

As we humans go about our daily labors and responsibilities, most of us relentlessly watch for that which makes our jobs easier, more efficient, more productive. Laborsaving devices, if you will.

Well, mebbe.

Our house has 'em. No doubt yours does too. Society's eager embrace of laborsaving devices, gadgets and gimmicks has developed whole new industries, sometimes spiraling creative inventors of them into the 10-figure personal wealth level.

Not having a "real" job which gives me a paid holiday off this weekend, I always find myself relating Labor Day to this new, improved stuff which makes our lives less complicated.

One of our early laborsavers in the kitchen was the dishwasher. Which turned up — more or less under an early Christmas tree of ours in response to my adamant refusal to return to a tractor seat before the lunch dishes were cleaned up and put away. To this day, I dislike a sinkful of dirty dishes, but you can hide them very effectively in a dishwasher.

A microwave oven followed not too many years later, serving us faithfully until just a few years ago, when it nuked itself into oblivion. Most interesting is that it's replacement cost a fraction of the first one.

That is one particularly rewarding side of modern laborsavers. Mass production technology — and cheaper electronics — puts them within the reach of most households, another reason to

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celebrate Labor (saving devices) Day.

On the down side, if you will, we have few excuses for not getting all this stuff done. Stuff we maybe never even knew we needed to do or have before and now can't live without.

Like e-mail, faxing, VCR's voice messaging, pagers, and trying to respond to bombardment with more information than we have time to sort out. Not to mention having to learn to "program" even the simplest things, like a wrist watch.

No doubt, probably the largest labor management leap came when computerization crossed society's threshold. And today's brain "chips" have enabled downsizing bulky, backbreakers with just a few megs of memory to palm sized pieces with the storage space of a small library. Now we can take it all with us, even when what we really need more than anything is to get away from it all.

Just last week, after hooking up parts, plugs and assorted pieces of plastic attachments. I re-programmed myself to operate a new fax machine. Our first well-used one had begun drawing long black lines on each sheet it received or sent before finally giving up the ghost. Like others, we've gone from barely being acquainted with the word "facsimile" to not being able to live without a push-button, life-sizedversion of it to transport instant information.

Not to mention the most perhaps — ubiquitous develop-

Lancaster Announces Goat Roundup Results

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Following are the results of the recent Lancaster County 4-H Goat Roundup.

NON-SELLING MARKET GOAT Lightweight preview market goats: 1. Rachel Keener. 2 Amanda Grube. 3. Britta-

Middleweight preview market goats 1. Brian Geib. 2 Bethany Keener. 3. Joel

Light heavyweight preview market goats 1 Stephen Geib. 2. Nathan Eisenhower 3 Tyler Esh.

ment of all laborsaving improvements: the mobile phone. And while farmers adopt technology at a fairly fast rate — even while poking fun at it, mobile phones have proved as much a boon to agriculture as milking machines, GPS crop-tracking and round balers. I can actually track down The Farmer when he is off-site and some critical component like a dead water pump or milking system glitch — develops and needs to be fixed now.

That, friends, is real progress.

The Farmer still chuckles about one day, not too long after I equipped him with a mobile phone for my peace of mind, when he realized he been shoved into a new level of accessibility. Picking up supplies, he was somewhat inwardly laughing at folks walking through the supply establishment talking on their cell phones. Until his rang with a message that a bearing had out on some piece of equipment at home and could he please pick one up on his way home.

Reality is, we got along for years without all this "stuff," and could again. If we had to. But the booming sales of new, improved, laborsaving gadgetry screams loud and clear — that it isn't going to happen.

However, in observance of Labor Day, and really taking a little time to relax, excuse me while I unplug some of it for at least an hour or two.

Heavy heavyweight preview market goats: 1. Stephen Geib. 2. Jessica Esh. 3.

GRAND CHAMPION Stephen Geib RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Stephen Geib **SELLING MARKET GOATS**

Light selling market goats: 1. Jennie Ream. 2 Kyle Ream. 3. Carolyn Kensinger. GRAND CHAMPION

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Kyle Ream
OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT Stephen Geib OVERALL RESERVE
GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT

Stephen Geib BREEDING GOAT Grade: 1. Jennie Ream. 2. Bethany

Keener. 3. Rachel Keener. Champion: Jennie Ream

Alpine buck kids: 1. Jennie Ream. 2. Champion champion Alpine buck: Jennie

Reserve champion champion Alpine buck: Jennie Ream.

Alpine doe kids: 1. Jennie Ream. 2. Kyle

Alpine doe kids: 1. Kyle Ream. Alpine mature does two years and older: 1. Jennie Ream.

Champion champion Alpine doe: Jennie

Reserve champion champion Alpine doe: Jennie Ream.

Meat breeds doe kids (never kidded): 1

Meat breeds mature does two years and older: 1. Rachel Keener. 2 Rachel Keener 3. Jennie Ream

Champion champion meat breeds doe. Rachel Keener.

Reserve champion champion meat

breeds doe: Rachel Keener **GRAND CHAMPION** Jennie Ream SHOWMANSHIP

Junior division I (8- and 9-year-olds): 1. Joel Geib. 2. Stephen Geib.

Intermediate division (10 to 12-year-olds): 1. Kyle Ream. 2. Bethany Keener. 3 Brittany Becker.

Senior division (13 and 18-year-olds). 1. Jennie Ream. 2. Amanda Grube. 3. Rachel

Champion showman: Jennie Ream. Reserve champion showman: Amanda

Elizabethtown Fair **Goat Show Results**

MARKET GOAT SHOW Selling division (lightweight): 1. Nate Ei-

senhower. 2. Amanda Grube. Selling division (medium weight): 1. Brian

Geib. 2. Carolyn Kensinger. 3. Joel Geib. Selling division (heavyweight): 1. Stephen Gelb. 2. Rachel Keener. 3. Bethany

Champion: Stephen Geib. Reserve champion: Brian Gelb. NON-SELLING DIVISION

Lightweight: 1. Amanda Grube. 2. Carolyn Kensinger. 3. Marietta Ulrich. Medium weight: 1. Rachel Keener. 2. Jennie Ream. 3. Nate Eisenhower

Heavyweight: 1. Stephen Geib. 2. Bethany Keener. 3. Amanda Grube. Champion: Stephen Geib.

Reserve champion: Amanda Grube.
BREEDING GOAT SHOW Alpines champion: Jennie Ream.

Alpines reserve champion: Jennie Ream. LaMancha champion: Amanda Grube. LaMancha reserve champion: Amanda

Nubian champion: Ton Whitehaus.

Nubian reserve champion: Tori Whitehaus.

Sannen champion: Cynthia Foulke reserve champion: Rebecca Saanen **Foulke**

Toggenburg champion: Jennie Ream. Toggenburg reserve champion: Amanda Crossbred champion: Kyle Ream.

Crossbred reserve champion: Champion show: Jennie Ream.

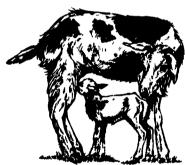
Reserve champion show: Amanda **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

16 years and up: 1. Amanda Grube. 2

Ken Ulrich. 3. Jason Ulrich. 13-15 years: 1. Kyle Ream. 2. Bethany Keener. 3. Brian Geib.

9 and under: 1. 1. Stephen Geib. 2. Jacqueline Foulke. 3. Julie Whithaus.

Champion showman: Amanda Grube



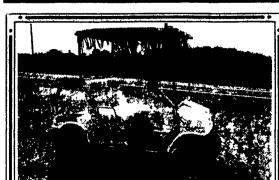




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