

Firestine

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Livestock Show, Kansas City, Mo.; the Reno Livestock Show in Reno, Nev.; the Fort Worth Livestock Show in Fort Worth, Texas; and the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

Firestine noted that it has been a "roller-coaster" year. He said that on May 13, he lost his house to a fire. "I am blessed with good friends and neighbors," said Firestine. They helped clean up and rebuild quickly.

Another large accomplishment, Firestine noted, was his appointment as chairman of the American Bankers Association Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. He is vice chairman now, and will take over the chair next year.

Firestine, treasurer of KILE, noted his bank sponsors the Agri-Olympics and the Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull at KILE. And Firestine will be showing seven head of cattle at the KILE Hereford Show.

Firestine's daughters also have some work on their hands, too. Margeaux, National Polled Hereford Queen, will travel to Michigan with her dad this month. Martene will accompany Morgan, Pennsylvania Beef Ambassador, to Omaha, Neb. also this month.

Firestine has seen the agricultural loan department at Fulton/LVNB grow. He began as assistant manager of the Womelsdorf office in 1976, handling all types of loans. The new president came in a segregated ag and commercial loans.

Firestine was a "one person" staff when he began working in

that department in 1978. The \$4 million in outstanding loans from 1976 grew to a total of \$254 million outstanding today. Today, the ag group numbers eight full time and one part-time, including three lenders, three credit analysts, two credit assistants, and a part-time person.

Firestine began his association with the Hereford breed when he purchased a purebred cow in 1974. He has 35 cows, all breeding stock, and grazes them all at the farm near Womelsdorf.

Firestine serves as a board member of PLA. He is treasurer of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, president of the Pennsylvania Hereford Association, ag development advisory board member for the Department of Environmental Protection; is member of the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center Advisory committee; co-chair of the Pennsylvania

Farm Show Beef Committee; chairman, Pennsylvania Agriculture Republicans; board member, Livestock Advisory Board, Delaware Valley College; and is on the Pennsylvania Agricultural By-product Management Technology Board.

Firestine is a member of the Masons, Mount Lebanon 226, and a member of Zembo Shrine.

KILE began on Tuesday this week and continues through Monday.

"We are extremely pleased to host one of the leading international livestock shows in the country," said Agriculture Secretary Dennis C. Wolff. "This year, you will find a new and improved Farm Show Complex, including an exposition hall totaling 175,000 square feet, an equine arena, and a new livestock barn. This expansion gives KILE the room it needs to grow, and provides an excellent venue to showcase some of the leading livestock and horses in the U.S."

More than 1,400 exhibitors and 5,000 livestock are expected to fill

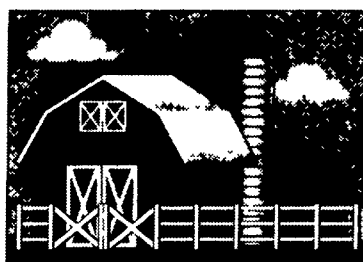
the Farm Show Complex during KILE. During this time, more than \$200,000 in premiums will be awarded to youth and open participants.

"There are many exciting events happening at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. Just as we welcome agriculture, we look forward to welcoming all of our visitors and exhibitors from across the United States and Canada. I hope that you can take advantage of the many opportunities to experience agriculture at its finest," said Wolff.

The Farm Show Complex is open daily for KILE from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Special shows begin at 6 p.m. Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday. Parking and admission are free.

Contest Winner

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Justin Turton, Ulysses, is the winner of a free one-year subscription to *Lancaster Farming*. His name was drawn at a contest during last week's All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg. Congratulations!



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