



Brian Harris, back, and his father Eugene Harris stand beside one of their cows.

Jerseys A Family Tradition For Harris Family

CAROLYN N. MOYER Bradford Co.Correspondent MILAN (Bradford Co.) -Jersey cows and the Harris family have been entwined for many generations.

"My grandfather and great grandfather were Jersey farmers. I'm not sure how far back beyond that it goes. My dad's younger brother stayed on the farm and bought that place," said Brian Harris, owner of Sunset Ridge Farm.

The Harris family is tied for first place in the 1995 Pennsylvania DHIA Herd Management Award contest for Jerseys.

After graduating from the School of Agriculture in Alfred, N.Y., Eugene, Brian's father, managed the school's herd for seven years. In 1945 he decided he wanted to farm on his own and purchased the farm the Harris family operates, located about one mile from the original homestead. He and his wife, Alice, still live near the farm.

In 1972, Brian was graduated from Penn State with a degree in animal industry and formed a partnership with his father.

Since about 1992, Brian has handled most of the operation but in many ways he still sees the farm as a partnership.

"Most of the records still say

Eugene and Brian Harris," said Harris. "Because Dad's contributed so much to the farm over the years and still does, his name stays. He comes over everyday and helps with the barn work and taking care of the calves --- making sure everything gets done."

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Farm And Home Elects Directors

LOU ANN GOOD Lancaster Farming Staff

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) - Each year thousands use the Farm and Home Center located at 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. It's the hub of activity for agriculturalbased groups and for community services.

Behind the scenes much is required to keep the building and

keeping it profitable. The group responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the Farm and Home Foundation held their annual banquet on Tuesday night and took a look at the cash flow and projects of the center.

The Farm and Home Center is a living monument to Lancaster County's agriculture and agribusiness from principal benefactors,

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Suffered An Injury? AgrAbility Provides Answers

ANDY ANDREWS. Lancaster Farming Staff STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) --- Doug Schaufler would like to make it easier for farmers who have suffered an injury or are disabled to make a living. He wants them to know that he

has a file containing the solutions to hundreds of problems they may

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have — such as getting into a tractor if they've lost the use of their legs or even doing things like constructing simple levers to open hard-to-turn door knobs.

And his work on a special prog- Indiana and Iowa, primarily. ram doesn't just help farmers that are disabled from injuries, but ravages of diseases such as cancer or heart attacks.

The work helps those who are farming and have suffered from non-farm related accidents, too.

Schaufler, program manager for 'AgrAbility For Pennsylvanians, spoke to more than 100 producers and agri-industry representatives at the Penn State-Berks County Crops Day on Tuesday in Leesport.

The program, a joint effort of the Penh State Department of Ag and Extension Education, the Penn State Ag and Biological Engineering Department, and Easter Seal Society of Central Pennsylvania, promotes success in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families.

Schaufler, who spoke about the tewide project begun in March 1995, indicated that AgrAbility is far-reaching and can help people in a lot of ways. Schaufler said that in 1989, an estimated 120,000 people in agrelated jobs suffered a disabling injury. Each year, 250 people in Pennsylvania become permanently disabled as a result of accidents in agriculture. There are a lot of programs, projects, whatever you want to call them that help folks with disabilities in factories, in office places, and for a long time, people in agriculture were basically ignored and everyone assumed they were all fine and jolly," said Schaufler. AgrAbility started in 1991 as the result of the U.S. Farm Bill. It has spread to 18 states. It started in

The program helps not only with equipment and enabling devices those that have suffered from the for those who are handicapped, but has helped people with cancer, who have experienced stroke, or other disabling diseases.

The project even helped someone who fell out of a hunting stand and ended up with a spinal cord injury. It even helped someone with a brain injury as a result of standing up in a shed that was too low.

"It also points out that not everybody we're working with has had a so-called farm injury," said Schaufler.

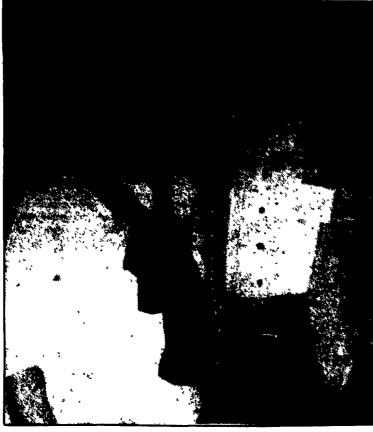
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fair zones into which the PSACF divides the state.

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Newport Man Fairperson Of Year In addition, the state queen is VERNON ACHENBACH JR. expected to attend at least 12 coun-Lancaster Farming Staff

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) - An 18-year-old University of Pittsburgh nursing student was named the 1996 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Jan. 20 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in conjunction with the 84th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF).

The event marked the 10th anniversary for the annual state fair queen coronation. Also, Paul Britcher Sr., of Perry County, was named the PSACF fairperson of the year, an honor bestowed annually to a fair person who is recognized for outstanding long time service to the betterment and promotion of county fairs. Feather Thomas, Butler County's 1995 fair queen, was selected from a field of 44 contestants for the title of state queen, an honor that brings with it a \$1,000 scholarship and the obligation to represent the PSACF at the Feb. 5 Cornucopia event in Harrisburg, at the mid-August Penn State Ag Progress Days in Rockspring, at the January 1997 Pennsylvania State Farm Show, and next January at the 11th annual fair queen coronation, as well as any other events that may arise.

Paul Britcher is the 1996 fairperson of the year. Here he stands with wife Ruth in the Hershey Convention Center Ballroom.

Rhonda Kleklak is on the 'moove' as the state dairy princess. Read about her life at home and on the road, written by Lou Ann Good, on page B2.