

Baskets Highlight Locust Grove Country Auction

SMOKETOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Longaberger baskets, antique glass and ceramic baskets, handcrafted baskets, class theme baskets, basket motifs on wallhangings and art, gift baskets, and even French fry baskets highlighting the 24th annual Locust Grove Mennonite School Country Auction and Chicken Barbecue on Friday,

July 17 and Saturday, July 18.

This year's auction offers an array of baskets, an original painting by David Brumbach, and the annual variety of art and handcrafts, quilt and wall hangings, antique and collectibles, and more. On Saturday at 10 a.m., basket making will be demonstrated by

Sharon Weinhold, patron of Locust Grove, followed by the auction of specialty baskets.

The Country Auction begins at 7 p.m., Friday, July 17, featuring class theme baskets, patron and business gift certificates, beanie babies, and select antiques.

Saturday, July 18, the Country Auction begins at 8

a.m. featuring specialty baskets at 10:30 a.m., quilts & wallhangings at 11 a.m., art and handcraft items at 12:30 p.m. and antiques & collectibles at 2 p.m. The art collection can be previewed Friday, July 17, at Locust Grove Mennonite School.

For milk bottle collectors, this year's collection of antiques and collectibles offer an excellent array of milk bottles such as C. H. Harnish, Wengerts, Aaron Stoltzfus, Glick's/Smoketown, Malloy's/Shenandoah, and many more.

The antiques category also includes depression glass, Fenton Opalescent Cranberry Hobnail candlesticks and bud vase, Wedgewood plate, Fostoria candy dish, Hull basket planter, a Dazy 4 quart butter churn, mahogany veneer sleigh bed frame, and many other items.

Other highlights of the auction include; tickets for a variety of Phillies games, a green mountain sugar maple tree from Root's Nursery, a handcrafted dollhouse by Benjamin Brubaker, and a handcrafted antique car by David N. Thomas.

As in other years, the Country Auction also features a delicious variety of homemade

foods beginning with the tempting aroma of Chicken Barbecue on Friday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., an assortment of foods will be available including pork barbecue.

On Saturday, wake up at 7 a.m. to the taste of a country breakfast including made to order omelets, pancakes, fresh fruit cups, and bagels with gourmet cream cheese. Throughout the day, Stoltzfus' Meats sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, pork barbecue, french fries, ice cream, baked goods, and more will be available to curb your hunger.

Children and adults can enjoy the antics of Shenanigans, a balancing and juggling act on Friday at 6:15 p.m. The Children's Fun Festival will be held on Friday, July 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include games, water activities, videos, popcorn, and more.

Join the fun at the Country Auction & Chicken Barbecue located at Locust Grove Mennonite School, on Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340), four miles east of Lancaster. For more information, please call the school at (717) 394-7107.

Precautions Can Deliver Homeowners From Flies

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — If you think your house is plagued with flies this year, consider this. If a pair of houseflies began mating on the first day of summer and every member of every generation of offspring survived and reproduced at the maximum rate, the resulting fly

population would cover the Earth three feet deep by the first day of fall!

So Charles Pitts, professor of entomology in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Pitts, an expert on livestock pests, says that flies seem to be getting worse in the eastern United States.

Pitts explains that the life cycle of a house fly is perfectly suited for life as a summer pest. "Their cycle is temperature-driven," he says. "The warmer it is, the shorter the time it takes for the fly to develop. In the summer, a new generation can develop every 10 days."

Each female fly lays about 300 eggs, half of which will be female. "If conditions are right, a fly population can explode rapidly," Pitts says. Flies also can survive the winter in all stages of development. In fact, flies continue to develop during winter although at a much slower rate.

Certain flies can become active in homes during winter, if there is a warm-temperature breeding area around the house. "This can occur if the homeowners has horses or other animals near the house," he says.

