

Rib Eye Ultrasound Demonstration At Willow Creek

WOMELSDORF (Berks Co.) — The Berks County 4-H Beef Club is to tour the Willow Creek Animal Hospital, 7:30 p.m., April 26.

The highlight of the event is to

be an ultrasound demonstration by Dr. Lenora Sammons. The ultrasound is to show the rib-eye area and back fat on a dairy heifer.

This new technique is an important way of showing what a market

animal's carcass is going to look like, without killing it. At many national shows, live market animals are being ultrasounded and judged in carcass classes.

Ultrasounds are also important for cow/calf operations. Ultrasounds of calves growing inside the cow have been taken to show possible multiple births, or how far along the gestation is, or genetic birth defects.

The Berks County 4-H Beef Club members will be getting information on how technology, like ultrasound, is improving cattle operations across the nation.

Members will be talking to the large animal veterinarians while on a tour of the clinic. They will be discussing how they perform operations for various reasons, store medicines, do tests, and how they make decisions on what type of treatment the animals need.

Dr. Lenora Sammons will be talking with members about how the clinic operates.

"Members truly will be having a wonderful experience visiting the clinic and seeing the ultrasound demonstration," said Emilie Miller, a sixth-year member of the club and a cattle producer in Tulpehocken Township.

"I was pleased Dr. Sammons agreed to host this event. I learned about this technique when I

showed my Hereford steer at a junior national show in Fort Worth, Texas, and appreciated knowing how he compared to the other steers at the show without having to go to slaughter."

Miller and club member Matt Manbeck organized the ultrasound meeting.



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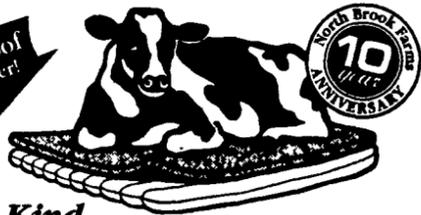
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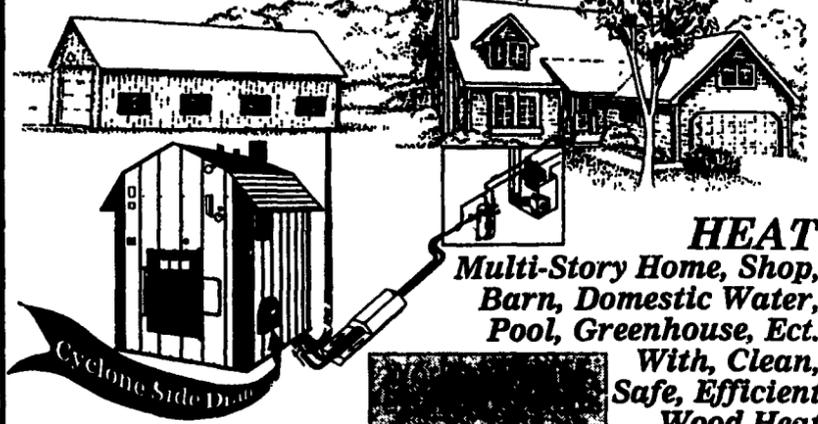
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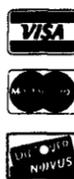
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