





# Woodside Farm: Continuing A Family Tradition

By Jim Moore, Staff Writer

**W**AYNESBURG — Can you name the oldest business in the Waynesburg area?

Before you start thinking about grocery stores, car agencies, insurance firms or the like, forget it. Our candidate for the title is entering the second century of operation — and at the same location.

Woodside Farm, although the name is fairly recent, has been selling, buying and developing Shorthorn cattle since 1883. The names have changed, but the family remains the same.

Today, Shirley and Bradley Eisiminger and their son, Bret, are continuing a family tradition and reputation second to none in Greene County.

The century-old farm is nestled in a valley just off Route 19 south of Waynesburg in Whitley Township. The farm is a pleasant mixture of old and new methods and annually produces some of the finest animals in the nation.

The farm has won numerous honors dating back to the Waynesburg Fair in 1880. An ancient clock, which still works, is proudly displayed on a shelf 104 years after it was awarded at the fair.

Also in a place of honor above the huge, stone fireplace is a painting given to the family by the late Harry T. Peters, owner of Windholme Farm in Orange, Va.

Bret represents the fifth generation of his family to be involved in

the operation of the farm. Although the farm is well over 100 years old, the name Woodside Farm originated a few years ago when a group of farm women in the township held a farm-naming project. They chose Woodside.

Shorthorn cattle were first brought onto the farm around 1880. Progeny of these early matings were first recorded with the American Shorthorn Association in 1883.

In keeping with modern trends, the Eisimingers introduced the polled factor several years ago. Photos of grand champions from 1900 through the 1950s, all reveal the presence of horns. When asked about this, Bradley said, "Polled cattle entered our herd in kind of a back door way with the birth of a sport heifer. Then we began breeding with Smalstig bulls. We just found the polled cattle were easier to sell."

Fine breeding stock from herds in Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky have been purchased over the years. In years past, Woodside Farm frequently went to Ohio to purchase seedstock.

Eisiminger recognized in the early 1970s there was going to be a big change in the type of beef cattle. "We decided about half of our brood cows would do if bred to the biggest bull available," he said.

"However, we wouldn't have lived long enough to get the bottom half to where we were going. It was then that Shirley and I decided to put in some dual cows. We were fortunate that Jim Scott let us into his top herd to



Bradley and Shirley Eisiminger and their son, Bret, pose with some of their prize Shorthorn stock at the county fair.

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make some selections," Eisiminger said.

"We added about 12 dual cows, mostly polled, from the Scottshill herd, breeder of the famous Scottshill Major Clark. These cattle have been a really valuable group. Nearly all our best show and sale cattle over the last seven years have been their descendants," he added.

Other stock from Vernon Spiker of Keyser, W.Va., and the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station used in carefully planned matings have resulted in highly sought show cattle

and replacements. The type, size and structure of Woodside cattle is now about the same as cattle bred by Eisiminger's father, Lazear, in his earliest years. They even more closely resemble cattle bred on the farm by his great-grandfather John Strosnider.

Eisiminger's brood cow herd numbers 60 head. About 50 calves have been born each spring for the past several years.

Grass covers nearly all the 272-acre farm and water comes from several springs and a creek. Most of

the work on the farm is handled by family members.

It's a busy time of the year for the Eisimingers, full of the shows and fairs they attend and the hay season.

The family has its own sale, the Keystone Autumn Classic held in mid-October. The sale also is a time for fellow breeders to come together for a social event.

In addition to their busy farm operation, the Eisimingers also are active in various social and fraternal groups.

Bradley has served as president of

numerous county breeder organizations and served as president of the Greene County Cattleman's Association. He was named the Outstanding 4-H Alumnus in the county a few years ago. He has served on the Agway executive board and is a director of the Pennsylvania Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn Breeder's Association. He also is a member of the Greene County Fair Board.

Mrs. Eisiminger is active in church work as a member of the choir and secretary of the women's society. She also aids various 4-H groups.

## Minister To Celebrate His 50th Anniversary

**MARIANNA** — A minister who was ordained to the ministry while serving as pastor of East Bethlehem Baptist Church will return to the church on Sunday, Aug. 19, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that ordination.

The Rev. John Calvin Myers, now a resident of Anacortes, Wash., will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service, after which a picnic dinner will be held.

He was called as pastor of the East Bethlehem Church in May 1931 and served in that capacity until September 1937. He was ordained on Aug. 17, 1934.

During the more than nine years of his ministry in Greene and Washington counties, he also served in a number of other churches of the Ten Mile Baptist Association, including Enon, South Ten Mile, Mt. Zion,

Calvary, Jefferson and John Corby Memorial.

A native of Monessen, he was graduated from Waynesburg College in 1943, attended the seminary at Philadelphia, and subsequently pastored churches in other parts of Pennsylvania, Iowa, California and Washington.

He and his wife, Jo, a native of Saltsburg, were married July 6, 1927. She is a registered nurse and while they were in this area Mrs. Myers served as first supervisor of nurses at the then new Greene County Memorial Hospital.

