

Farmers and neighbors

pledge \$12,000

toward bridge

FALMOUTH — A group of farmers and neighbors from Lancaster and Dauphin Counties recently pledged \$12,000 in personal funds to help replace a covered bridge over the Conewago Creek that was destroyed by fire six years ago.

For the six years since the bridge was destroyed, poultry farmer Clair Nissley of Falmouth has had to travel several miles out of his way to reach fields on the other side of the creek and the egg truck has had to change its route.

For Nissley and some of his neighbors the bridge was a vital link between their farms and fields, and although supervisors in Conoy and Londonderry Townships talked about replacing it, no action was ever taken.

Nissley said area farmers wrote a letter to the Lancaster County Commissioners about two years ago, requesting that the bridge be rebuilt. About a year and a half ago, Lancaster and Dauphin Counties decided to split the cost of replacing the bridge, but the two townships joined by the bridge were requested to finance the approaches on their respective

sides.

Conoy Township supervisor Bob Strickland said the engineer's estimate for the approach on the Conoy side was for \$22,800, but the supervisors felt they could afford to appropriate only \$5,000 toward the project.

At this point, Nissley and a group of his neighbors who wanted the bridge rebuilt got together and pledged \$12,000, leaving \$5,800 unaccounted for, Nissley said.

In a special meeting with supervisors and farmers, the engineering firm lowered its estimate to \$17,000 - the total of the money pledged from the township and farmers.

"We got them (the engineer) to eliminate some of the items on this job to bring the price down to \$17,000," Strickland said, noting that the items eliminated were not essential to the bridge's structure.

Strickland says he believes the group's persistence is the reason the bridge is finally being replaced. "They kept the thing

alive until the two counties decided to build the bridge," he said.

Construction of the concrete box-frame bridge that will replace the wooden covered bridge which once spanned the creek should start late this year or early next spring, Strickland said.

Nissley said he and the other farmers who pledged money for the project hope they will be reimbursed with public money, but Strickland said the township does not intend to reimburse them.

Others who contributed funds to the bridge are: Chris Becker, R4 Elizabethtown; Melvin Nissley, Middletown; Robert Gruber, Middletown; and Glenn Hipple, Elizabethtown. Plain and Fancy also contributed to the fund.

Barrow

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- Medium Weight
 - 1 RR Petersen & Sons IN 2 Jeff Wippel OH
 - 3 RR Petersen & Sons
- Heavy Weight
 - 1 Gene Wakeland & Family MD 2 Stephen Brown & Family IN 3 RR Petersen & Sons
- Berkshire Champion
 - Gene Wakeland & Family
- Berkshire Reserve Champion
 - Stephen Brown & Family
- CHESTER WHITE
 - Light Weight
 - 1 James T Parlett PA 2 James T Parlett
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 James T Parlett 2 James T Parlett
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 James T Parlett 2 James T Parlett
- Chester White Champion
 - 1 James T Parlett

- Chester White Reserve Champion
 - 1 James T Parlett
- HAMPSHIRE
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Strawbridge & McCleary PA 2 J E Strawbridge PA 3 Franklin Feeser MD
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Strawbridge & McCleary 2 Franklin Feeser 3 Franklin Feeser
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 Jeff McConn PA 2 Strawbridge & McCleary 3 Carolyn Thomas PA
- Hampshire Champion
 - Strawbridge & McCleary
- Hampshire Reserve Champion
 - Franklin Feeser
- POLAND-CHINA
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Rocky Acres Farm PA 2 Rocky Acres Farm
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Rocky Acres Farm 2 Jeff Wippel
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 Jeff Wippel 2 Rocky Acres Farm
- Poland China Champion
 - Jeff Wippel
- Poland China Reserve Champion
 - Rocky Acres Farm
- SPOTTED
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Keith Bard PA 2 Keith Bard 3 James T Parlett
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Keith Bard 2 James T Parlett 3 Keith Bard
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 James T Parlett 2 Keith Bard 3 Clair Hartman PA
- Spotted Champion
 - Keith Bard
- Spotted Reserve Champion
 - Keith Bard
- YORKSHIRE
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Penn State University 2 Strawbridge & McCleary 3 Franklin Feeser
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Franklin Feeser 2 Penn State University 3 Franklin Feeser
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 Weller Brothers IL 2 Leon Arnold PA 3 Franklin Feeser
- Yorkshire Champion
 - Franklin Feeser
- Yorkshire Reserve Champion
 - Weller Brothers
- CROSSBRED
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Franklin Feeser 2 Hess Durocs MD 3 Hess Durocs
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Franklin Feeser 2 Todd Bennecoff PA 3 Merle Hess Jr MD
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 Franklin Feeser 2 Franklin Feeser 3 LaVern Weller
- Crossbred Champion
 - Franklin Feeser
- Crossbred Reserve Champion
 - Franklin Feeser
- Open Champion Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - Strawbridge & McCleary
 - Open Reserve Champion Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - Yeazel Durocs
 - Truckload of 6 Hogs, any breed, average weight 200-220 lbs
- 1 Penn State University 2 Stephen Brown & Family IN 3 RR Petersen & Sons IN
- Truckload of 6 Hogs, any breed, average weight 221 245 lbs
- 1 LaVern Weller & Sons IL 2 Yeazel Durocs 3 Stephen Brown & Family IN
- Champion Truckload
 - LaVern Weller & Sons
- Reserve Champion Truckload
 - Penn State University
- JUNIOR BARROWS ON-FOOT
 - Light Weight
 - 1 Gus Parlett Airville 2 Greg Bankert Hanover 3 Eric Sheiss Chambersburg 4 Shelby Heagy Lebanon 5 Kristen Hazlett State College
 - Medium Weight
 - 1 Matthew Horchler New Wilmington 2 Rod McConn W Alexander 3 Jeffrey Gregos Mt flintown 4 Scott Hazlett State College 5 Eric Sheiss
 - Heavy Weight
 - 1 Gretchen Christman Chambersburg 2 Joyce Harpster Boalsburg 3 Jeffrey Gregos 4 Brian Bankert Hanover 5 Joyce Harpster
- Champion Junior Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - Gretchen Christman
 - Reserve Champion Junior Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - Matthew Horchler
 - Grand Champion Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - (Open & Junior Champions Competing) Gretchen Christman
 - Reserve Grand Champion Barrow
 - On-Foot
 - (Open & Junior Champions Competing) Strawbridge & McCleary

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