

## Chester continues Bay review

WEST CHESTER — "Identify the problems. Then, provide solutions to the problems", Pownall Jones, Toughkenamon, Director of the Chester County Conservation District, suggested to his fellow directors at their monthly meeting last week in West Chester.

The Directors were responding to pollution problems in Chesapeake Bay, allegedly caused by agriculture. A five-year, multi-million dollar, tax-producer funded study points the finger at agriculture for causing a decrease in Bay fish harvests. The study says that nutrients from fertilizer, manure and pesticides from crop production have been major contributors to Bay pollution.

Jenny Russell, Lewisville, Vice Chairman, is arranging a public information meeting for the Chester County portion of the Bay watershed. "Initial plans for the meeting include an overview of Bay problems and suggested solutions. Various government proposals, restrictions and programs will be summerized", she said. "Landowners in the Bay watershed will be exposed to the organized effort being assembled

## New carrot hybrid

MADISON, Wis. — A new carrot hybrid, called A Plus, providing both better flavor and more nutrition, is ready for home gardeners and commercial production this spring.

In taste panel evaluations, A Plus was preferred over eight commercial hybrids with which it was compared, said horticulturist Clinton E. Peterson of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus.

USDA's Agricultural Research Service scientists found that the new carrot has about 76 percent more carotene than the variety most widely grown in California.

Philipp W. Simon, Agricultural Research Service plant geneticist at Madison, conducted the taste panel and laboratory analyses.

to restore the Bay to production. The area includes the Elks, North East and Ocatararo watersheds. The meeting will be held March 19, in the Russellville Grange Hall starting at 7 p.m.", Russell said.

Russell is a member of the a research sub-committee of a special committee to represent Pennsylvania agricultural interests in the Bay program. She indicated that she will be working with Marjorie Kraus, Research Director and Mark Stutman of Algal Virus Research Labs, Landenberg, to collect and present basic information on agriculture's potential pollution contribution to the Bay.

The Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., a cooperating agency with the District, was instructed to concentrate its efforts in the targeted area. Any landowner, interested in soil and water conservation on his land, should contact the District office for a Request for Assistance form. (235 W. Market St., West Chester, Pa. 19380 — or ph: 696-5126)

The District will be assisting farm equipment dealers in a program of no-till equipment rental. Marshall Haws, Executive Conservationist, said that Stoltzfus Farm Service will be holding an informational meeting on March 27 at their shop. Area farmers will have the opportunity to hear specialists discuss planting techniques and pesticide applications. A panel of farmers will related their experiences with no-till planting last year. Those interested will be able to reserve the use of a four-row, White No-till planter for spring planting.

"We will be mailing contact letters to District Cooperators as part of our winter follow-up

program," Elbert Wells, District Conservationist, S.C.S., U.S.D.A., explained to the Directors. Cooperators will be contacted by phone to discuss the conservation plans for their property.

In other action, Directors voted up to \$75 contribution to the Esta Funk fund at the National Association of Conservation District Directors Memorial. They voted to provide materials for Soil Stewardship week (May 27-June 3) available to all ministers who request them.

Directors accepted the following landowners as Cooperators with the District. They are eligible for the services of the S.C.S., U.S.D.A. Technicians. Ephraim E. Hershey, Upper Oxford Twp.; Harold E. Martin, East Fallowfield Twp.; Timothy K. Kauffman, West Fallowfield Twp.; John L. Stoltzfus, Highland Twp.; Robert A. Hewitt, East Conventry Twp.; and Jeffrey Graham, Uwchlan Twp.

LEBANON — On February 15-17, the State FFA Project Book Contest was held at University Park. The best project books from Pennsylvania were entered. Students keep records of their supervised occupational experiences in the books. The judges score the books on accuracy, completeness, neatness, and labor income.

Cedar Crest members won several awards. Winners from Cedar Crest were David Groff, 1st Gold in Dairy Beef Finishing; Ed Zuck, 1st Gold in Swine Breeding; Jeff Zuck, 11th Gold in S.O.E. on-farm over 500 hours; Gale Hitz, 1st Silver in Swine Fattening; and Tonya Johnson, 4th Silver in Dairy Calf

## Warwick FFA plans donkey basketball

LITITZ — The Warwick FFA Chapter has challenged the high school faculty in a donkey basketball game to be played at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school gym

Advance tickets available from any chapter member or at the Warwick Ag Department are \$2.00 for students and \$2.50 for adults. Prices at the door are \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults.

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