Their oldest daughter, Mona Lee Burr, resides in New Jersey and Florida. Their other two daughters and son — Patricia Johnson, Lucy Jo Stephens and John C. Myers II, reside in San Diego, Calif. They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



JO AND JOHN CALVIN MYERS

## Dollhouses On Display

**WAYNESBURG** — The Greene County Historical Society will hold a dollhouse exhibit at its museum near Waynesburg Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23.

Society President Farley D. Toothman said plans are being made to invite collectors and builders of dollhouses, miniaturists, and collectors of antique toys and antique dolls to display their hobby in the Victorian rooms of the museum.

Lyn Vogelman and Marilyn Eichenlaub of Waynesburg are serving as co-chairmen for this special event to raise funds for museum operating expenses.

Exhibitors can obtain entry forms at Bowly Public Library, Waynesburg; Flenniken Memorial Library, Carmichaels; the Waynesburg office of the Observer-Reporter, or at the museum.

## ENDS TRAINING

Marine Pvt. Damon M. Garber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Garber of 80 North Porter Street, Waynesburg, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.



**ENGAGED** — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barnhart of McClellandtown announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie, to Jesse Wayne Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fox of Greensboro. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mapletown High School and the Washington Hospital School of Nursing. Mr. Fox is a graduate of Mapletown High School and Vale Institute of Technology. He is the owner of Fox Auto Parts, Carmichaels. They will be wed at noon Saturday, October 20, 1984, in St. Mary's Church, Leckrone.



## Waynesburg Reunion

Members of the Waynesburg High School class of 1954 held their 30th year reunion recently at the Waynesburg Moose. Pictured from left, front row: Bill Patton, Joe Ayersman, Tom Wilbert, Bill Bracey, Jack McWhorter, Tom Orndoff, Tom Crouse, Rick Statler and John E. Gump; second row: Jennie Fredley Harris, Joy Curlin Hill, Jane Lohr Deems, Mary Hewitt Dean, Janice Snyder Stiles, Garnet Hamilton Smouse, Mary Gump Davidson, Helen Moore McMahan, Betty Zimmerman Wise, Mary Mooney Filer and Dena Morris Shultz; third row: Viola Anderson Ganier, Myra Hildreth Gibson, Earlene King Fowler, Helen Hoy Rinehart,

Phyllis Yuhase Hoge, Jean Madlock Osso, Christine Madias Kapottas, Patty Davis Bleakney, Nila Elks Wise, Sheila Wright Black and Hope Hill Closser; fourth row: Virginia Scandale, Sharon Moninger Creighton, Lenora Ross Sobek, Shirley Tedrow Bauer, Pat Eddy Smith, Haddie Orndoff Baysinger, Nora Garber Anderson, Louise Thomas Kurtz, Lynn Meighen Zimmerman, Bill Berryhill and John Dobosh; back row: Ed Herrod, Bob Patterson, Ernie Hoffman, Ralph R. Taylor, Jack Bleakney, Jay Stipes, Ken Baily, Don Watson, Jerry Anderson and Alan Stewart. Present but missing from the photo was Ron Porter.



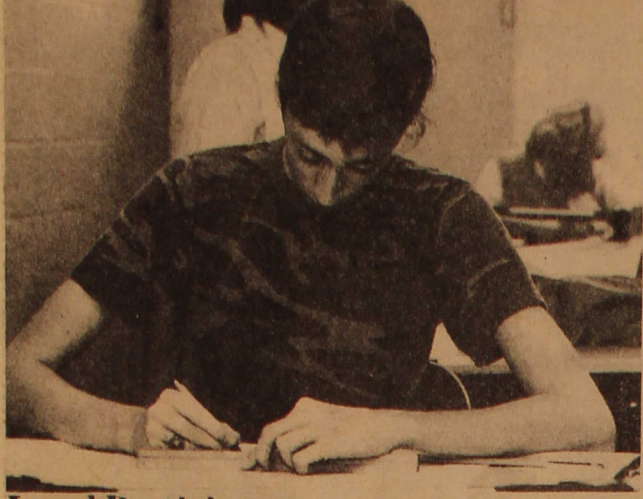
## 30th Year Reunion

Members of the Richill Township High School Class of 1954 held their 30th reunion recently at Alberts Restaurant. Pictured left to right, front row: Mildred Polen Thomas, Marlene Guthrie Campbell, Mary Marsh Coffield, Alice Livingood Riggle and Pauline Geho Rice; back row: David White, Ronald Campbell, Earl Braddock, Frank Cumpston, William Hewitt,

Gene McMillen and Earnest Boyd. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Rice were recognized for having been married the longest, 29 years; Earl Braddock for having the most grandchildren, eight and William Hewitt of Ocean, N.J. for having traveled the greatest distance. Plans were made to have members of classes 1951 through 1955 to hold a joint reunion in the future.







Local Participant

Wesley Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carter of Jefferson, is shown drawing house plans during the Architectural Design Exploration, one of 42 explorations offered at the 12th annual Summer Youth Program at Michigan Technology University in Houghton. Over 970 students from 19 states, Canada and Mexico participated in the four-week sessions of technical, outdoors and artistic programs.

