

## Seminars Explore Opportunities For Home-Based Businesses

SCRANTON (Lackawanna Co.) — A series of home-based business workshops will be sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Keystone College, and the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center on Monday, April 22 and May 20. All three sessions will be conducted at Keystone College on Rt. 6 and 11 in LaPlume.

"Getting Started In A Home-Based Business" is the first program in the series scheduled for April 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Topics to be covered include getting started in business, developing a game plan, marketing ideas, and networking with successful entrepreneurs. Cost of this program is \$25 per person which includes lunch, speaker fees and materials. Each additional person from the same business may attend for a reduced fee of \$10.

The second workshop, "Business Plan Writing," is scheduled

on Monday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. This session will provide an in-depth, hands-on experience for participants. Attendees will begin writing their business plan during the workshop. Cost of this program is \$25 per person.

The final workshop in the series, "e-Commerce," will be May 20 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. This session will inform participants about the difference between a web presence and e-commerce explore the suitability of a business for the web and e-commerce, discuss whether you should create your own web elements or hire an expert, and much more. The cost of this session is \$25 per person.

For more information or to register for these workshops, contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at (570) 963-6842 by April 12.

## How To Make A Palm Branch Cross

Last year, many people requested a pattern for making a palm branch cross in the *You Ask, You Answer* column. Mrs. Luther Spangler, York Springs, contributed the following pattern, complete with illustrations.

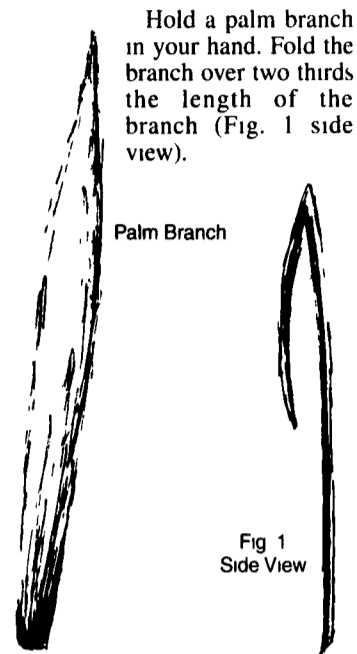


Fig 1 Side View

Hold a palm branch in your hand. Fold the branch over two thirds the length of the branch (Fig. 1 side view).

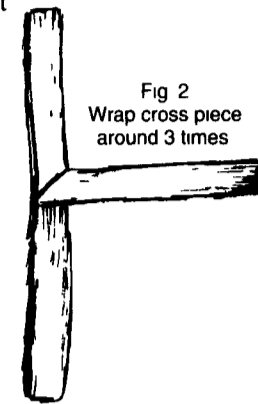


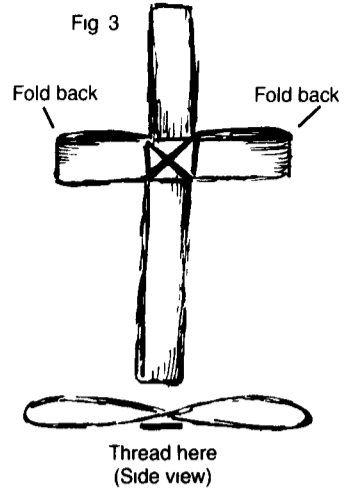
Fig 2 Wrap cross piece around 3 times

Now you will extend the cross piece out from the upright piece at the point where you wrapped the upright three times. About the same length as the upper area of the cross fold the cross piece back to the center (see Fig 3)

Making the cross piece go past the center, fold the branch back to the center

Now take the longer section and fold it up to where the cross arm will be located. Fold this over so the branch has a triangular fold at this point. (see Fig 2).

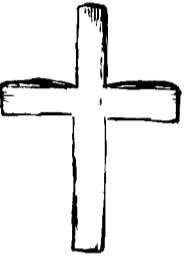
Here you will wrap this cross piece three times around the upright



At the center, fold the branch up and then thread the branch through the wrapping you made at the cross piece.

Wrap this two or three times in order to hold the cross piece firmly to the upright piece

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The committee is seeking young women between the ages of 16 and 24 to serve as the York County Dairy Princess for the 2002-2003 year. All applicants may either live or work on a dairy farm, own 2 dairy animals, or be related to someone in the dairy industry. Anyone who is of dairy princess age but feels that they cannot be the dairy princess may serve as a Dairy Ambassador on the court.

- Girls between the ages of 13-15 may serve on the court as dairy maids
- Dairy Miss and Little Dairy Miss contestants must be between the ages of 5 and 12
- Dairy Princess and Dairy Ambassador contestants are required to give a speech and present a skit at the coronation
- Dairy Maids are required to prepare and present an informational poster
- Dairy Miss & Little Dairy Miss contestants must prepare and present an original poem
- Being on the York County Dairy Princess Court provides an opportunity for tremendous personal growth and a chance to meet many new people
- All contestants must be present at the coronation to be held on June 8 to receive a sash and crown. An informational tea will be held on April 14 at the home of the current dairy princess, Michelle Walker, for anyone interested in being on the court

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