



Berks Society 4

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group #4 met on August 16, for the annual trip to Perry County. Six members and three guests met at the home of Ferne Kulp, Boyertown, to travel to Perry County for the annual family picnic at the home of Verna-Charles Taylor, Loysville.

President Elsie Rothenberger conducted the business meeting. Ways and Means reported that members will be taking Stanley orders. Membership reported that new members who want to be actively involved and are needed Elsie has guilt raffle tickets to sell for Berks Heim Volunteer Service

Board. Mary Fizz reported on the upcoming 1998 Spring Rally to be held May 12 at River Edge. The theme will be Mind, Body, and Soul, October 14 is Farm Women's Day. The group will celebrate with a Everybody's Birthday Party with a \$5 gift exchange and going out to eat.

Members enjoyed the afternoon of fellowship with Verna and Charles. Members also made sachet for lingerie drawers and played Bingo.

The next meeting will be a "Come-as-you-are Party" at Elsie Rothenberger's, Boyertown and a Secret Pound Auction.

Lebanon Society 20

Farm Women Group 20 of Lebanon County met at Country Gardens in Frystown for the Aug. meeting. Garland Meyer gave a walking tour through the gardens planted behind the store. Country Gardens offers a wide variety of plants and flowers.

At the conclusion of the tour, dessert was served at Frystown Fire Hall. A short business meeting was conducted and officers were elected. Elected were Roberta Bashore, president; May Hamm, vice president; Wendy Showers, secretary; Miriam Patches, assistant secretary; Elaine Shuey, treasurer. Current President Charlene Zeigler reported the county convention will be Oct. 8 at Schaefferstown Fire Hall. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased until Sept. 15.

The next meeting will be a tour of the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority.

Berks Farm Women

The 46th annual convention of Berks County Society of Farm Women will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Berks County Ag Center. Coffee Klatch will be served from 9 to 9:45 a.m. with the call-to-order at 10 a.m. Scheduled to appear is Erika Davis, 1997 Berks County Dairy Princess, and Ashley Stoltzfus, Berks County Little Miss.

A buffet meal will be served at noontime. Afternoon entertainment will be provided by ENERGY, a group of young people, ages 6 to 16, who exemplify everything their name implies. Their performance will include singing, dancing, sign language, and other performing arts.

A silent auction, door prizes and some special surprises will also add highlights to the day.

Ticket price is \$13 and reservations may be made by contacting Dorothy Lutz, PO Box 123, Rehrersburg, PA 19550. Phone (717) 933-8741. Deadline for reservations is September 15.

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You see a doctor, and blood tests are ordered, diagnosis possibly flu, After many negative medical tests you see a specialist. Seeing your doctors frequently it may finally be suggested, "perhaps you are stressed," and advised to seek counseling. Family and friends lose patience with you and begin to shut you out. Your job suffers and your employer questions your ability. You begin to fear that maybe, just maybe you are losing your mind! Then you read an article like this which raises some issues, and a possibility. The answer for hundreds of people each year is — you may have, LYME DISEASE! (Lyme disease is caused by a microscopic bacteria transmitted to humans and animals through the bite of a very small tick called the Ixodes Scapularis, commonly called the Black Legged or Deer Tick in the northeastern and north-central United States.)

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