

Grove Family Farm

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defining career in mind.

She said, "A lot of my teammates are going for ag education. I respect my teachers and know they have helped me tremendously, but I don't think that teaching is for me."

Emily has used her English and speech college classes to write and speak about farming.

"Education is the key. So many don't realize where food comes from," she said of her efforts to communicate modern-day farming.

Her college classmates and professors respond favorably to her "farm education" speeches.

Laura said that riding on the school bus during high school, she'd often overhear classmates complain about farm odors. To counteract her classmates' false impression of "dirty old farmers," Laura, for a class project, took photos of the family's milking parlor and dairy operation to show how farmers are required to meet regulations and keep clean facilities.

The Grove farm is definitely not dirty. The spacious, up-to-date facilities are extremely clean and neat.

The eight carousel milking parlor is used to milk 160 cows. The barn under construction will be a 186x113-foot freestall barn.

Jeff is involved in the Young Farmers of America, Shippensburg Chapter. He is a regional delegate for Genex, dairy farmer spokesperson for Mid-Atlantic Dairy Farmers, and member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce, and Land O' Lakes future leaders. He is on the board for the Christian Retreat Center, a

church organization for youth and young people in preparation for the mission field. He and his wife are co-team Sunday school teachers. Jeff also helps with community tractor pulls, rodeos, and other ag events.

Linda said that she did not grow up on a dairy farm, and was initially amazed at the commitment required to dairy farm. She has grown to enjoy being involved in the farm activities.

In addition to her Agway job as a feed nutritionist, Linda serves as county dairy princess chairperson and is always looking for new recipes.

Here is a recipe that is popular in the Grove kitchen during holiday baking times.

Holiday Seven Layer Bars

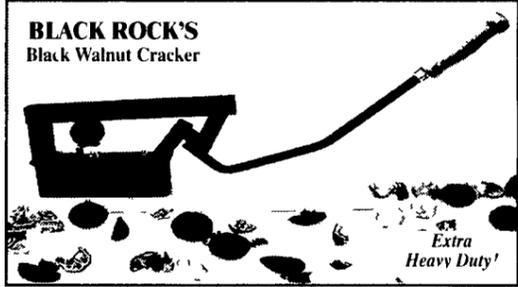
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1½ cups sweetened flaked coconut
- 16-ounces red and green candy-coated chocolate pieces
- 2 (4-ounce) white baking bars, broken into pieces
- 1½ cups lightly salted roasted cashew pieces
- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 15x10x1-inch jelly-roll pan with aluminum foil.

Pour melted butter into prepared pan. Add graham cracker crumbs; stir to combine. Press crumbs into bottom of pan. Sprinkle with coconut, chocolate pieces, white baking bar pieces, and cashews in crumbs. Drizzle with sweetened condensed milk.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly in center. Cool completely. Remove using foil. Cut into squares.

Yields: 60 bars.



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Pennsylvania Christmas Gift, Craft Show Draws Holiday Shoppers

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Christmas and Gift Show, Dec. 3-7, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex features more than 1,000 booths filled with the latest gadgets and traditional items for gift giving.

Few of the exhibitors are bonafide craftspersons. Most purchase items from other craftspersons and from other countries to sell at what is touted as Pennsylvania's largest gift show. But interspersed among the vendors are a few seasoned craftsperson. One is Amos Stoltzfus Custom Weaving from 44 Queen Rd., Intercourse. The family business uses high quality products that can be washed or dry cleaned.

Another is Glorious Gourds and Gourds to Grow by Crystal Snook and Cookie Smith. The two artists purchase gourds



Crystal Snook and Cookie Smith display their talents in transforming plain gourds into works of art. The two purchase gourds from a Lancaster County Amishman to cut, carve, burn, and paint.

from a Lancaster County Amishman. They use a variety of methods from gourd burning to etch in a design to fine art to transform the gourds.

Nancy Gibson, Carlisle, is one of many vendors who travel the world selecting items that will appeal to American shoppers. Her selection included Polish pottery, crafts and antiques from Germany, China, and other places.

The annual event attracts thousands.



Nancy Gibson sells treasures from world travels. Her assortment of unique items include Polish pottery, old German sleds and goat carts, Chinese antique baskets, and furniture made of old barnwood. She and her husband live in a 100-year-old firehouse, where they use part of the building as their shop, Firehouse Antiques in Carlisle.



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