

The OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

AUGUST 19-25, 1996

PRES. CLINTON'S BIRTHDAY, AUG. 19.

GIFT OF TIME

What do you give the president of your country for his birthday? Allegiance to the flag, maybe? How about your voluntary efforts toward some aspect of your local community government, perhaps school board, selectmen, or conservation committee. Maybe your town library or a local clinic needs volunteers. It was John F. Kennedy who started the Peace Corps of Young Americans for Overseas Service, after his famous inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." Hillary Rodham Clinton's book, *It Takes a Village* (Simon & Schuster) is full of suggestions for how to get involved, whatever your party affiliation.

One volunteer is worth two pressed men.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Consider volunteering for something you DON'T know how to do; it's good training.

ONE-BOWL BIRTHDAY CAKE

- 2 squares (2 ounces) sweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup shortening, softened
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 egg

dry ingredients over this and beat until smooth. Beat in the shortening, milk, and egg. Pour into a greased and floured 8-inch square pan and bake at 350° F about 35 minutes, until the edges pull away from the sides of the pan. (You can double this recipe for a 3-layer, round cake.)

Frost as desired, or sprinkle with sifted confectioners' sugar. **Makes 9 servings.**



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



St. Bartholomew (August 24) brings the cold dew.

If the African marigold does not open its flower by 7 A.M., it will rain or thunder that day.

When the bushes are full of berries, a hard winter is on the way.

If the clover leaves are turned up, it will rain soon.

Mercer Livestock

MERCER, PA
AUGUST 13, 1996

CATTLE 220... PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...steers 1.00 to 4.00 higher, cows 1.75 to 3.00 higher.
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1100/1475 lbs. 65.00-70.00, Choice 1225/1300 lbs. 63.25-65.50, Select 55.00-62.25, Standard 49.00-52.25.
HOLSTEINS: few High Choice and Prime 1250/1575 lbs. 62.75-65.25, Choice 1025/1425 lbs. 55.00-61.25, few Select 50.00-54.50.
HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 1025/1325 lbs. 65.00-69.00, few Choice 975/1275 lbs. 63.00-66.00, few Select 54.00-59.00, few Standard 42.00-50.50.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 38.00-42.00, few 43.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 30.00-37.25, Canner and Low Cutter 26.75-30.50. Shells down to 20.00.
BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1075/1900 lbs. 44.50-50.00, few No. 2 950/1125 lbs. 35.00-39.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS: few Medium Frame No. 2 500/580 lbs. 30.00-34.00;
BULLS: few Large Frame No. 2 250/810 lbs. 24.00-36.00.
CALVES 113... VEALERS: Standard and Good 80/100 lbs. 16.00-25.00, Utility 55/95 lbs. 10.00-15.00.
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 120/140 lbs. 45.00-55.00, 90/115 lbs.

52.50-65.00, No. 2 85/120 lbs. 29.00-50.00; one No. 1 Holstein heifer 90 lbs. 107.50, few No. 2 70/80 lbs. 40.00-75.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 70/90 lbs. 29.00-62.00.
HOGS 28... BARROWS AND GILTS: few US 1-2 215/240 lbs. 60.00-62.00, few US 1-3 200/235 lbs. 57.00-59.50, few 170/180 lbs. 47.00-52.00.
SOWS: few US 1-3 325/450 lbs. 46.00-52.00.
BOARS: couple 510 & 525 lbs. 32.00.
FEEDER PIGS 21... US 1-3 30/50 lbs. 32.00-35.00. -- per head. Few US 1-3 95/135 lbs. 40.00-50.00. --- per cwt.
SHEEP 15... SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few High Choice and Prime 100/110 lbs. 75.00-84.00, few Choice 100/115 lbs. 67.00-74.00.
GOATS 7... One Medium 38.00, few Large Kids 20.00-37.00. --- per head.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
August 12, 1996

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 251. STEERS CHOICE 65.00-70.00; GOOD 61.00-64.50. HEIFERS: CHOICE 63.00-67.00; GOOD 60.50-62.75.
COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 36.00-45.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 22.00-34.00.
BULLOCKS: 45.00-54.00.
BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 38.00-47.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS

Diffenbach Auction Center

New Holland, Pa.

