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Mead competition is open to amateur mead producers only. Honey must be 75 percent of the base of the mead and the type of honey used must be noted on the entry form (wildflower is permissible).

How sweet it is

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checked in this year was an extremely white honey that came from lamb's ear, an ornamental perennial that has velvety soft, wooly evergreen leaves.

If a judge, it is a good rule of thumb to not eat a large breakfast. Extracted honey submissions are tasted as they are partially judged on flavor. But this also holds true for the baked goods (must include at least 25 percent honey as a sweetener) section. While it may look good, there are a large number of points attributed to eating quality (that may include taste, texture, and aroma).

It is always interesting to observe the judging of the mead (honey wine). The judges use a pretty long scorecard and take in factors such as flavor balance, acidity, body, and aroma. I don't know much about wine, but I learn a lot just listening to the discussion that occurs after tasting each entry.

And if you see something



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Baked goods line the shelves, ready for judging. They must include at least 25 percent honey as a sweetener.

that catches your eye in the display area, head over to the PA Marketplace. Here, Pennsylvania honey is sold in various quantities and

flavors (such as knotweed, lamb's ear, locust, buckwheat, and wild bergamot). If you have the time, take a whole day (you will need

a whole day to see the whole show and eat some local fare) and head down to the PA Farm Show. It runs through this Saturday.

Borowicz wants county to protect gun owners' rights

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organization.

Nevertheless, Harding said she and Kessinger met with Borowicz and listened to her comments and concerns about the possibility of unconstitutional gun control laws that could be imposed in Harrisburg or Washington D.C.

"We told her that we would discuss it when Jeff gets back," Harding said.

"Personally, I am not interested in taking people's guns, but we haven't had an opportunity to discuss it," Harding said Wednesday afternoon. "I have no interest in changing the constitution."

Kessinger said he had no comment at this time.

Borowicz said she plans to meet with Centre County officials in the near future and present her case to them.

In a press release sent to The Express Wednesday, Borowicz said:

"It is alarming that I need to write a letter such as this, but the time has come. Freedom and our God-given rights are under attack.

"Today, I am expressing my complete support for Clinton and Centre counties to enact a Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance to protect law-abiding 76th District residents against unconstitutional gun control laws imposed in Harrisburg or Washington, D.C.

"Some of the 'unlawful acts' nullified by this Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance would include Red Flag Gun Confiscation orders, taxation of firearms and ammunition; registration or tracking of guns or gun owners; and any bans or restrictions on legally purchased firearms, ammunition or accessories.

"Additionally, this ordinance would prohibit the use of county funds in the enforcement of the defined 'unlawful acts.' It would also reaffirm the duty of lower public officials to uphold their oath of office to stand against tyranny and protect the citizens of their county."

"Most importantly, this Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance would uphold the higher laws of the Pennsylvania Constitution, including the Commonwealth's firearms preemption law, and the U.S. Constitution.

"I look forward to working with my sheriffs, commissioners and if need be supervisors across the 76th District to get this job done and safeguard our sacred right to bear arms.

"My resolve is strong on this matter. There is no freedom without the ability to defend that freedom. Stand with me to secure the 76th District as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County in both Clinton and Centre counties."

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