Sale Results Announced

WAYNESBURG — The 4-H Baby Beef and Market Lamb sale held last week as part of the Greene County Fair program grossed \$52,688, according to the Cooperative Extension Service.

Forty steers were sold for a total of \$39,532, bringing an average of 87 cents per pound without the two champions.

The 61 lambs brought \$13,156, averaging \$1.99 per pound without the two champions.

Assistant County Agent Roger Smith said the prices were somewhat below the 1983 sale.

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Public Notices: The Tax Claim Bureau deed will be recorded. In addition to the Upset Price, the purchaser must pay the 2% Realty Transfer Tax and the Recording Fee of \$12.00. These Items will be computed after the property has been knocked down to the successful bidder. The Upset Price, the transfer tax and the recording fee will be paid at the same time.

Public Notices: Robert A. Harbaugh, Claim Nos. 61279 & 64001, Parcel No. 0508133, Land & Bldg. East of T-684, 1.392 Ac., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$618.55

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61293 & 64020, Parcel No. 0523315, Vacant Land, S/5 of Sydney Ave., being Lot 17 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$130.83

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61294 & 64029, Parcel No. 0523319, Vacant Land, S/5 of Sydney Ave., being Lot 13 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61295 & 64046, Parcel No. 0523358, Vacant Land, N/E Corner of Flat Ave. & Bisc. St., being Lot 38 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$129.77

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61296 & 64048, Parcel No. 0523360, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 39 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61297 & 64030, Parcel No. 0523320, Vacant Land, S/E Cor. Sydney Ave. & Bisc. St., being Lot 12 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$129.77

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61298 & 64032, Parcel No. 0523344, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat St., being Lot 51 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

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Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61301 & 64035, Parcel No. 0523346, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat St., being Lot 51 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61322 & 64025, Parcel No. 0523315, Vacant Land, S/5 of Sydney Ave., being Lot 17 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$129.74

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61323 & 64027, Parcel No. 0523315, Vacant Land, S/5 of Sydney Ave., being Lot 15 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61324 & 64028, Parcel No. 0523318, Vacant Land, S/5 of Sydney Ave., being Lot 14 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61325 & 64049, Parcel No. 0523361, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 35 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61326 & 64050, Parcel No. 0523362, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 34 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

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Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61328 & 64027, Parcel No. 0523318, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 34 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

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Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61330 & 64029, Parcel No. 0523318, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 34 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Lawrence Hartley, Claim Nos. 61331 & 64030, Parcel No. 0523318, Vacant Land, N/5 of Flat Ave., being Lot 34 Hartley Ridge Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$123.64

Public Notices: James Clifton Cherry and Toni Jo Cherry, Claim Nos. 62520 & 65170, Parcel No. 1512237, Land & Bldg., N/5 of Third St., being Lot 13 Fairground Addn., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$1,905.84

Public Notices: Mrs. Lydia Cranon, Claim Nos. 62533 & 65188, Parcel No. 1512239, Land & Bldg., N/5 of Third St., being Lot 13 Fairground Addn., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$343.60

Public Notices: William M. Davis, c/o Grace C. Davis, Claim No. 65915-62539-65191, Parcel No. 1503138, land & Bldg., on T-620, 3.400 Ac., 1981-1982-1983 Taxes, Default Agreement, Approximate Upset Price - \$304.72

Public Notices: Cynthia Durant, Claim Nos. 62546 & 65203, parcel No. 1512432, Vacant Land, N/5 of Second St., being Lot 86 Fairground Addn., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$124.68

Public Notices: James E. Harbaugh and Kathy L. Harbaugh, Claim Nos. 62555 & 65214, Parcel No. 1501149, Land & Bldg., on PA T.R. 88, 2.600 Ac., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$306.58

Public Notices: William Schimonsky and Mary Schimonsky, c/o Robert King, Claim Nos. 62700 & 65370, Parcel No. 1502123, Vacant Land, W/5 of PA T.R. 88, 2.900 Ac., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$555.87

Public Notices: Donald R. Wade and Cynthia Lee Wade (now Durant), Claim Nos. 62750-65394, Parcel No. 1512400, Land & Bldg., N/5 of Second St., being Lot 84 Fairground Addn., 1981-1982-1983 Taxes, Default Agreement, Approximate Upset Price - \$620.62

Public Notices: Donald R. Wade and Cynthia Lee Wade (now Durant), Claim Nos. 62751-65395, Parcel No. 1512411, Vacant Land, N/5 of Second St., being Lot 85 Fairground Addn., 1981-1982-1983 Taxes, Default Agreement, Approximate Upset Price - \$164.91

Public Notices: Ray A. Wood and Rebecca E. Wood, Claim Nos. 62768 & 65402, Parcel No. 1515119, Land & Bldg., on T-619, North 40 Ft. of Lots 1, 2 & 3, James B. Grim Plan, 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$393.54

Public Notices: Paul McDonnell, Claim Nos. 62769 & 65403, Parcel No. 1806130-7, Trailer on Leased Land, on Alfred M. Cole Prop., 1982 & 1983 Taxes, Approximate Upset Price - \$236.52