

Lancaster Farming

Friends List New Officers

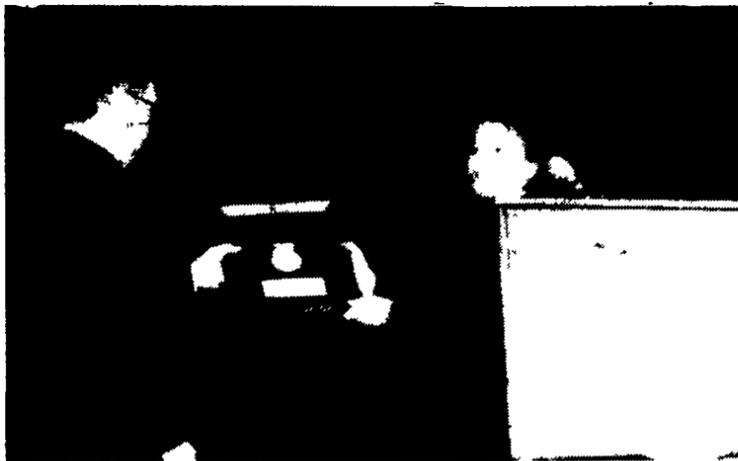
LANCASTER — The Friends of Farmland Preservation announced the election of several new officers. Daniel Herr, a lawyer from Strasburg, was elected president. Retiring president, James Jolly of Millersville, will remain on the board of directors.

Eric Probst, who lives on a Pequea Township farm and is an auctioneer, was elected vice president.

Barbara Skelly, a teacher in the Lampeter Strasburg school district, was elected secretary.

And Stuart Herr was elected finance chairman. Herr lives on a Lancaster Township farm and is vice president for Serta Mattress Co., Lancaster.

Friends is a non-profit organization that supports farmland preservation in Lancaster County.



Henry Givler receives Blue and Gold Award from President Melissa Spayd.

FFA Bestows Awards

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HARRISBURG — With the blare of the Star Spangled Banner echoing through the circular hall of the forum, the FFA Band opened the

59th Convention of the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America Association. Under the banner, "Today's Dreams-Tomorrow's Reality," President Melissa Spayd called the meeting to order and (Turn to Page A21)

Ag Industry Complex Proposed By Fulton County Farmer

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CAMP HILL — A Fulton County farmer with a master's degree in physics wants to build a 200- to 500-acre agricultural industry complex that eats up

burnable waste from the city and manure from the surrounding farms but creates no waste of its own.

He looks at garage as a renewable resource that can be used to create steam for heat or generate electric power. This energy can

then be used to, among other things, raise vegetables or cut flowers, manufacture cheese, can pet food, dry lumber for furniture or pellet manure to send back to suburbia as a lawn and garden supply.

And this teacher turn farmer and

engineering consultant, Mathern Mellott, of Harrisonville has the technical experience and personal research data to capture the attention of academic, government and environmental persons. His presentation at the marketing conference at the Pennsylvania Farmers'

Farmer

Association's annual meeting in November has started the quest for a steering committee to seek funding for a feasibility study on an agricultural synergism that would benefit all the people of Pennsylvania.

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Junior Livestock Prices Shatter Records

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HARRISBURG — The Annual Junior Livestock Sale on Friday morning usually provides the climax of a week of farming activities at the Farm Show here. And this year was no exception. The first champion in the ring was Scott Kuzemchak's champion lamb. And as Abe Diefenbach's auctioneer's song filled the small arena, the price went higher and higher until Foxes Market of Elizabethtown, Hershey, Harrisburg and Camp Hill had paid a record

\$9,675. That's \$75 per pound. The Fox family has been a long-time supporter of the youth sale by buying champions and other animals to insure good prices for these projects.

The reserve champion shown by Scott's younger brother Joe was bought by another annual supporter of the market livestock sale. Willie The Butcher of Lancaster County paid \$10 per pound for a total of \$1,220.

In the steer sale, the small boy with a big smile now has a bigger bank account. With the record bid of \$13.50 per pound for his grand champion steer, 10-year-old Joshua Cowell, Greene County, sold out to Danny George of George's Foodliner in Bethlehem.

The 1280-pound champion named "Coal" put a record \$17,280 into Joshua's pocket. The previous record for the grand champion steer was \$12 per pound or a total of \$15,060 bid by the Arthur J. Glatfelter Agency of York in 1983.

This year's reserve champion, Mike Messick of Middletown, Dauphin County, earned more with the number two title than he earned last year when he had the grand champion. Mike's reserve champ brought \$8.50 per pound for a total of \$10,625 on a bid by Foxes Markets. At last year's show, Mike's grand champion brought \$7.75 per pound for a total of \$9,881.

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Farm Preservation Act Reviewed At Chester Young Farmers Meet

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ATGLEN — Look at the Farm Preservation Act carefully, Pennsylvania Senator Noah Wenger, Ephrata (R-36), told the Octorara Young Farmers Association Monday night. Decide from a business, not an emotional, standpoint whether or not to sell development rights to your farm, Wenger advised.

Wenger and Representative Arthur Hershey, Cochranville (R-13), explained how \$100 million is to be distributed to Pennsyl-

vania farmers as a result of the referendum that passed by a 2-1 margin statewide in November.

When the State Legislature reconvenes this week it will write the enabling legislation to put the bond issue money where farmland is in greatest jeopardy, according to Wenger. "Until that legislation is passed we are not going to have all the details that you may be interested in. However," the senator said, "there's a general basic agreement about what concepts will be used."

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Joshua Cowell (at halter) sold his champion steer to Danny George (right) for a record \$13.50 per pound. Boyd Wolff, state agriculture secretary is center.



A record lamb price of \$75 per pound was paid by Foxes Market to Scott Kuzemchak. The Fox family (left to right) are: Leremy, Brian, Bill and Leroy.



Mark Hull sold his champion to Hatfield Quality Meats for \$18 per pound. With Hull are Boyd Wolff, state ag secretary and Jerry Clemens from Hatfield.