

York County plans Enviro-Olympics

YORK — The first York County Enviro-Olympics will be held at the Izaak Walton League, York County Chapter 67 Grounds near Dallastown on May 14.

Teams of five students, grades nine through 12, from York County School Districts will compete in five environmental categories — soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatic environments and current environmental issues.

The teams move through outdoor stations answering questions and solving problems pertinent to each of the five categories. Members of a team must be from the same school district and only one team from each district may participate in the county competition.

The county winner will advance to the state competition scheduled for June 21 at Shaver's Creek

Environmental Center near State College.

The goal of the program is to increase students' awareness of the interactions and interdependencies of the total environment and the effect each individual's actions have on the environment. The program is aimed at providing a foundation for environmentally aware and action-oriented adults and to provide a fulfilling day of outdoor recreation.

For more information on the Enviro-Olympics and how your school may participate, contact the York County Conservation District, 118 Pleasant Acres Rd., York, 17402, phone 717-771-9430. Do not delay so your school can receive practice material in time for preparation.

Ag preserve bumper sticker

ANNAPOLIS — A bumper sticker designed to promote awareness of the need for preserving Maryland farmland is now available to Maryland residents. The bumper sticker, which carries the message, "SAVE MARYLAND FARMLAND" is a project of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. Maryland currently leads the nation in the amount of permanently preserved agricultural land.

"The bumper sticker is needed to make the public aware of the threat to agricultural land and the need to preserve it," said Gerald Talbert, Executive Director of the

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. "It's important that Maryland farmland be saved so that there will always be an adequate local supply of agricultural products here in the state."

Bumper stickers are available free of charge through local agricultural preservation advisory boards or local planning and zoning departments. The car stickers may also be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to FARMLAND BUMPERSTICKER, c/o Gerald Talbert, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis, Md., 21401 or you may call 841-5860.

Ephrata Area Young Farmers honor Martin, Zimmerman

MOUNT AIRY — The Ephrata Area Young Farmers bestowed their two top awards on Curtis Martin and John Zimmerman at their annual awards banquet at the Mount Airy-Durlach Fire Co. Saturday.

Martin, a dairyman who milks 45 cows and farms 63 acres of corn, alfalfa and rye, was chosen Outstanding Young Farmer under 30.

Zimmerman, who farms 80 acres of corn and rye and runs a beef fattening operation, was selected Outstanding Young Farmer over 30.

Dairy awards went to Paul S. Horning, Earl E. Martin and Richard Fox. Horning farms 200 acres and had the top herd in protein, fat and milk output with a rolling herd average of 19,260 pounds of milk, 701 pounds of butterfat and 600 pounds of protein.

Martin and his family milk 48 cows and farm 100 acres, compiling an average of 17,830 pounds of milk and 688 pounds of fat, with a 1985 increase of 2,062 pounds of production and 52 pounds of fat.

The Fox family farms 150 acres and reported an increase of 5,329 pounds in milk production and 176 pounds of fat on a 58-cow herd. The herd now averages 18,908 pounds production and 687 pounds fat annually.

The association's beef award went to Ira Martin, who farms 69 acres and fattens 100 steers. Mahlon Eberly, who raises 500,000 broilers annually, won the poultry award

The association granted its soil, crop and livestock award to Clark Stauffer, who farms 100 acres of corn, tobacco and rye, and fattens beef cattle and has 240 sows.

Appreciation awards went to Ray Buckwalter, Elva Stauffer and David Zimmerman, while the active member award went to Gerald Martin.



Winners of the two top awards at the Ephrata Area Young Farmers Association annual banquet were Curtis Martin, Young Farmer Under 30, and John R. Zimmerman, Young Farmer Over 30.

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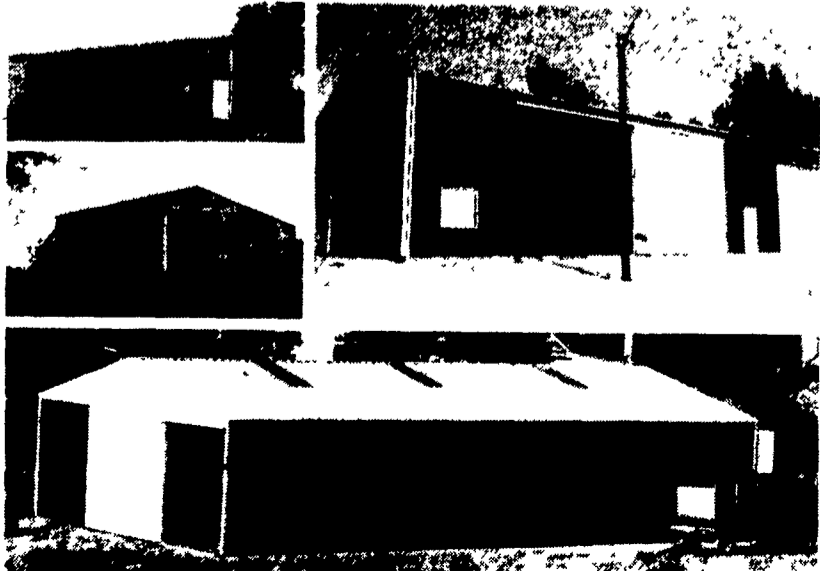
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