

Special Events Herald Opening Of New Horticulture Center

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Horticultural presentations, workshops, and learning activities will all be part of a month-long celebration to mark the official opening of the New Milton Hershey School (MHS) Horticultural Center, March 2-29. Grand Opening Month for the new Center will kick off with a small ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school community and invited guests on Monday, March 2, at 2:45 p.m.

The celebration will culminate with a two-day public open house on Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, 12 noon - 5:00 p.m. The public is invited

to attend the open house, which will feature a number of special presentations and demonstrations by state and local horticultural experts. Topics will include "Planting and Growing Trees," Herbs: Planting and Using," "Butterflies," "Natural Landscapes," "Fun with Honey Bees," as well as many others.

Throughout the month of march, MHS students will tour the new horticultural center with their houseparents and will participate in a variety of hands-on horticultural activities. Learning projects will focus on a different theme each week, including "Planting Spring Inside," "Planting

Annuals," "Plants from Plants," and "Special Flowers for Special People."

"Planting Spring Inside" will provide opportunities for students to learn more about the growing cycle of paperwhite narcissus bulbs. During "Planting Annuals" week, students will plant containers of annual flowers to present to their guests during the School's Winter

Family Reflections family weekend at the end of March. The "Plants from Plants" activity will enable students to propagate a new plant from an existing one. In the "Special Plants for Special People" workshop, students will design and produce simple floral arrangements.

The new Horticultural Center, one of four MHS AEE

Learning Centers, includes compartmentalized and age-appropriate greenhouses, classrooms, administrative offices, and an activity room for workshops, seminars, and special events. AEE Learning Centers are linked to the School's curriculum through a variety of means, including 4-H projects, work experiences, and interdisciplinary lessons.

4-H Extravaganza To Feature Miss Pennsylvania

DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — Meet Miss Pennsylvania, learn how to improve your skills, and learn more about 4-H by attending the second Annual Extension Extravaganza at the Dauphin County Ag and Natural Resources Center on Saturday, February 28, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Miss Pennsylvania, Heather Nicole Busin, will be the featured luncheon speaker. Throughout the day participants will taste test and see how to make delicious healthy snacks, make a craft using basic design principles, learn techniques for improving your self esteem, and find out what the judges look for when evaluating projects.

All 4-H'ers, 4-H leaders, and young people interested in home economics are encouraged to attend. The event is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension's 4-H Home Economics com-

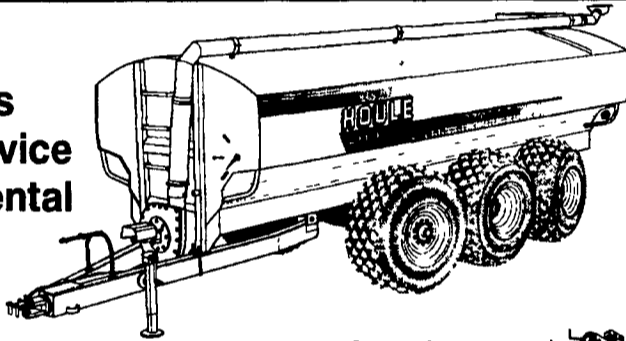
mittee and is open to anyone interested in home economics programs. Cost is \$6 per person and pre-registration is required. Contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at (717) 921-8803 for registration information.



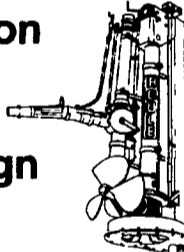
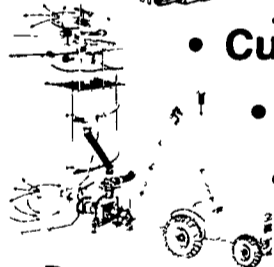
Open house festivities at the new Milton Hershey Horticulture Center will feature a variety of presentations by horticultural experts.

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