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New Slate Of FFA Officers Elected At State Convention

BY LISA RISSER

LITITZ (Lancaster) — Future Farmers of America from all across Pennsylvania gathered at Penn State last week for several days of competition, organizational business, and fun. Before leaving on Thursday, delegates from each of the local chapters voted in the new state's officers.

The 1988 officers are Leon Heisey from the Manheim Central Chapter, president; Jim Ladlee from the Bucktail Chapter, vice president; Sharon Zimmerman from the Cloisters Chapter, eastern regional vice president; Dean



Heisey Ladlee

Shank from the Bermudian Chapter, south central regional vice president; Charles Ax III from the Selinsgrove Chapter, north central regional vice president; Joseph Obenour from the H.G. Parkinson Chapter, western regional vice

president; Dawn Herr from the Lower Dauphin Chapter, secretary; Dianne Dice from the Northern Lebanon Chapter, treasurer; Andrew Greenleaf from the Central Cove Chapter, reporter; Araham Harpster from Warrior's Mark, sentinel; and Susan Fisher from Captain Jack, chaplain.

In his first speech as president, Heisey challenged FFA'ers to increase membership of the organization and to spread the word on vocational agriculture so that public perception of agriculture broadens.

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World Pork Expo Shatters Records

The first World Pork Expo, held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa June 12-14, set several records. The three day event attracted 57,902 persons, by far the largest crowd ever to attend a pork-specific event in the United States. Almost one thousand international visitors from 42 countries attended Pork Expo '88, and the three days of activities were covered by 119 news media representatives, including *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Forbes* magazines. Highlights of the Expo were broadcast by satellite to hundreds of radio and television stations around the nation.

The great Pork BarbeQlossal™ on opening day, June 12 was a rousing success. Some 13 tons of pork barbecue was served to over 35,000 persons, and that earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest single serving of barbecue. Formal certification of the record will take several weeks.

For the first time, all eight of the major hog breeds were brought together at World Pork Expo for their national summer shows and sales. Breeders and visitors packed the state fairgrounds hog barn during the three days of shows and sales. Some 611 hogs were sold for

\$510,135, an average of \$835 per animal.

A record number of exhibits, well over 800 in all, were scattered over the ten acre Expo site, some of them inside, others outside in the heat that prevailed all three days. The hot weather did not seem to hinder activities, and most exhibitors reported brisk sales of their wares and services.

While producers browsed through the exhibits and enjoyed various aspects of World Pork Expo, ten of the nation's leading food editors, including representatives from such popular consumer

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Bale-A-Thon Helps Barn Fire Victim

BY BETH GRAY

Bedford Co. Correspondent MOUNT PLEASANT (Westmoreland Co.) — More than a dozen friends, neighbors and other good-hearted farmers turned their machines on 60 acres of hay ground in the past week to make hay for George Overly whose dairy barn burned down June 15. The fire, reported to have been triggered by a tractor spark that ignited hay on the barn floor, destroyed the large bank barn, two silos, two tractors, a grinder-mixer, manure spreader, two elevators, 3500 bales of hay, 1000 bushels of grain and two calves.

The cows were outside at the time of the fire.

John Wigel and Don Hutter were instrumental in organizing the bale-a-thon which took place on a neighboring property temporarily held by Farmers Home Administration. Reported Don Freets, president of the Westmoreland County Farmers' Association who helped with the event, "The hay was standing there and we needed to get in and make it while it was good."

On June 18 farmers with 11 hay-bines mowed the hay. On June 20 a like number of rakes, plus five

round balers and several bale movers and wagons came onto the property to complete the job. Local farm suppliers donated twine.

Freets said that the farmers will help with clean-up chores after insurance adjusters have completed their work.

The Overly herd has been moved to the neighboring farm of Andy Klejka who liquidated his herd last year. Because the Overly cows had been accustomed to loose housing, and the Klejka facility is a stanchion barn, Freets reported that farmers are helping to train the cows to their new arrangement.



These balers work to get hay crop in for barn fire victim.



"May I present Miss Julie Greider, the 1988-89 Lancaster County Dairy Princess," said Grover Gouker, Jr. to the audience moments after the judges had announced the winner at the Farm & Home Center last Saturday evening.

Lancaster Dairy Princess; Distinction Farms Named

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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LANCASTER — With a little help from Ginnie and Minnie, Julie Greider, Columbia was named the Lancaster County Dairy Princess here last Saturday evening at the annual festivities at the Farm and Home Center. Ginnie and Minnie are the dolls that Julie used in her competitive presentation to the judges to show how milk should be promoted and used. Ginnie is robust with rosy cheeks. Minnie is string-beanish and anemic.

Dressed as a nurse, Julie

instructed her "children" to drink milk for good health. Minnie was chided as the "soda girl" with the bad habit that caused her to be light complected and unable to stay awake. On the other hand, because Ginnie drank a lot of milk her good complexion and vitality are obvious.

"When you feel good, you look good", Julie told her children. "When you drink milk you'll be 'moovin' with energy".

The new Dairy Princess drank milk for a strong finish to her pre-

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USDA Honors RCWP Participants

LITITZ (Lancaster) — Conservationists working on the Conestoga Headwaters Rural Clean Water Project (RCWP) received the Administrator's Award Tuesday from the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Washington D.C.

The award, the highest form of recognition given by the ASCS, was presented to 10 Lancaster Countians, three hydrologists at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Harrisburg, and a water pollution biologist working at Pennsylvania's DER.

The award resulted from innovative pollution control and management measures designed and implemented through group

initiative.

Receiving the award were Robert J. Anderson, senior project associate with Lancaster County Extension Service; Warren M. Archibald, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS); Gary A. Ballina, conservation technician with SCS; Mary Jo Brown, biologist with Penn. DER; A. Omer Brubaker, field coordinator with ASCS; Ray Brubaker, county executive director with ASCS; Douglas C. Chichester, hydrologist with USGS; David K. Fishel, hydrologist with USGS; Robert E. Gregory, Lancaster County Conservation District administrator; Jay W. Irwin, Lan-

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