Monday, Aug. 12, 1996

Report Supplied by Auction

TOTAL LOADS: 72.
ALFALFA: 70.00-125.00.
ALFALFA HAYLAGE: 50.00.
MIXED HAY: 65.00-200.00.
TIMOTHY: 75.00-172.00.
ORCHARDGRASS: 115.00-190.00.
STRAW: 52.00-122.00.
BAR CORN: 148.00-170.00.
OAT HAY: 100.00.

Cumberland County FFA

Salutes the following for their support of the Robert L. Finkenbinder

Market Animal Sale



Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Mac Magee of the Shippensburg FFA and Purchased by Hoss's Steak and Sea House



Reserve Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Michelle Cornman of the Big Spring FFA and purchased by Wenger Meats & Ice Co.



Grand Champion Hog exhibited by Michelle Cornman of the Big Spring FFA and purchased by Hatfield



Reserve Grand Champion Hog exhibited by Wade Farner of the Shippensburg FFA and purchased by Hoss's Steak and Sea House.



Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Mac Magee of the Shippensburg FFA and purchased by Palmer Green Inc.



Champion Pair of Goats exhibited by William Leib of the Cumberland Valley FFA and purchased by Anchor Animal Health



(left to right) Michelle Cornman exhibited the Champion Pen of Lambs which sold to William Piper Mac Magee exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb which sold to Hoss's Steak and Sea House Heather Glennon exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb which sold to Greencastle Livestock Market Tractor Supply Co represented by Lloyd Bier provided caps for all the champions



Champion Pen of Market Hogs exhibited by Bobby Davidson of the Shippensburg FFA and purchased by Hatfield Inc.



Reserve Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Heather Glennon of the Shippensburg FFA and purchased by Tractor Supply Co.

WANTED



SOW PRODUCERS

- Existing Farms
- New Construction

WE OFFER:



GUARANTEED PRICE

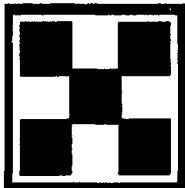
5 to 7 Year Contracts



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Anchor Animal Health
Paul J Basehore
Big Spring Fish & Game Association
Jim & Vonda Brown
Country Butcher Shop
Cumberland Valley Cooperative
Doug Wallick Insurance
Education Brokers
Rod Enck
Farmers National Bank
Fred Pottenger & Sons
G.L. Fogelsonger Agency
Keith Ginter
Greencastle Livestock Market
HATFIELD INC
Hershey Auctioneering
Hoss's Steak & Sea House
Hubner Seed - Ronald Souder
Huntsdale Stock Farms
J-P Cattle Co
John Gleim Jr. Excavating Inc.
Ken's Agri

Location

Shippensburg
Carlisle
Mechanicsburg
Newville
Mechanicsburg
Carlisle
Shippensburg
Camp Hill
Carlisle
Carlisle
Newville
Carlisle
Shippensburg
Newburg
Greencastle
Hatfield
Shippensburg
Duncansville
Mechanicsburg
Carlisle
Bark River, MI
Carlisle
Carlisle

Company/Individual

Keith's Farm & Dairy Supplies
Leinbach's Farm Market & Shop
Lemmon Farm
Lemmon Hauling
Mountain Lakes Farm Market
Newville Builders Supply
Newville Print Shop
North Mountain Butcher Shop
Orrstown Bank
Palmer Green Inc
Penns Pride Meats
William L Piper
PNC
Shetron Welding
SAS - Mick O'Neal
Sunday's Mill Company
The Treat Restaurant
Tractor Supply Company
Wayne F. Craig & Sons
Wenger Meats & Ice Company
Williams Grove Steam Engine Assn.
Wolf's Bus Lines, Inc.
York Farm Credit

Location

Newville
Shippensburg
Carlisle
Gardners
Carlisle
Newville
Newville
Newville
Shippensburg
Shippensburg
Newry
Carlisle
Newville
Carlisle
Dillsburg
Carlisle
Shippensburg
Carlisle
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Carlisle
Elliottsburg
York Springs
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