

Greater Susquehanna Valley To Host This Year's Young Farmer Convention

LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Mifflinburg/Lewisburg Young Farmers are hosting this year's Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association (PYFA) Winter Convention Feb. 4-6 here at the Best Western/Country Cupboard Inn.

"Plans are well under way with tours, workshops, and a very exciting and interesting Ladies Program," according to a letter from Cathy and Duane Kling and Anna and Dennis Wolfe, convention chairpersons.

The letter asks young farmers to "join us in the Greater Susquehanna Valley" for the February convention.

The program begins with registration on Tuesday, Feb. 4. A PYFA executive board meeting is scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. Tours that day, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m., will take place at Wolfe's Power Line Dairy and Hackenberg Apiaries. The opening banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, PYFA has scheduled an advisers and business meeting. The ladies program will include visits with Brook-

park Farms and Brookpark Bed and Breakfast and a farmers' market, in addition to a shopping trip to the House of Shops (indoors) and Rollers Mills East. Educational workshops from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. are scheduled. The PYFA awards banquet and auction is scheduled at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, tours will be conducted of Spanglers Harmony Springs, Buggy Town Museum, and Boops Dairy Farm.

More information about the convention is included in this issue.

PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS WINTER CONVENTION			
FEBRUARY 4-6, 2003			
Best Western Inn			
Rt. 15 • P.O. Box 46 • Lewisburg, PA 17837			
Early Bird Special — Paid by January 13, 2003 (Includes 5 meals 2 tours and men's or ladies program) Ladies Luncheon and Choice Shopping Trip	\$79	No of Tickets	\$ Amount
TOTAL			
Ladies Program <i>Please Make Reservations Early!!</i>			
Full package after January 13, 2003 (Includes 5 meals 2 tours and men's or ladies program) Ladies Luncheon and Choice Shopping Trip	\$95		
TOTAL			
Registration by Event			
		No of Tickets	\$ Amount
Tuesday, February 4, 2003			
Lunch and Tours	\$15		
Dinner	\$20		
Wednesday, February 5, 2003			
Lunch	\$15		
Ladies Luncheon and Workshop	\$20		
Awards Banquet	\$30		
Thursday, February 6, 2003			
Lunch and Tours	\$15		
TOTAL			
NAME _____	SPOUSE _____		
ADDRESS _____			
CHAPTER _____	DELEGATE _____	ADVISOR _____	GUEST _____
PYFA MEMBER _____	NYEFA MEMBER _____		
Please make checks payable to Mifflinburg/Lewisburg Young Farmers Jim Sanders, 2003 Finance Chairperson RD 2 Box 77 Millmont, PA 17845 570-966-1218		Best Western Inn Rt 15 • PO Box 46 • Lewisburg PA 17837 Phone 570-524-5500 • Fax 570-524-4291 Standard Room \$79 • Deluxe Room \$85 Room with Whirlpool Tub \$99 Deadline 1/13/03	
*Be sure to tell them you are with the PA Young Farmers			

Tour Highlights

Wolfe's Powerline Dairy

Ernest, Dean and Ray Wolfe and their families in 2000, went from a 60 cow tie stall dairy to a new 450 cow freestall setup with a 32 cow carousel parlor. This setup is all family owned and operated with some partition milkers to milk three times a day.

Boops

Gerald and Kathy Boop and family began farming 32 years ago in 1970, the old tie stall barn was renovated from 14 head to 24 head.

In 1999, they built a new barn with 40 tie stalls to increase production and size of operation. Their herd averages 21,000# of milk with 700 of fat in a 40 head herd.

They farm 200 acres of which alfalfa and corn are produced.

Spanglers

Harmony Springs established in 1876, is now being operated by fourth generation farmers, Dennis and Mary Jo Spangler and family.

Dennis has a full-time employee and his father Donald Spangler helping him with his herd of 75 cattle which average 20,000# of milk and 700# fat.

They farm 370 acres in which they raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

In 1998, Dennis built a 8,200 sq. ft. Green House Barn to house cows.

Roller Mills

Consisting of two huge historic mills that were renovated and rented to many area crafters and dealers to sell their merchandise.

You will find anything from antiques to Boyd's Bears! You name it, it's there! You are truly in for a treat visiting this Mill filled with streets of shops.

Brookpark Bed & Breakfast

Ladies will be eating lunch and shopping here! If you ever decide to stay here, you will awaken to the crow of a rooster and the aroma of a country breakfast. All rooms are furnished with Pennsylvania House Furniture.

The Barn has been renovated and turned into unique little shops from rugs, pets, nuts, apparel, furniture and antiques.

Hackenberg Apiaries

Hackenberg Apiaries owned and operated by David and Linda Hackenberg and son Davy, have 2,800 hives that see 5500-5600 pollination rentals. Some make as many as three honey crops.

In 1994 fire destroyed the Hackenberg's honey house, but they were able to relocate and rebuild a new 100 x 128 foot honey house. Their extract, using a Cowen extractor that loads and unloads automatically. Dave's wife Linda heads up the extracting, lifting the drips full of honey. She also runs the office and does all the book-keeping.

