believe all the weeds that had grown in the one open area as I had hoed it just 10 days before. It is always nice to have flowers in the vegetable garden as it makes the backbreaking work a bit easier. So, as I work my way slowly to the end of the row of baby lima beans, I’ll stop and look at my row of cosmos, zinnias, and gladiolas that are planted close by.



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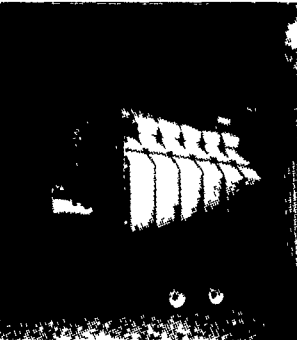
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