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Fawnridge Farms A Family Affair

Reading Fair's Outstanding Farm Family A Second-Generation Honor

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — The farm is "a total family operation," according to Keith Treichler.

Fawnridge Farms is truly a family affair, as every member, even though it may be from long distance, helps to keep the operation running smoothly.

Treichler and his wife, Sue, are joined by Brandon, 21; Brett, 14; and Brittini Sue, 11, in the farming operation.

The family will be honored at Reading Fair's annual Outstanding Farm Family Awards Banquet Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. at Virginville Grange Hall.

The award is given based on a point system. The family's level of Grange involvement, farm management, community, civil, and school involvement, and hobbies, sports, and recreation contribute to the points they receive for the award.

The Career Of Choice

Although it is a challenging vocation, farming is the lifestyle, and career, of choice for the family. "Even though I liked my other jobs, I found that if you grow up with farming, it's in your blood," said Keith.

"It is 365," said Sue. "The cows don't take a day off, even on Christmas morning. They are fed and milked before we open presents."

Accomplishing the farm work as a family unit helps to make the work more worthwhile, she said. "We just put away two weeks of hay and straw together."

Growing up on the farm has benefits for their children. "We always know where the kids are. They're out in the fresh air and are healthy," said Sue.

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Farming 375 acres and milking more than 50 cows is not as daunting of a challenge when it is accomplished as a family, as evidenced in the Treichler family's experience. Parents Keith and Sue are joined by Brandon, 21; Brett, 14; and Brittini Sue, 11. They will receive Reading Fair's Outstanding Farm Family Award at the banquet next Wednesday.

Ag Council Hosts Summer Research Tour

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — About 70 members of the Penn State Agricultural Council toured the Penn State campus area Wednesday.

The day of presentations by

faculty at the College of Agricultural Sciences gave participants the opportunity to learn about research programs under way at the university.

The Ag Council consists of legislators, organizations and businesses across the commonwealth

that represent various aspects of farming.

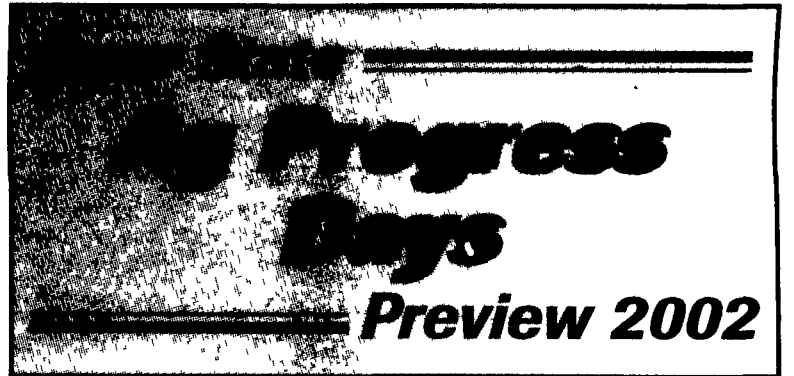
This tour was the third such tour for ag council members, according to Bob Steele, dean of the College of Agricultural Sci-

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State FFA Auction Raises More Than \$10,000



State FFA officers on hand for the annual Hatfield Fore FFA golf tournament fundraiser at Fox Chase Golf Club Monday included, from left, David Bittner, president; Drew Cowden, western vice president; Mark Fulton, treasurer; Andy Allwine, sentinel; Courtney Miller, eastern region vice president; Anthony Seymore, chaplain; Mary Strasbaugh, south central vice president; Jon Lauver, north central vice president; Emily Grove, secretary; Julie Filinchbaugh, reporter; Willie Sole, FFA Foundation president; and Timothy Leshar, state FFA vice president. The auction after the golf tournament raised more than \$10,000. See story page A28. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor



Horse Rides, Field Demos At This Year's Ag Progress

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Ag Progress Days planners are getting ready to host between 40,000 and 50,000 people at the annual ag expo set to take place here Aug. 20-22.

This year's Ag Progress Days will offer several new events, including horse rides and unique field demonstrations, according to Bob Oberheim, in his 11th year directing the three-day show.

The National Quarter Horse Association (NQHA) will be on hand throughout Ag Progress Days to host workshops and teach such topics as saddle-fitting, horse-handling, helmet safety, and equine care. They will also provide between 25 and 30 horses each day for the public to ride.

According to Oberheim, the NQHA has presented equine ed-

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PMMD To Consider Lower Premium

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers (PAMD) is asking that a lower premium be paid to Pennsylvania dairy farmers.

The current \$1.65 per hundredweight over-order premium mandated for Class I (beverage) milk produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania is threatening to drive buyers of Pennsylvania milk elsewhere, according to

Earl Fink, PAMD executive vice president.

"We've noticed that premiums in surrounding states are quite a bit lower than in Pennsylvania," Fink said. "Some of our customers are considering going to other states. We're trying to head that off."

The PAMD has petitioned the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMD) to consider decreasing the premium to no lower than \$1.25 per hundredweight.

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