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Mt. Joy Twp. code adopted to save farms

By KENDACE BORRY
ELIZABETHTOWN - In an effort to discourage large housing developments on farmland, the Mount Joy Township supervisors approved a revised zoning ordinance this past Tuesday. Aired at an open hearing attended by over 50 farmers, developers, and other interested people, the proposal was accepted by an unanimous vote of the three supervisors.

The revised 65 page ordinance establishes an agricultural district in the Lancaster County township east of the Route 283 and in part of the township which lies west of that route and south of Cloverleaf Road.

There development is restricted. On a tract of land in size between one and seven acres, one 20,000 square foot lot would be allowed. On 380 acres of land or more, ten lots would be allowed.

To satisfy builders and developers, large pieces of land near Elizabethtown and

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Strawberries here, crop looks good

By KENDACE BORRY
LITITZ - The first strawberries in the Lancaster Farming area have been picked and growers are more optimistic about the season than a few weeks ago. While then they has been worried about a reduced crop due to the weather conditions and the late Spring, Mother Nature has so far cooperated to bring about a much better than anticipated harvest.

Although the season is much later than that of last year's, Peter Alexih, from Herr Fruit Farms, Lancaster, thought that the crop was "coming along nicely."

"I'm very encouraged," he related. "We picked the first ones Thursday before noon, and they're good strawberries. Local strawberries should start to be on the market this weekend in the area. The peak of the season should come in about ten days."

Alexih has two main concerns right now over his strawberries - rain and the birds. "We could use some rain this weekend yet, that would help the crop nicely," he explained. "But we don't

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Greg Shaffer, Jason Garman, John Schell, and Megan Wade are all eager to tell what they know about milk and cows. All of them, as well as their classmates, are Kindergarteners and live in the Lititz area.

ANNUAL DAIRY ISSUE

Once again, we salute the area's dairy industry with our first issue of June - Dairy Month. Readers will find stories and features of interest throughout this edition. Articles depict dairymen, dairy farm wives, 4-H'ers and FFA-ers. Stories relate to management, and new technology. Other articles feature dairy princess contestants and people who work closely with the dairyman to keep the milk flowing. Regular features may be found on the following pages:

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Eager to delve into the dairy issue of Lancaster Farming is this Jersey calf photographed at the farm of Mark Deaven, Fredericksburg.

Strong milk sales give good outlook

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER - After months of burdensome surplus production, the U.S. dairy industry has scored a reversal and is now in what's considered a favorable marketing situation. The dramatic turnaround came largely as a result of unexpectedly high sales and a drop in cow numbers which was triggered by a combination of dairy surpluses and attractive prices for cull cows. Now, just a few weeks after the sour headlines appeared, it's a different ball game for dairymen and their marketing organizations.

Dr. Paul Hand, economist for Inter-State Milk

Producers, goes as far as to predict \$10 per hundredweight for Class II milk by the end of the year. While it's highly unlikely that the government will raise support prices to that level in October, Dr. Hand reasons that demand for milk will outstrip supplies enough so that handlers will pay the \$10 for it.

Ralph Strock, general manager for Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, is equally optimistic, as are spokesmen for Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers and Eastern Milk Producers.

Strock noted in a telephone interview on Thursday that

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'Daddy cows' give more than 'mommy cows'

By DIETER KRIEG
LITITZ - Dairy farmers may be interested to know that if they'd milk their daddy cows, instead of mommy cows, they'd get about four times as much milk per animal. So says one cheerful little Kindergartener at the Lititz Elementary School. Megan Wade, 6, claims that a mommy cow gives about a quart of milk per day, while her male counterpart will put a whole gallon into the bucket.

Jason Double, another 6-year old, disagrees in part. According to him, mommy cows give more milk than daddy cows. Chris Woyurka

disagrees altogether, exclaiming: "Bulls don't give milk!"

Nevertheless, if anyone reading this article is wondering how you can tell the difference between mommy and daddy cows, Scott Martin explains. "Daddy cows have horns, and they get bigger than mommy cows."

The above comments came during a 90-minute interview with enthusiastic, well-behaved, bright young children in the Lititz Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Doris Stryker, Mrs. Shirley Bell, and Mrs. Cathy Dietrich. Eager to talk and

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Shelhamer plans new farm equipment expo

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania's Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer has announced plans for the First Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Expo to be held, March 8-10, 1979 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Shelhamer said that the show, even at its inception, should be one of the major farm equipment shows in the nation.

The entire 14-acre building, some 350,000 square feet of exhibit space, will be turned over to the farm equipment dealers for the show, for displays of both new and reconditioned equipment. Shelhamer noted that the show would accommodate at least 200 exhibitors who have not been able to find space at the January Farm Show.

The Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Expo is more than an equipment display, however. Shelhamer said that a full range of features is planned around the show to make it a farm community event. "The show will conclude on Saturday with a major sale, the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Consignment Sale of used equipment," he said. "The sale will be the first of its kind and will provide our farmers with a good means to pick up farm equipment at reasonable prices."

Evenings during the show will see action in the large arena of the complex. Thursday night will feature the 1979 National Horse Pulling Contest with teams

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