

Tour Features 15 Inns

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and enchanting primitive folk art by Pat Irwin.

• **Mellinger Manor, 1300 Breman Rd., Conestoga,** is an 1893 Victorian (Edwardian) mansion. A four-story round turret and many other special features are found throughout. It's a true-to-life "doll house."

• **B. F. Hiestand House, 722 East Market Street, Marietta,** has the splendor of a High-Queen-Anne-style Victorian home built by a wealthy Marietta lumber company in 1888. Stained glass windows, coffered mahogany ceiling, and crown moldings will transport you back to a bygone era. Marietta artist Suzanne Satterfield will show her work in progress and discuss techniques in producing realistic paintings of county scenes.

• **The Noble House, 113 W. Market St., Marietta,** is a stepback to yesteryear. The 1810 Federal-style brick townhouse has living room pieces dating from 1854. The dining room table is laden with china, crystal, and silver in preparation for holiday guests. A first-floor room is furnished in a 1950s Pullman car. Ed Klimuska will be on hand to autograph his book, "Lancaster County: A Pictorial Guide."

• **The River Inn, 258 W. Front St., Marietta,** is a 200-year-old home decorated with a Colonial touch. Trees, natural decorations, a Santa collection, and working fireplaces create a charming inn.

• **Lavender Patch Inn, 190 Longenecker Ave., Marietta,** will have Charles and Catherine Dick-

ens in costume to greet guests. Victorian ladies dressed complete with bustle, hat, and gloves enjoying tea in the Victorian tea room will fascinate guests. The home features decorative wall, floor, and furniture painting.

• **The Trolley Track Inn, 457 S. Main St., Manheim,** is a turn-of-the-century inn with ornate fretwork, inlaid hardwood floors, antique fireplace mantel, and Tiffany-style lamp. See a Santa display, an angel collection, Dicken's Heritage Village, Victorian trees, and live keyboard music. Shirley Bischoff in Cloister costume will demonstrate scherenschnitte.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event from any participating inn.

For more information, call (717) 394-5251.

Christmas Wreaths

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"We have an advantage over Michigan," Rick points out. "They have to get their trees out before bad weather sets in and that's a lot earlier than it is here."

Trees that are not brokered to the big city are sold in a "you cut" plan.

"People have a field day cutting their trees," laughs LeAnn. "They bring the dog, the kids, and a video camera. Sometimes they call us to meet them at the farm at 5 p.m. when they get off work. It's dark that time of year and they pick a tree with a flashlight."

Rick takes his vacation and LeAnn hopes for a down time at her regular job at Juniata Recreation during the Christmas tree season.

"It's pretty hectic from November through mid-December," Rick says. "But, then, it's all over for another week. We can take a break until it's time to start planting, trimming, and fighting insects all over again."



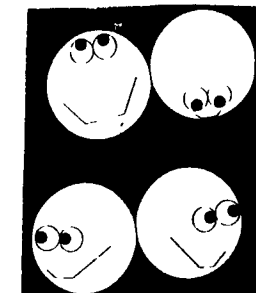
Moniteau FFA

Diane Cockroft of Butler has been nominated to receive the American Degree awarded by the national FFA Organization.

This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, and service programs. Cockroft was scheduled to receive the degree at the 71st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Only one in 231 FFA members have advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree. Cockroft, daughter of Frank and Karen Cockroft, is attending Slippery Rock University and majoring in parks and recreation. She is a member of the Moniteau FFA chapter and her agricultural education instructor and FFA adviser is David Adams.

Each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate. The degree recognition program is cosponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa; the agricultural products division of American Cyanamid Company of Parsippany, N.J. Case Corporation of Racine, Wisc. and the Farm Credit System of Denver, Colo. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.



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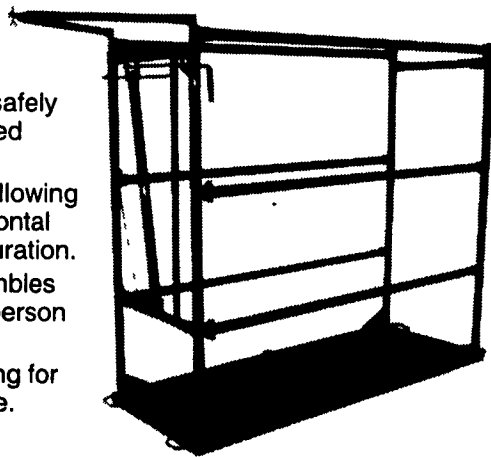


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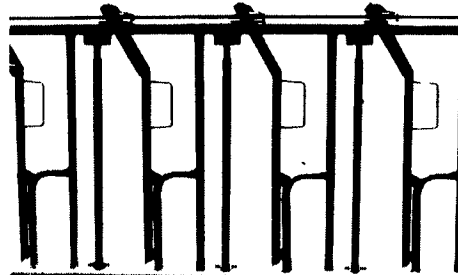
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