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DHIA Management Award Takes Generations Of Hard Work

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WILLIAMSBURG (Blair Co.) — A farm like the one owned by Edward and LaDonna Biddle doesn't just happen, it takes generations of hard work and perseverance.

Tying for the second place Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association's 1996 Herd Management Award (Pa.DHIA), Ed said he never sets out to win recognition.

"I just believe in doing the best I can," he said, seated at a solid cherry dining room table in the couple's comfortable cottage home

overlooking their picturesque farm.

The Biddle family bought the neighboring farm in 1797 and, in 1896, another generation of Biddle's bought the current land. Today they farm 300 acres which includes three farms and some additional rented land.

Ed took the reins in 1978, and the farm, along with the Biddle family, has continued to grow.

The couple has four children. Son Jim runs an Agway store located at the entrance to the farm. He contributes his expertise in dairy cow nutrition to ensure the nearly 300-head herd of Holsteins
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LaDonna and Edward Biddle, Williamsburg, Blair County, have one of the top managed dairy herds in the state according to a newly released list of awards by Pennsylvania DHIA. This report of a visit to their farm along with the semi-annual association newsletter starting on Page C9 gives readers a good synopsis of the yearly activities.

Evaluation Center Relocation Is One Of Several Options

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PLEASANT GAP (Centre Co.)
— Critics of the Meat Animal Evaluation Center (MAEC) could someday get their way. Some believe the facilities in State College, which the MAEC calls home, are outdated. Others voice concerns around the state over labor at MAEC, regarding the

direction the MAEC is taking, and other issues. As a result, a proposal was put together in October this year by a MAEC planning committee, assembled on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture by a committee appointed by Dr. Max Van Buskirk and Daniel Hagen, co-chairs of the MAEC executive committee.

One proposal, among three, outlines ways in which the MAEC facility in State College can be moved to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Institution at Rockview near Pleasant
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Advertising/News Deadlines For Holiday, Farm Show Issues

Christmas is upon us this week, and the new year is not far behind. Then the next big event for farmers in Pennsylvania is the state farm show in Harrisburg. For Lancaster Farming this means many of the advertising and news deadlines will need to be early this week and also for publication of the January 4 and 10 issues. Some of these deadlines are the week prior to the week of publication.

- The deadlines are as follows:
- December 28th Issue**
Public Sale Ads — Noon, Monday, 12/23.
Mailbox Markets — Noon, 12/23.
Classified Section C Ads — 3 p.m., Tuesday, 12/24.
All Other Classifieds — 9 a.m., Thursday, 12/26.
General News — Noon, Thursday, 12/26.
- January 4th Issue**
Public Sale Ads — 5 p.m., Monday, 12/30.
Mailbox Markets — 5 p.m., Monday, 12/30.
Classified Section C Ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, 12/31.
All Other Classifieds — 9 a.m., Thursday, 1/2.
General News — Noon, Thursday, 1/2.
- January 10th Issue**
Public Sale Ads — 4 p.m., Friday, 1/3.
Classified Section C Ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, 1/7.
All Other Classifieds — 9 a.m. Wednesday, 1/8.
General News — Noon, Tuesday, 1/7.



In preparation for Christmas, almost 2,000 cookies have been baked, the tree trimmed, and the presents wrapped in Clarence and Arlene Weaver's home in Wolmelsdorf. From left are Arlene and Clarence holding grandson Kurtis Zimmerman, daughter-in-law Shelby, daughter Dawn and granddaughter Kendra Zimmerman, and daughter-in-law Sherri holding grandson Derry. Read about the family's holiday traditions on page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good.