

Wayne County Farmer Sees Volunteering As Crucial Part Of His Dairy Operation

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many organizations, including the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, Wayne County Extension Board, Wayne County Fair Board, Wayne County Ag Preservation Board, and as a 4-H leader. He currently serves as local chairman for the Wayne County DHIA.

"One of the things I work hard at as the local chairman is to always have a full delegation from Wayne County attend the DHIA district meetings," said Dix. "I usually get on the phone and call other farmers to make sure they'll be there."

Getting full representation from all the counties to attend local district meetings is something that the DHIA struggles to do. Wayne County always has three farmers at the meetings to participate in the voting procedure.

Honored as a 1989 Master Farmer, Dix not only volunteers

to serve on the boards of these agriculture organizations, he also encourages other farmers to get involved.

He served as a past director of both the state and county Holstein Association before stepping down to let younger farmers take over the leadership role. He also passed down his duties as a 4-H leader to both his son Charles and daughter-in-law Kathryn.

Dix is very active in his church, the Pleasant Mountain United Methodist Church. He serves as chairman for the administration committee and has been certified as a lay speaker for the United Methodist Church.

Dix greatly appreciates the many people who were involved in nominating him for the Clyde Robison Award, from his county agent Edward Pruss who nominated him to the state DHIA Board of Directors who honored him at last week's meeting.

Dix has been a member of Pennsylvania DHIA for many years. He uses it as a management tool to monitor his herd's production and make management decisions.

"It's an excellent tool to see how profitable individual cows are," said Dix. "Farmers who don't use DHIA are just guessing."

Dix handles overall herd management on Ellday Farms, while his wife takes care of feeding the calves and managing calf care.

According to Dix, farming is something that you have to enjoy doing, especially with the current depressed milk price.

Not only does Dix enjoy farming, he also enjoys getting involved and taking advantage of the leadership opportunities that farming offers. The agriculture industry has benefited tremendously from this enjoyment.

Tour Pa.'s Professional Horse Farms Open House

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—A dozen professional stables in the southeastern quadrant of Pennsylvania will open their doors to the public for the seventh annual Pennsylvania Horse Farms Open House Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9.

The Open House is a chance for both active and would-be equestrians to visit a variety of Pennsylvania's professional horse farms, to learn about various breeds and styles of riding, about raising, caring for and training horses, and to explore the many opportunities for getting involved with horses right in their own backyards.

The event, produced by Pennsylvania Equestrian and sponsored by Cargill Nutrena Feeds, is free and self-guided, and individuals travel from stable to stable in their own vehicles. The farms are open to visitors from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Again this year a number of

stables will invite visitors to take a sample riding lesson, trail ride, or pony ride.

In addition to riding a horse, visitors to the open house can visit a petting zoo, audit a dressage clinic conducted by a nationally-known trainer and author, and watch a quadrille (four riders performing in unison). Demonstrations of the latest horseshoeing and round pen training techniques will be conducted, along with sessions on saddle fitting, genetics, showmanship, natural horsemanship, and foal imprinting.

Visitors can take a break from the horses and enjoy bagpipe music, a Native American dance troupe, and dog obedience and clicker training demonstrations. Nearly every farm will offer refreshments, and a number will have vendors onsite for visitors who want to do a little shopping.

Many stables will have young foals to enjoy. Visitors will be

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ADADC Kicks Off

SYRACUSE, NY—With millennium hype reaching maximum density, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., (ADADC) took the opportunity to remind consumers of one fact that remains true in any century—the importance of milk in a growing child's diet.

"Nutrition for the Next Millennium" is the newest in a series of colorful school posters ADADC has produced for school cafeterias. It features a family looking to the moonlight sky and noticing how much the Big Dipper constellation looks like a carton of milk. More than 11,000 posters were distributed to schools, K-12, throughout the marketing area.

School posters are just one of the ways ADADC works with school food service directors to improve milk's image as well as its quality and variety. This fall, the largest school districts in ADADC's marketing area—including New York City, Long Island, Yonkers, Newark, Jersey City, Syracuse City, Rochester, Buffalo, and Greece—received special "got milk?" menu marketing kits, consisting of a "got

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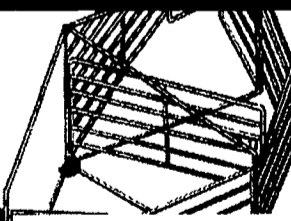
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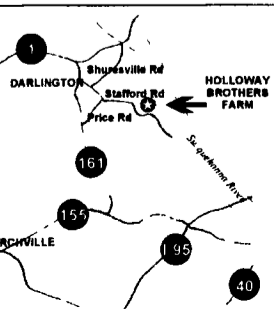
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