

Pennsylvania 4-H Week - March 16 to 23

Former 4-H'er Evelyn Hess is Farm and Home Foundation leader

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Editor's Note: Leadership is one of the most highly visible skills 4-H'ers learn. While most 4-H'ers do not become president, governor or senator, many of them do become effective leaders within their communities. In observance of Pennsylvania 4-H Week, March 16 to 23, Lancaster Farming highlights two former Lancaster County 4-H'ers who serve in a leadership capacity with Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation as well as other community organizations. Look for other 4-H features throughout B section.

Lancaster — Evelyn Hess, 817 Waterfront Drive, became the first women president of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation two years ago. She had previously served as secretary for 12 years, so is thoroughly involved in the Foundation's leadership. She is also a former 4-H'er, well informed in the leadership skills necessary to run a board of directors.

As she turns over the reins to her successor, she says she is glad to participate simply as a committee person once again. But she is firm in her support of the Foundation and the important role the Farm

and Home Center plays in the Lancaster community.

Evelyn says, "I see how much the building is used, and how it benefits so many people. I think it is used more and more all the time." She is especially happy about some of the improvements which have taken place in the building, the most notable of which is the painting of the walls in the auditorium to give it a warmer atmosphere. "The improvements have added to the overall usability," she notes.

About her term as president, Evelyn says, "It was an interesting experience." It kept her in close contact with the building manager Chet Neuin, as well as the board. Additionally, she adds, "I never minded being secretary, but it is work. You have to keep track of the meetings and what goes on."

Having served as a member of the scholarship committee for many years, Evelyn calls that her most rewarding service. "There are a lot of children I knew vaguely and we could watch their progression." With the cost of college climbing ever higher, she also believes the Foundation is providing valuable assistance with their \$1,000 scholarships.

This year a total of 15 scholarships will be offered, with up to ten to be given to students studying home economics and agriculture and the remainder to those studying nursing. Selecting the final recipients is not easy, but Evelyn believes the hard work of the committee pays off in seeing students get a good start in their freshman year.

Evelyn became a 4-H member



Evelyn Hess credits 4-H with teaching her many of the home skills she uses every day. Here, she waters one of the many plants that decorate her home.



With new project books focusing on nutrition education, Evelyn finds she must do her homework prior to 4-H meetings. Here she prepares a project lesson for her cooking club.

when she was ten years old, and continued through her 18th year, enjoying both beef projects and sewing projects. The oldest of a family of three sisters, Evelyn recalls that she was encouraged to join by a neighbor, Milton Jurell, who was a leader with the Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club.

Evelyn was born in Manheim Township, and it was not until she was nine that her family moved to

the Lititz area to farm. Her father did general farming, including raising tobacco, chickens, pigs and dairy animals. Steers were their chosen 4-H projects, she says, because her father was interested in feeding steers and didn't own registered dairy cows.

She remembers that County Agent Max Smith came to all the

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4-H alumnus Darvin Boyd continues to be active in ag community

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LANCASTER — "I have never been shy in talking about how much my 4-H experiences meant to me." These are Darvin Boyd's words as he reflects on the 11 years he spent as a member of the Lancaster County Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club, and the Lincoln Community Club.

Newly elected as president of the Farm and Home Foundation, Boyd recalls helping to solicit donations for the construction of the Farm and Home Center in those difficult early years, and says, "As a college student I was glad to get some contributions for the Center. As I look back when it was constructed, the people who made it possible gave a yeoman's effort."

Now that he is taking the reins as president, Boyd says, "The Center serves an important role for meetings in the agricultural community, but it goes way beyond that. The time is ripe for us to take a look at programs and evaluate our position over the next three to five years. We want to be able to keep the Farm and Home Center as the hub of meeting places in Lancaster County and give it the proper attention to keep it that."

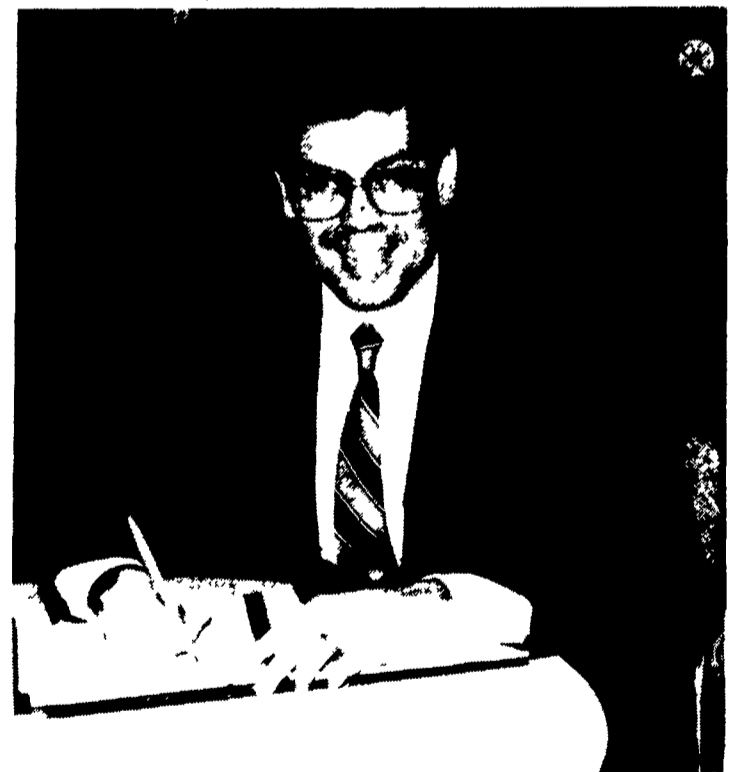
An outstanding 4-H'er while in Lancaster County, Boyd now is in a position to support 4-H as vice president and director of the Agri-Finance Department for Hamilton Bank. He says, "Because of my experience I can encourage the bank to support many of these programs. We have a commitment to rural youth and to the rural community. Hamilton Bank supports over 50 programs in the seven counties of our marketing area."

Boyd says he remembers joining 4-H, following in the footsteps of his brother who was three years older, saying, "We as a family were interested in projects which would give us responsibility and learn to know other people, and 4-H was a natural organization for us to get involved in."

Boyd became really involved, with the support of his late parents, Elmer and Pauline, eventually taking over 14 different projects, and traveling to Penn State a total of five or six times on judging teams, to Leadership School and other activities.

Because of his total involvement, he was named the Pennsylvania winner in Achievement and attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, the highest honor for a 4-H'er. He traveled to the event twice, the second time as

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At his desk at Hamilton Bank, Darvin Boyd surrounds himself with some 4-H mementos. He feels strongly that much of his present success is due to the opportunities he had in 4-H.



Darvin Boyd stands by some of the advertising pages used by Hamilton Bank. He enjoys his work in the agri-finance department because of the chance to work closely with rural people in a seven-county area.

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