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## 10th Annual Horse Farms Open House To Showcase Area Stables

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**REINHOLDS** (Lancaster Co.) — The steady sound of horses' hooves have grown louder over the years at D-Bar-W Stables Equestrian Center.

Louder, because of the increased number of horses boarded there — from 20 horses at the beginning to the 68 horses now housed on the 100-acre property.

Louder, because of the additional barns — now three in all, which allow for the increase.

Louder, because of a new arena — a recently-completed 100- by 200-foot indoor area that gives riders all-year riding opportunities.

These filled-to-capacity barns and training facility, which also includes a lighted outdoor grand prix ring, are the result of many years in the horse business for Dave Weber.

The operation is a part of the Horse Farms Open House which will take place April 6 and 7 and cover the central Pennsylvania area. Read more about the event at the end of this story.

Dave, who grew up on the former beef and poultry farm, began boarding horses while he was in high school.

After he graduated, the number of boarded horses jumped from 20 to 30 and has continued to grow. Today, 55

horses are boarded on the farm, 10 horses are on the premises for Dave to train, and the remainder are personal horses.

Dave and Alexandra, who

comes from Germany and is enjoying the horse business, are joined by children Tyler, 9; Emily, 7; Jacquelyn, 5; Layne, 3; and Madelyn, 9 months. The

family lives onsite.

The older children are involved in the Central Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo organization, a growing program, said Alexan-

dra.

Although English and dressage disciplines are the most popular at the stables, "we want to be known as an equestrian center," said Alexandra, "catering to the performance horse and rider. We welcome other disciplines as well as hunter/jumper and dressage," she said.

"No matter how you use your horse..." said Alexandra.

"...you can feel welcome here," Dave finished.

"Everybody has their own niche," said Alexandra.

"One of the goals in developing the facility was to have well-rounded, year-round riding and training facility," said Dave.

With the new arena, 6-8 people can ride comfortably at the same time in the large arena, plus all-weather footing in the outdoor arena allows for riding outdoors even during wet conditions.

Future plans include a heated viewing room for parents to watch their child's lessons, a breezeway to connect the arena to the nearby barn, and bleachers also for observation.

The arena has provided riders with a consistent area for riding lessons, besides providing the opportunity for D-Bar-W to host clinics.

The insulated arena has a cathedral ceiling with five-foot wall lights and a computerized (Turn to Page A35)



Dave and Alexandra Weber are joined by children Madelyn, 9 months; Tyler, 9; Layne, 3; Jacquelyn, 5; and Emily, 7 (astride pony), at D-Bar-W Stables Equestrian Center, Reinholds. The facility is one of 22 horse farms on the upcoming Horse Farms Open House April 6-7. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

## Ethanol Planners Get Green Light From Study

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**YORK** (York Co.) — A south-central Pennsylvania ethanol project has the "qualifications to move forward," according to the results of a feasibility study released recently.

While ethanol planners should consider risks and proceed "with purposeful deliberation," the study results show

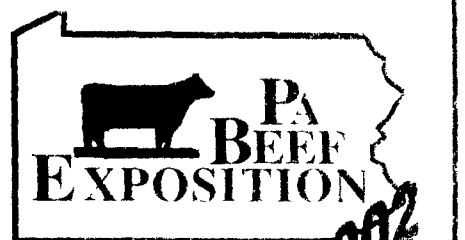
that local ethanol production could be a successful enterprise and a boost to the region's economy, according to Mike Bryan of BBI International, consulting company hired by the York County Economic Development Corporation (YCEDC) last fall to conduct the study.

The study assessed nine sites for a possible ethanol production facility in Adams, Berks,

Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon, and York counties.

Without naming specific locations, Bryan said four of the nine sites scored in the "excellent" range as a potential location for an ethanol facility. The remaining five sites scored in the "good" range.

Choosing the most qualified site is crucial to success, Bryan (Turn to Page A34)



March 28 - 30, 2002  
At The Penn State Ag Arena



H. Andrew Jackson and Family Farm received the 2002 Soil Stewardship Award at the Lancaster County Conservation District's 51st Annual Banquet last week. Pictured are family members, from left, Christine, Randy, Eva, H. Andrew, Andrew, Shirley, Katie, and Troy Jackson. Read about the Jacksons and other conservation award recipients on page A32. Photo by Dave Lefever

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**ETTERS** (York Co.) — If you are interested in the beef industry, this is the place for you.

Once again, quality cattle will compete in the ring while their owners compete in knowledge contests.

As always, sponsors will award scholarships and awards at the banquet. Also beef ambassador interviews, the beef quiz

bowl, Skillathon, performance test bull sale, breed shows and sales, showmanship contests, and the trade show will take place.

The first big event of the show season for cattle exhibitors, the occasion draws competitors from all across Pennsylvania who make the trek to Happy Valley.

It's time for the Pennsylvania (Turn to Page A39)

## Holstein Convention Posts Tours

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — The New Jersey Holstein-Friesian Association (NJH-FA), who will host the national convention here at the Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino June 23-27, has announced its schedule of tours.

The tours include four "block" events, with block 1 of blueberry, cranberry, and horse farms; block 2 a breeder tour; block 3, fishery and dairy loca-

tions; and block 4, nursery, vegetable farm, and other locations.

A more complete listing of events and sign-up forms are included on pages A30-31.

Following is a list of tour descriptions and locations.

New Jersey Agricultural Industry Tours

Short Tour Descriptions

• Atlantic Blueberry Company — Tour #1 and Tour #2

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