



# OPINION

## Heart Beat Of Lancaster

A major change in the landscape of Lancaster County could be set in concrete during the next three or four months. The highway planning process for the Route 30/23 bypass is now at the critical stage where basic research has been done by a team of engineers and recommendations of possible mile wide corridors have been given. We have several concerns about the present situation.

First, we are not sure that the relative impact on the basic fabric of Lancaster County has been considered. Lancaster County is rural. Lancaster County is the heart of special religious groups that have traditionally remained separate and different from the modern world. And Lancaster County has the heartbeat of farming.

This heartbeat affects every other person, business and industry connected to Lancaster County arteries. To run a superhighway right through the Amish valley across Scenic Road is likely to break Lancaster County's heart--socially and economically--so that this special Pennsylvania Dutch country will never be the same again.

Secondly, we are not sure many of those who will be affected are aware of the limited chance to find out what the planners and the state have in mind and the urgency to

use what opportunity is given to voice opinions about the proposed corridors.

A meeting is scheduled for this purpose this week Wednesday, September 23, at Pequea Valley High School at 7 p.m. From this meeting the planners are going to incorporate the response with their thinking and make recommendations for setting the final corridor that will eventually become the bypass.

We agree with almost every other group and individual who knows about the crowded roadways through the tourist area and the New Holland Pike. Something must be done to help those travelers and truckers who are just passing through and have no interest in stopping in Lancaster. But this must be done on the edge of Lancaster's fertile valley, not through its heart. The Agricultural Preserve Board calls this the skirting alignments.

Of course, some farmland will be affected by these routes, too. And the idea of a national scenic farmland highway sounds good. This concept can be seen in the scenic Skyline Drive in Virginia and the Coastal Road along the Pacific in California.

But to give up Lancaster County's farm heart is just too much for anyone to ask.



## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To Store

### Pesticides Safely

Most producers are about finished with their spray materials for the year. Many of these can be held over until next year with good results. However, it is always best to buy only enough for one season at a time. When storing spray materials, always keep them in their original containers and away from children, pets and livestock. It is best to have a separate room or building for pesticide storage.

### Monday, September 28

PFA Green Co. Meeting, Waynesburg Methodist Church Hall, 7 p.m.

PFA Clarion Co. Meeting, Murphy Grange 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 29

PFA Mifflin Co. Meeting, Belleville Mennonite School, 7 p.m.

PFA Blair Co. Meeting, Williamsburg Elementary School, 7 p.m.

PA Association of Farm Cooperative Annual Meeting, Harrisburg Sheraton - West, September 29-30.

### Wednesday, September 30

Pa. Poultry Federation annual conference, through 10/1, Grantville, Holiday Inn.

East-Central Holstein Show, Bloomsburg

PFA Adams Co. Meeting, York Springs Community Bldg., 6 p.m.

PFA Layette Co. Meeting, Layette Fair Grounds, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, October 1

Keystone International Livestock Expo., Farm Show Complex, through 10/5.

PFA Cumberland Co. Meeting, Huneydale Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

PFA Summerset Co. Meeting, Berlin Community Bldg., 7 p.m.

PFA Crawford County Meeting, Days Inn, Meadville, 7 p.m.

PFA Northampton/Monroe Meeting, Slokestown Memorial Hall, 7 p.m.

### Friday, October 2

PFA Bucks Co. Meeting, Plumsteadville Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

PFA Fulton Co. Meeting, McConnelsburg Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

PFA Jefferson Co. Meeting, Horn-town Community Center, 7 p.m.

PFA Tioga/Potter Co. Meeting, Whitneyville Fair Bldg., 7 p.m.

Lancaster Chamber Ag Expo, Lancaster and Penn Squares

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Wettable powders are easy to store; however, emulsions and liquids may be harmed by freezing weather. Producers are urged to follow the label and instructions in this respect. It may be necessary to keep some of them in a heated building. Be sure they are not near feed supplies because accidents can happen. Pesticides kept in a room or building under a lock is a good way to prevent costly mistakes and tragedies.

### To Check

### Fan Louvers

Fan louvers on poultry and swine operations should close tightly when a fan is not operating. If they don't air, will enter through the open louver and be discharged by the nearest running fan, giving you no ventilation at all.

When the fan is on, louvers must be fully open; otherwise, they will restrict the flow of air from the building. Tests have shown that a little dust on fan louvers can restrict air flow by more than 1,000 c.f.m. per fan. A restricted fan operates longer and bears a heavier load using more electricity, which costs money.

In many cases, you can repair louvers that are sticking open or shut just by cleaning them and applying oil or rust solvent to the hinges.

### To Beware

### of Frosted Crops

Colder weather is coming and that means frost. In fact this is good news to many of us who have had enough of hot humid weather this summer. Livestock producers who have fields of sudan-sorghum hybrids, should keep in mind that when frost hits these crops they could be toxic to livestock for seven to ten days following the

freeze. After this period, and the plants are dead, they may be used safely. However, any growth coming from the plant after a killing frost might also be toxic.

