

Arbor Day Observance Set For April 26

SPRING GROVE (York Co.) — Arbor Day will be observed this year in Pennsylvania Friday, April 26. It has been designated by the Legislature to recognize the important part trees, and the products, which come from them, play in maintaining the quality of life Pennsylvanians enjoy.

Even before Arbor Day officially arrives, landowners in south central Pennsylvania have been busy planting thousands of evergreen tree seedlings furnished through Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company's annual cost sharing program.

The program, which has been responsible for the planting of over 19 million seedlings in Pennsylvania since its beginning in 1951, shares the cost of the seedlings.

Landowners in Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder and York counties are eligible to participate.

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company imposes no restrictions of any kind, but since the seedlings were grown in Bureau of Forestry nurseries, landowners must com-

ply with State regulations which prohibit their use for Christmas trees, ornamentals, or windbreaks. All trees become the property of the landowner who decides when they will be harvested.

The Glatfelter company

promotes planting trees and the good management of renewable forest resources. Under proper management the forests can continue to provide the public with wood products, clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

SUN Area Seeks Dairy Princess Royalty

MIDDLEBURG (Snyder Co.) — The SUN Area Dairy Princess Committee is searching for contestants for its annual pageant June 20-22, at the Susquehanna Valley Mall.

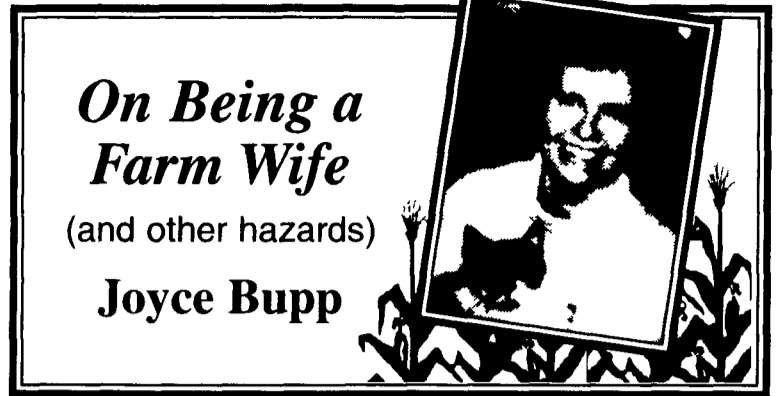
To enter the contest, princess candidates must be residents of the SUN Area covering Snyder, Union, Northumberland, and Montour counties, 16-24 years of age, have a connection to the dairy industry, and be willing to promote the industry throughout these counties during the one-year reign.

Dairy princesses participate in school and grocery store promotions, speak to farm and non-farm groups and make appearances on radio and television sta-

tions and fairs. Princesses also participate in training seminars and the State Dairy Princess Pageant in September.

Young ladies at least eight years of age can participate in the royalty program as dairy maids or misses. Dairy maids, ages 13 and up, and dairy misses, ages 8-12, must meet the same requirements as the dairy princess contestant and assist her in promoting the dairy industry in the four county area. There is no competition for these levels, but dairy maids participate in a one-day training seminar.

For more information or applications, contact Shannon Yerg at (570)-529-2456.



Age was catching up. That had been our assumption concerning joint stiffness increasingly noticeable in our beloved resident, 90-pound pooch. Her tendency to eat anything that doesn't bite back couldn't help, because Derra never misses a chance to eat.

"Now that's a solid dog," an acquaintance who stopped by once declared in what had to be the most politically-correct statement of that week. She is so solid that she can knock me right off balance and onto the floor if we get to playing too rough. Her enthusiasm for food is a key reason Derra is a farm dog and not the working guide dog she was originally trained to be.

Raised in the 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy program, Derra was originally introduced to our daughter by a fellow college instructor. The friend, whose daughter was raising the yellow lab pup for her intended purpose in life, often brought Derra along to the campus office as part of her training.

Once trained and "graduated" from the Seeing Eye dog program, Derra was matched with her sightless new owner. It was then that her gluttonous tendencies to snatch food when someone wasn't looking — or in this case, was unable to see — along with a love for chasing squirrels, brought her noble career path to a screeching halt.

Demoted back to dog-civilian life, she was adopted by the grandkids and returned with them from Oregon to the house at the other side of the meadow. Derra shortly earned promotion to full-fledged, resident farm dog, guardian to the barn cats, pest to the squirrels that hung out in the maple trees, and barker at cows, cats, foxes, groundhogs, deer, passing neighbors and sometimes, possibly, just the wind.

And always on the lookout for a handout — or a bucket of calf milk from which to snatch a taste.

For some time, we've noticed an increasing stiffness in her back legs, usually most prevalent after more strenuous-than-usual amount of exercise. Seeing as how age does that to most of us

two-legged-types, we attributed it to her years. And her "solidness."

Derra's Seeing-Eye training carries with it a lifetime of minimal routine vet care. During her recent annual checkup and shots, the clinic nearby suggested considering a routine Lyme Disease test. After she had a visibly painful couple of days recently, following some more strenuous than usual exercise, we had her tested.

And Derra Dog indeed has Lyme Disease.

Along with her diagnosis came some startling information: that single, rural vet care clinic nearby says they are diagnosing two cases per day of the deer tick-bite disease. Two cases per day, from a single pet clinic. Lyme Disease in dogs is apparently reaching something of epidemic proportions, at least in this area.

According to clinic staff, routinely testing dogs for the joint-stiffening affliction is a fairly-recent addition to their canine checkups. Some dogs test positive the simple and quick blood test without showing any outward clinical symptoms, like the stiffness which Derra has. The staffer I spoke with suggested that our mild winter has likely been a key contributing factor, since flea and ticks populations escaped the usual cold weather killoff.

Fortunately, Lyme Disease in dogs can be treated, as it can in humans, with antibiotic therapy. Derra got a shot, with a follow-up daily antibiotic routine for a month. Administering the small, round medications to her is a piece of cake, so to speak. Or more likely a bit of cheese, or meat, or bread, even a bite of banana, into which I tuck the little pill. Vaccination against the tick-borne bug will follow Derra's antibiotic therapy.

A second recommendation — that Derra could stand to lose weight — is more difficult and not very diplomatic) laughing reply from a split-second of total honesty: "Don't hold you breath..."

She may be a "solid" dog. Just like we should all want for any family member.

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