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50th Anniversary celebration continues

Pennsylvania FFA'ers journey to nat'l. convention

HARRISBURG — When the National FFA Convention gets underway in Kansas City next week, Pennsylvania will be well represented. Some of the individuals, chapters, and teams who'll be making the trip are featured in this week's edition of Lancaster Farming.

Among those who will go to Kansas City are the American Farmer Degree recipients. The American Farmer Degree is the highest distinction FFA members can hope to attain. This year, 22 young Pennsylvanians will receive that honor, with 17 of them coming from Lancaster Farming's immediate coverage area.

One of the schools in the area - Kutztown High School - is having three of its FFA members honored with the prestigious degree. They are Kevin Hertzog, Jeffrey Miller and Dale Siegfried. Their recognition as American Farmers marks the first time ever that three young men were honored from the same Pennsylvania school in one year.

One of the other more successful chapters in the American Farmer Degree category is Solanco High School, Quarryville. Eleven members of their chapter have received that coveted award in the past 10 years.

The Keystone State will also be represented by 20 FFA teams, with four of those teams coming from Lancaster County's Manor

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Special weather forecasts coming to southcentral Pa.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Weather Service will begin round-the-clock broadcasting of weather information in the south-central Pennsylvania region in early December.

The broadcast service will utilize the Blue Mountain

tower of WITF-TV located near Harrisburg. According to the National Weather Service, the broadcast radius will be approximately 40 miles.

The service will also be a way to obtain advance notice of possible flash flooding or

tornadoes and other severe weather conditions necessitating citizen preparedness.

Civil defense personnel and our firemen will find it of major assistance in aiding them to know ahead of time

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Prices down this week on market hogs

By **KENDACE BORRY**

LITITZ — Hog prices started generally down this week, with the auction at New Holland on October 30 finding the barrows and gilts \$2.50 to \$2.75 lower than the prices reported at that auction a week ago.

The Lancaster Stockyards' Monday market too found hog prices

generally lower than those reported last week, but the prices rose again at the Wednesday auction.

At New Holland, with 1688 hogs reported, U.S. No. 1 and 2 hogs weighing 195 to 250 pounds brought \$51.60 to \$52.50; with a few U.S. No. 1 hogs, weighing 205 to 245 pounds going for \$52.25 to \$53.25.

Last Monday at the New Holland Sales Stables, U.S. No. 1 and 2 hogs weighing 200 to 245 pounds were bringing \$54.25-55.00, with a few U.S. No. 1 hogs weighing 200 to 240 pounds selling for \$55.10-56.00.

On Monday at the Lancaster Hog Market, barrows and gilts were reported \$1.50 to \$2.00 lower than the

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Lancaster poultrymen to protect their interests

By **DIETER KRIEG**

STRASBURG — An estimated 440 members and guests of the Lancaster County Poultry Association heard a plea for continued support of the association and involvement in local governmental affairs from Lancaster County Agent Jay Irwin on Thursday night.

The occasion was the annual dinner meeting, held here at the Historic Strasburg Restaurant.

Citing the recent case in southern Lancaster County where a young poultryman was taken to court by neighbors for wanting to construct a broiler house, Irwin explained that such

happenings could take place to anyone, anywhere. To prevent such occurrences, he urged that each farmer understand the zoning regulations, and to become involved before someone else "dictates" to them.

Irwin, who was subpoenaed by the Lancaster

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4-H'ers honored at Lanc. Co. dairy banquet

By **SALLY BAIR**
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SMOKETOWN - Connie Balmer, a veteran of seven years of 4-H work, received the top project award at the annual Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Banquet held Thursday night at Good and Plenty Restaurant,

Smoketown. Connie, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz, and is a member of the Guernsey 4-H Dairy Club.

Connie's project book was selected over the best representatives in each of the five dairy breeds. In making the presentation, 4-H

Leader Milton Brubaker emphasized that the project award represents "what the child can do for himself, not the type of animal he has to show." He said scores are based on health, feeding, financial and production records as well as the

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The National FFA Convention begins this coming week in Kansas City with hundreds of Pennsylvania FFA'ers participating. News and features about the convention, and some of the people from this area who'll be in attendance - including American Farmer Degree recipients - can be found on pages 43, 86, 87, 93, 98, 100, 101, 102, 106, 111, 112, 113, 114, 122, 123, 128, 130, 133, 140, 143.