Another frost hazard would be to permit livestock to graze alfalfa or clover stands while the frost is still on the plants. This can cause severe bloating. Allow the frost to melt and the plants to dry before grazing. Good management is needed on various forage crops after a killing frost.

### To Reduce

### Egg Breakage

Many egg producers are not aware of their breakage losses. You could be very surprised how much. Some poultry producers do not realize how many eggs they are losing because they do not keep track of them. In studies where this has been checked carefully, we find the percentage of eggs broken ranging from 2% to 5% up to 20%.

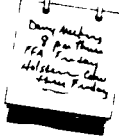
With a flock of 30,000 layers averaging 70% production, a loss of 4% is 84,000 eggs or 7,000 dozen a year. This loss comes to \$4,900 when eggs sell for 70¢ per dozen.

Check nests or cages for needed repairs. Often we find eggs broken right in the cages. Check the egg trays. If they are bent, they can break many eggs. Many times plastic bumpers placed on the egg tray will reduce breakage. Careful handling will reduce breakage if eggs are gathered by hand.

Take time to check these factors and others to reduce breakage. It very well could be the difference between profit and loss.

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## Farm Calendar



### Saturday, September 19

Erie County Meeting, Franklin Center Community Bldg., 7 p.m.

Western PA Swine Field Day, James McCune Farm, R.D.#3, New Alesandria, 7 p.m.

### Monday, September 21

Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, 8 a.m.

MAMMA Annual Meeting, Embassy Suites Hotel, Hunt Valley, Maryland.

U.S. House Ag Subcommittee Hearing, Dairy Herd Buy-Out, Carroll Co. Ag Center, Westminster, 9:30 a.m.

Sinking Valley Local of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative District 20, Election Night at 8 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 22

All-American Dairy Show, Through September 25th, Harrisburg.

PFA Butler County meeting, 7 p.m. Unionville Grange

York Co. Lamb and Swine 4-H Roundup at Weikert's Lives-

tock Mkt., Thomasville. Sale begins 7 p.m.

### Thursday, September 24

PFA Indiana County meeting, 7 p.m., Rustic Lodge

PFA Clearfield County meeting, 7 p.m. Best Western.

Franklin County Conservation District and ASCS Banquet, 6:30 p.m. Lurgan Lions Club, Roxbury.

Eastern Lancaster County Private Applicator License Training, 7 p.m., Summit Valley Elementary School, south of New Holland.

York Co. Beekeeper meeting, Extension Office

### Friday, September 25

Pennsylvania Maple Tour, Northwest Pennsylvania. Runs through September 26.

Delaware Ag Friends Breakfast, Sheraton in Dover, 7:30 a.m.

### Saturday, September 26

PFA Chester/Delaware Meeting, Octorara High School, 7 p.m.

PFA Lehigh County Meeting, Seiptstown Grange Hall, 7 p.m.



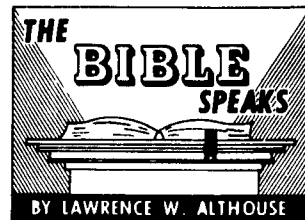
corruption throughout the earth, God planned to obliterate human life: "I have determined to make an end of all flesh; for the earth is filled with violence . . . behold I will destroy them with the earth" (6:13). But not Noah, nor his family, nor even all the beasts of the earth. This is the first of many, many times in the Bible when great evil brings great destruction. But it is also the first time that the idea of a remnant appears.

In the Bible, the "remnant" is always a person or persons who are sufficiently faithful and righteous so that God determines that they shall be excluded from the tragic coming events. But it is not just that they do not deserve this destruction, but that they are needed by God to carry on his purposes after the destruction is over. In the case of people of Israel in the days of Isaiah, there was to be a remnant to carry on as God's chosen people. In the case of Noah, however, it was to be nothing less than carrying on the whole human race, not to mention the animal kingdom.

### ALWAYS AN ARK

It is hard for Christians to think of God making a mistake in his work of creation or changing his mind. But in this story of Noah and the ark we see also a theme that is repeated again and again in both the Bible and in human history: no matter how much human beings may seem to delay the plan of God, no matter how much we may seem to deserve obliteration for the corruption of God's planet, he has never failed to provide for himself — and humankind — an ark, so that his plan is carried forward despite our efforts at self-destruction. At least, he has so far.

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ALWAYS A REMNANT?  
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Background Scripture: Genesis 6 through 9:17.

Devotional Reading: Genesis 9:8-17.

The picture of God that we get in the story of Noah and the ark is certainly a pre-Christian one. In it we see a God who is "sorry that he made man on the earth and it grieved him to his heart" (6:6). We thus see a God who believes he made a mistake in making human beings in the first place.

We see also a God who changes his mind, first planning to "blot out man whom I have created from the face of the earth" (6:7), then, making an exception because of Noah's righteousness: "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord (6:8).

### THE FIRST REMNANT

Because of the gross widespread