For example, the cluster fly and the face fly will seek winter shelter in houses as adults. The cluster fly is a particular nuisance in fall, when large groups of the insects seek out homes to wait out the winter. "They usually stay in the attic, but these flies will come down into the house if it gets too cold," Pitts says.

Pitts says the best way homeowners can combat flies is to make the outside of your house as inhospitable as possible.

Compost piles must be properly managed. "Some people throw stuff in the backyard and call it a compost pile," Pitts says. "Compost piles must be turned and tended to prevent insects from being a nuisance."

Pick up all pet manure and dispose of it, preferably by burying it. "Manure piles are the perfect breeding grounds for flies," Pitts says.

Hardware stores and farm-supply stores sell traps equipped with bait to lure flies. "Don't put these near a door," Pitts warns. "I recommend placing two or three in a semi circle at least 50 yards away from the house."

Don't use an outdoor fly spray. "Most of the time outdoor sprays don't do much good," Pitts says.

Once the flies are indoors, Pitts says you are left to the tried-and-true methods of elimination flyswatters and sticky fly strips still work as well as they did for grandma. If homeowners opt for indoor sprays, Pitts urges savvy shoppers to check the label.

"Indoor spray labels should say 'For flies and insects' and list natural pyrethrins as an ingredient. Natural pyrethrins come from the chrysanthemum plant and are safe to use indoors," Pitts says. "If the label reads 'Pyrethroid' compounds, the spray shouldn't be used inside."

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House flies are active all year in the northeastern U.S., even surviving winter in all stages of development. Fly populations can explode rapidly depending on conditions and temperature, causing potential health risks.

TIPS...

- **Compost piles must be properly managed.** Compost must be turned and tended to help prevent insects from becoming a nuisance
- **Pick up and dispose of all pet and other animal manure, preferably by burying it.** Manure piles are perfect as pest breeding areas
- **Stop insects before they get inside your home.** Use bait or lure insect traps outside your house. Don't place traps near doors—install 2 or 3 traps at least 50 yards from your house
- **Don't use outdoor fly sprays.** Most outdoor sprays don't do much good and may even harm beneficial insects

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4-H HAPPENINGS

Progressive Clovers 4-H Club

The monthly meeting of the Progressive Clovers 4-H Club was held May 11, at Baust Parish House in Tyrone, Md.

The program for the evening was on poultry. The program focused on your favorite way to fix eggs, followed by the following 4-H'ers who brought in their chickens and gave a brief description of the breed and history: Matt Carman, Cornish Bantams, Amy Ridinger, Buff Brahma Bantams, Jason Ridinger, Brown Leghorn, Lauren Harris, Rhode Island Red, and Heather Harris, crossbreed.

Dr. Ediger from the Maryland State Lab in Frederick, Md., spoke about poultry diseases and breeds.

Members of Progressive Clovers 4-H Club recently took a

field trip to Catcoctin Mountain Growers to a large greenhouse outside of Detour, Md.; They have four acres under roof. The last greenhouse they put up came from Holland and was put up by a crew from Holland. It's the only greenhouse of its kind in North America.

Jackson Pin Thimblers 4-H Club Meeting

Abralyn Stone opened the June 17 meeting of the Jackson Pin Thimblers 4-H meeting. Tami Glover's pet hedgehog, brought for show-and-tell, greeted each member.

A thank-you note from Shannon Wallace was read concerning the pillows that the club gave her for college. The members reached the decision of attending the firemen's parade.



Tiffany Ann Dunkle, daughter of Tanya and Chad Dunkle of Mifflinburg, was named the June Dairy Baby by the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotional Committee. Tiffany was born at the Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, on June 1. SUN Area Dairy Princess Jodi Musser and Linda Fisher, chairwoman of the committee, made the presentation.



SUN Area Dairy Princess Jodi Musser met with Union County Commissioners W. Max Bossert, left, Ruth Zimmerman, and Harry Vansickle, when they signed a proclamation, proclaiming June Dairy Month. In observance of the event, the dairy princess served milk punch and cheese in the Union County Courthouse.