They average about 400 barrels of honey a year which is sold to Dutch Gold Hackenbergs also process their own wax. They

sell wax to local crafters and beekeepers too. Bees wax is sold in blocks of 3 - 30#, most being sold to candlemakers.

Mifflinburg Buggy Museum

Before the automobile became "king of the road," Pennsylvania ranked number two in producing horse-drawn vehicles. One town in the state made its reputation and fortune in manufacturing fine quality carriages, wagons and sleighs. Today the town of Mifflinburg boasts a truly rare survival, the William A. Heiss Coachworks. Through the visionary talents of volunteers, the Buggy Museum consists of the Heiss Coachworks, Repository, family home, and, as of May 2001 the Charles McCool Snyder Education and Visitors Center. The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum is one of only twelve craft/industrial museums in the country with an original collection on its original site, and is believed to be the only carriage factory.

In 1872, Catherine Heiss, unable to maintain the family farm after the death of her husband, bought a modest home on Green Street for herself, daughter Lizzie and son William. This two story, frame structure with its German siding was the family home until 1946. As William grew older he apprenticed with a buggy maker, opened his own shop in 1883 and married Anna Smith. Expanding his business in 1889, William purchased a larger "factory" in which he produced fine quality horse drawn vehicles until 1920. To display his vehicles, William had a Repository (showroom) built in 1895.

After William's death in 1931 and Anna's death in 1946, the oldest Heiss son, Norman closed the factory and repository using them only for storage. The house was rented for a few years, then it too was closed to await the passage of time.

Wanting to celebrate the fullness of Mifflinburg's coach making heritage, a group of citizens approached Norman Heiss and his sons Owen and Glen. At 90 years of age, Norman remembered well the buggy factories of Mifflinburg including his own father's. Opening the doors of the Coachworks and Repository in 1978 was an unforgettable experience for volunteers. Behind the closed doors lay forty years of buggy making history: William's tools, hit and miss engine, horseshoes, tires, wheels, dashboards, upholstered seats, paints, catalogs for parts and his own account books. There were finished vehicles in ruins and vehicles barely begun, there were bee hives and honey can labels, farm tools and more. The house too retained much of its original furnishings, including Catherine Heiss' rope bed.

This is what visitors see today! A self-guided tour of the Visitor's Center explains buggy making and Mifflinburg as "Buggy Town" and introduces the family. Guided tours of the home, factory and showroom let visitors experience life in Buggy Town through the lives of the Heiss family.

Your visit will begin with an orientation video and exhibition in the Education and Visitors Center, which includes the hands-on workbench. Your visit continues with a guided tour of the Heiss Coachworks, in operation from 1889 to 1920, the Repository (showroom) built in 1895 and now housing a collection of horse-drawn vehicles; an 1870 house, which served as the Heiss family home from 1872 to 1946, and a reconstructed Carriage House.

Admission: Adults \$6 per person, Children (ages 7-17) \$3. Group rate: (20 people or more) Adults \$5, Children \$2. It is recommended that groups allow 1.5 to 2 hours for a tour. Walk-in visitors (families, single people) should allow 1.5 hours.

PYFA WINTER CONVENTION PROGRAM

Best Western Inn — Lewisburg, PA

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon — Colonel John Kelly Banquet Room
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tours: Wolfe's Power Line Dairy Hackenberg Apiaries
6:30 p.m.	Opening Banquet and Entertainment Ice Cream Social to follow Banquet

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast - On your own
7:00 a.m.	Executive Breakfast — Colonel John Kelly Banquet Room
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	PYFA Advisors Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	PYFA Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Ladies Program — Linda Hackenberg, Hackenberg Apiaries Spectacular Shopping Trip
12:00 noon	Luncheon — Colonel John Kelly Banquet Room
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Educational Workshops
6:30 p.m.	PYFA Awards Banquet and Auction

Thursday, February 6, 2003

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast — On your own
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Tours: Spanglers Harmony Springs Buggy Town Museum Boops Dairy Farm
12:30 p.m.	Closing Luncheon

Mifflinburg/Lewisburg Young Farmers

Best Western/Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA



"A Young Farmer Is Any Farmer Willing to Learn"

Welcome

The Mifflinburg/Lewisburg Young Farmer's would like to extend warm greeting to one and all. We have been busy bees buzzing around making final preparations for the 43rd Annual Winter Convention.

Plans are well under way with tours, workshops (to be announced) and a very exciting and interesting Ladies Program.

Please come join us in the Greater Susquehanna Valley at the beautiful facility of Best Western/Country Cupboard for a time of fellowship and acquaintances and lots of reminiscing.

We hope to see you all in February!

Cathy and Duane Kling
Anna and Dennis Wolfe
Convention Chairpersons

Ladies Program Itinerary

Morning Program

9:00-10:00	Linda Hackenberg - Owner/Operator of Hackenberg Apiaries will do a short presentation on their operation and a craft Board buses for Ladies Tour and Luncheon
10:15	Tours: Brookpark Farms and Brookpark Bed & Breakfast; Farmers Market

Afternoon Program

12:00	Lunch at Brookpark Bed & Breakfast
1:30	Shopping Trip to House of Shops (indoors) Rollers Mills East