



For Christmas, I gave my sisters and our children big pictures of the Shreiner Conestoga wagon. Our daughter used her computer to print the names of the people on the picture. I was about 10 when the picture was taken to be published in a book on Conestoga wagon. My three times great-grandfather, John Michael Shreiner,

used the wagon to haul wheat to Philadelphia before the Revolutionary War.

When our children come home they tell me to mark my dishes in the corner cupboard as they can't remember what I tell them. Even I can't remember from where some of them came. Some have been in the family while others were

bought at public auctions.

The other week I tackled a job that I had been putting off for months. When my husband picks his elderberries, I put them in freezer boxes and store them. The idea is to make jelly in the winter when I'm not busy with garden things.

Well, when they were boiling, I stood at the stove and watched the kettle of purple juice. As I glanced away for a moment the juice rose to the top of the six-quart kettle and despite my lifting it off the burner, it kept boiling over the edge.

It did not seem possible that this happened but it did. So, I had to spend 45 minutes cleaning the whole top of the stove. It is one of those jobs, like making raspberry jelly, that you only want to do once a year.



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

Or, you may e-mail questions and answers to lgood.eph@lfpnews.com

Please clarify what question you are answering when responding.

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New York State Dairy Princess Pageant, ADADC Annual Meeting Scheduled Feb. 22-23

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. (ADADC), announces the annual New York State Dairy Princess Pageant to be held on Tuesday, February 22, and its annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 23, at the Holiday Inn, 7th North Street, in Liverpool, N.Y.

Festivities begin on Tuesday with a milk punch reception at 5 p.m. and a banquet at 6 p.m. County dairy princesses from throughout the state will compete to be the 2000-2001 New York State Dairy Princess (currently Joanna DeBlock, Orange County, New York). An ADADC 1999 Program Presentation will high-

light the "got milk?" advertising campaign and the promotional contributions of the Consumer Promotions, Nutrition Education, and Communications work groups. On Wednesday, ADADC's annual meeting will begin at 8 a.m. The agenda includes financial, advertising, and program updates.

The pageant culminates two days of judging for the contestants. The judges will be looking for the young women who most effectively promote milk and dairy products, based on a personal interview, impromptu and prepared adult speeches, and informal interaction with others. Though only one state princess

and two alternates will be selected as state representatives for the dairy industry, promotion is a team effort, and all county dairy princesses and their courts are important in increasing milk and dairy product consumption.

In addition to the three state representatives who will receive awards of \$1,200, \$700, and \$600 respectively, awards will also be presented to three girls in each of the following categories: adult speeches, written communications, and product knowledge. In addition, three girls will receive a public relations award, designed to recognize special-events efforts at the local county level. "Miss Congeniality" will be selected

from the contestants and recognized as the dairy princess who demonstrates the most friendliness and cooperative spirit of competition.

Two college students will receive the ADADC Memorial Scholarship and Leo Briggs Memorial Scholarship. Both \$500 scholarships are based on grade point average, extracurricular activities, future plans, and a 400-word essay discussing the applicant's commitment to a career in the dairy industry.

The Robert S. Turner Promoter of the Year Award will be presented to the county that has done an outstanding job promoting milk and dairy products. Selection is based on the number and types of promotional activities conducted by the 1998-1999 county dairy princesses and their courts.

Finally, a Golden Cow Award will be presented to an adult county dairy promotion committee member, as recognition for outstanding service and dedication to local dairy promotion in New York State.

Banquet tickets are \$20 per person and must be reserved by Friday, February 7. Make checks payable to ADADC and mail to: Deborah Mathers, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., 219 South West St., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202-1205.

The Holiday Inn is located directly across from exit 37 of the New York State Thruway. From Route 81 North or South, take exit 25-Seventh North Street. Go to the end of the ramp and take a right. The hotel will be straight ahead at the "T" (one mile).

'Passing On The Farm' Workshop

MARTINSBURG (Blair Co.) — Who will be the next generation of farmers? "According to the 1997 Census, 17 percent of Pennsylvania's farm operators are age 70 or older. Potential replacement farmers, under age 35, make up only 8 percent of our total number of farm operators.

"At least one-quarter and as high as one-half of our farms could change hands in the next 15 years. How we address this problem will affect agriculture in Pennsylvania for generations to come," said Farm Link Director Marion Bowlan.

To help farmers and potential farmers plan for the succession of

their farm business to the next generation, Pennsylvania Farm Link sponsors workshops that provide information for farmers on the decision-making process needed for a successful farm transfer. It is never too early to begin this process.

The fifth workshop in the "Passing on the Farm" series for this winter will be Feb. 10 at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, in Martinsburg, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Information on business planning, loan resources, legal issues in a transfer, start-up strategies, how to bring the next generation into the farm business, record

keeping, and estate planning will be presented.

Participating agencies and individuals include Pennsylvania Farm Link, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Farm Credit, Farm Service Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, estate planners, attorneys, and local farmers.

Call Farm Link at (717) 664-7077 by Feb. 3 to register for this workshop or to obtain information on this or other programs. Lunch will be served at the restaurant at a cost of \$8. The Cove is located on South Walnut Street in Martinsburg off Rte. 164.

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