



**On Being a
Farm Wife**
(and other
hazards)
Joyce Bupp



**Fayette Countywide
4-H Beef Club
To Reorganize**

The Fayette Countywide 4-H Beef Club will be reorganizing for the 1999 project year Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Building at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Youth between the ages of 8 to 19 are eligible to actively par-

ticipate in the 4-H program sponsored and conducted by Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Any youth interested in participating in the beef club will have options focused on breeding animals and/or market steers. 4-H beef club members will learn how to properly select, house, feed and otherwise manage a beef type animal(s), including marketing.

Youth also will learn leadership skills by being a member of the 4-H Beef Club. Public speaking, parliamentary procedure, problem solving, decision making, public relations, and cooperation are just some of the skills 4-H members can learn if they are involved in the 4-H program.

For potential 4-H members who desire to maintain a market steer project, animals must be purchased prior to November so all members can participate in the annual 4-H Market Steer weigh-in, usually held the first Saturday in November.

For more information, contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (724) 438-0111.

**Horse Enthusiasts Invited to
Hooftalk Clinic**

Area veterinarians, 4-H horse club leaders, stable managers, farriers, and 4-H club members are invited to attend a "Hooftalk Clinic" scheduled this month in Northampton County at Willowbrook Farm.

More specifically, Lyle E. 'Bergy' Bergeleen, president of Hooftalk, Inc., a West coast farrier and author to two manuals and two videotapes on hoof care, will conduct two clinics addressing hoof care and horse lameness. He will focus his talk/clinic on finding natural balance to prevent horse lameness. He also will discuss hoof and horse balance asymmetry compensation and navicular syndrome.

The clinic on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. is offered specifically for horse owners, 4-H leaders and 4-H members and stable managers. The cost of the clinic is \$20.00 per person.

The second clinic on Friday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is offered specifically for farriers and horse veterinarians. The cost of this clinic is \$30 per person.

Both of these clinics are being sponsored by Willowbrook Farm and the Penn State Cooperative Extension and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

**FALL HAS FELL...er,
FALL'N**

October's here
And brings much change
Our setting now
We rearrange.

The summer stuff
Needs put away
'Cause cooler weather's
Here to stay.

Dig the dahlias
Yank the screens
Root through drawers
For warmer jeans.

Stack the lawn chairs
In the shed
Tuck flannel sheets
Upon the bed.

Shell the sunflowers
Store the 'taters,
Gather up
those last tomatoes.

Scrub storm windows
Wash the curtains
They sure need it
That's for certain.

Those "sticky tapes"
Can now come down
The calf barn flies
Are leaving town.

Cornfields are brown
And soybeans yellow
Each farmer's a
Very busy fellow.

The combines hum
Into the night
To harvest crops
When they're just right.

Our neighbors' lawns
Sport smould'ring leaves
Their smoke wafts by
On gentle breeze.

The flowers are blooming
In one last fling
To set their seed
For another spring.

These chilly evenings
Sit and rock a bit
Trade the iced tea
For hot chocolate.

A "V" of geese
Flaps past the moon
Foretelling what's to come....
Too soon.

This IS my favorite
Time of year
Fall isn't coming....
It's already here.

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