

Brubakers Recall 70 Years Of Farm Shows

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LITITZ (Lancaster Co.)—People worry about traveling to the Farm Show during bad weather. But that is nothing compared to the way things used to be.

Roy and his wife Martha Jane (Reist) remember attending the event when the exhibits were housed in various buildings around town.

"The handicap of typical Farm Show snow storms was not limited to getting to Harrisburg and home again, but from getting to one part of the exhibition to another," Brubaker said.

Martha said that she remembers

showing a 4-H baby beef in the 1920s before the complex was built. The exhibitors slept in dormitories some distance away.

The Brubakers remember reading about the building that was to be erected to house the annual event. "When we read about the size and scope of this building monster, it seemed bigger than any I had ever been in, and probably was," Brubaker said. "It was very exciting to attend what was thought to be the largest farm exhibition under one roof in the nation."

That was before the large arena was added some years later.

As a FFA student at West Lam-

peter High School, Brubaker remembers helping design an educational window display for the week.

After high school, Brubaker went to work for his brother, L.H. Brubaker, in the Allis-Chalmers farm equipment business. Like other manufacturers, Allis-Chalmers set up a display and dealers and salesmen came to talk.

Business was brisk—and tough. "Farmers would visit all the major equipment displays and 'dicker' for the best price before placing an order for a tractor, combine, or other equipment," Brubaker said.

With such stiff competition

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Roy and Martha Jane Brubaker have attended all but one or two of the Pennsylvania Farm Shows held the past 70 years. They talk about the changes and plan to attend. "Like the past 50 years, I'll take the map for the Lancaster Farming along to find my way around," Brubaker said.

Family Living And Agricultural Learning

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- 11:30 a.m. Ice Cream Churn Off
- 1:00 p.m. PA Dairy Promotion Program & Dairy Council Mid East and the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Presentations/County Blue Ribbon Winners
- 1:00 p.m. "Grasshoppers vs. Crickets"/Mindy Donnan, York County
- 1:15 p.m. "Praying Mantis"/Daniel Donnan, York County
- 1:30 p.m. "Red Hot/Red Heat"/Jonathan Murren, Adams County
- 2:00 p.m. Apple Core Band
- 3:00 p.m. State Winners for "Products for the Planet" School Art and Essay Contest Presented by Dr. Zoann Parker, Deputy Secretary Department of Agriculture
- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Presentation/County Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club, Franklin County
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Presentations/County Blue Ribbon Winners "Shooting Horse"/Chandrelle Asper and Sarah Gieron York County
- 5:15 p.m. "Got Milk"/Derrick Carpenter, Cumberland Co.
- 5:45 p.m. "When is a Cow More Than a Cow"/Matthew Creek, Cumberland Co.
- 6:00 p.m. Championship Bid Calling Contest

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Stage 2

- 8:30 a.m. School Demonstrations for Agricultural Education
- 3:30 p.m. Programs from Pennsylvania Schools
- 4:00 p.m. Butterfly Gardens FFA and 4-H Presentations for Milton Hershey School
- 5:00 p.m. Agribility Project Presentation Doug Schauer, Agribility Project Manager, P.S.U.

Thursday, January 15

Stage 1

- 9:00 a.m. Live Birds of Prey/Shaver's Creek Environmental Center
- 10:00 a.m. Old Time Country Folk and Bluegrass Music by Jay Smar
- 11:00 a.m. Flower Fantasy by Ann Radcliff, Master Gardener, Adams Co.
- 12:00 p.m. Old Time Country Folk and Bluegrass Music by Jay Smar

Stage 2

- 10:00 a.m. 3rd Annual Micro-Pong Tournament
- 12:00 p.m. Sponsor - United States Micro-Pong Table Tennis Assn.

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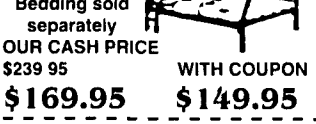
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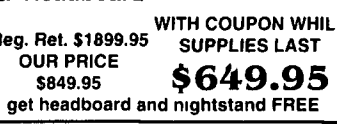
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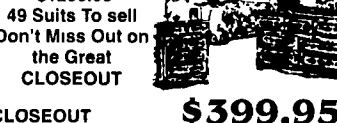
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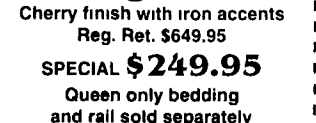
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