

Lancaster Countians Receive \$1,000 Scholarships

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster Farm & Home Center Foundation Award program celebrates its 25th year by presenting \$15,000 in scholarships to 15 students, the most it's ever given.

The scholarships, worth \$1,000, are presented to Lancaster County high school seniors who will be going on to major in agriculture or home economics in college. Students are selected on the basis of need, scholastic ability, and leadership skills.

Monies for the scholarships are from a fund established by the late Elmer Esbenshade.

Manheim Central accounted for three of the students receiving a scholarship, while Penn Manor, Lampeter-Strasburg, Elizabethtown, and Hempfield each were represented by two students.

The winners are:

•Michele Aufer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Aufer of Lititz. A senior at Manheim Central, Aufer plans to attend Messiah College and major in home economics. She is involved in cheerleading, band, chorus, and orchestra and is a member of the National Honor Society and her church's youth group.

•Rebecca Barley, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barley of Lancaster. A senior at Penn Manor, Barley plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. She is a FFA'er and participates in gymnastics and field hockey.

•Kristin Chupp, 17, daughter of Larry and Barb Weaver of New Holland. A senior at Garden Spot, Chupp plans to attend Penn State and enter the university's pre-veterinary medicine program. An FFA'er and 4-H'er, Chupp is interested in music, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is an FFA Keystone Farmer Degree recipient.

•Donna M. Ecenrode, 18, daughter of Lois M. Ecenrode of Manheim. Ecenrode, a senior at Manheim Central, plans to attend Pittsburgh Technical Institute and major in home economics. She is president of the Mount Joy Vo-Tech's chapter of Vocational Industry Club of America, a member of the year book staff, and participates in softball, basketball, and hockey.

•Andrew Groff, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Groff of Lancaster. A senior at Lampeter Strasburg, Groff plans to attend the University of Delaware and major in agriculture. He is a member of FFA, the National Honor Society,

the International Thespian Society, and his church's youth group. In addition, he is involved in band and chorus.

•Melody Herr, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Herr of Ephrata. A senior at Conestoga Valley, Herr plans to attend Millersville University and major in its pre-veterinary medicine program. Herr is a 4-H'er and works for a veterinarian.

•Kathy A. Hershey, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Hershey of Manheim. Hershey, a senior at Manheim Central, plans to attend the Pennsylvania School of Arts and Designs and major in home economics. She is a former 4-H'er and has been active in student council, tennis, track, and her church's youth group.

•Jeffrey Hunsecker, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hunsecker of Mountville. A senior at Penn Manor, Hunsecker plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. He is an FFA'er and works on a neighboring dairy farm.

•Julie Kramer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kramer of Elizabethtown. Kramer, a senior at Elizabethtown, plans to attend Beaver College and major in home economics. She participates in cheerleading and on dance committees.

•Amy L. Martin, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Martin of Drumore. A senior at Solanco, Martin plans to attend Penn State and major in ag education. She is an FFA'er and 4-H'er and is involved in band and orchestra. She has received the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree and is a member of the National Honor Society.

•Douglas Musser, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Musser of Elizabethtown. A senior at Elizabethtown, Musser plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. A member of FFA and 4-H, he also is a member of the school wrestling team.

•Michelle Peiffer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peiffer of Landisville. Peiffer, a senior at Hempfield, plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. She has participated in chorus and powder puff football and is a member of the National Honor Society and Dance Club.

•Robert C. Rush II, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rush of Strasburg. A senior at Lampeter Strasburg, Rush plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. He is a 4-H'er and a member of his church's youth group. In addition, he play soccer and is in the Varsity Club.



Receiving a Lancaster Farm & Home Center Foundation scholarship were, from left, Jeff Hunsecker, Penn Manor; Rebecca Barley, Penn Manor; Melody Herr, Conestoga Valley; Kristin Chupp, Garden Spot; and Fred Weaver, Ephrata.



Scholarships were presented to, from left, Kathy Hershey, Manheim Central; Donna Ecenrode, Manheim Central; Michelle Aufer, Manheim Central; Andrew Groff, Lampeter Strasburg; and Robert C. Rush II, Lampeter Strasburg.

•Beth Snavelly, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Snavelly of Lancaster. Snavelly, a senior at Hempfield, plans to attend Messiah College and major in home economics. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Bible Club, and the year book staff.

•Fred Weaver, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Roy Weaver of Ephrata. A senior at Ephrata, Weaver plans to attend Penn State and major in agriculture. He is active in the Red Rose Baby Beef Club as well as the New Holland Baby Beef Club. In addition, he is a FFA'er.

Pennsylvania Farmers May Harvest 24% More Winter Wheat

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's winter wheat harvest this summer may surpass last year's production by 24 percent, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Based on May 1 conditions, production is forecast at 11,130,000 bushels, compared with the 9,010,000 bushels harvested in the state last year.

PASS estimated that acreage harvested will total 210,000 and forecast the average yield at 53 bushels per acre.

The expected rise in the state's winter wheat crop, which was planted last fall, is in sharp contrast to the national forecast.

As of May 1, U.S. production was forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, 8 percent below the 1988 crop and the lower production since 1978. Extended drought in wheat-producing areas of the Midwest is one factor in 4.3 bushel per acre drop in yield.

Pennsylvania's 1988 tobacco production totaled 18,175,000 pounds. PASS reported.

The state's growers harvested 6,475,000 pounds from 3,500 acres of Southern-Maryland, Type 32 tobacco with an average yield of 1,850 pounds per acre. Value of the Type 32 crop was set at \$8.6 million.

Harvest acreage of Pennsylvania, Type 41 tobacco was 6,000, with an average yield of 1,950 pounds per acre. Total production of Type 41 production was placed at 11,700,000 pounds, valued at \$11.9 million, PASS reported.

Nationally, tobacco production was 1.37 billion pounds, 15 percent more than in 1987.

Hay stocks on Pennsylvania farms on May 1 totaled 896,000 tons, 92,000 tons below last year's level. U.S. hay stocks as of May 1 were 17.63 million tons, 36 percent below a year earlier.

Loose Smut Turns Barley Heads Black

YORK — Several barley growers have seen a black sooty growth on their barley where the head that contains the seeds would normally be. The barley is infected with a disease commonly referred to as loose smut. "The cases which I have worked with involve seed that the grower used from his own fields last year," according to County Agricultural Agent John

Rowehl. "The problem is one of seed treatment, not the fact that it was the farmers' own seed," he adds. The disease begins with the seed becoming infected. Treating the seed with the systemic fungicide carboxin (Vitavax) would have prevented the disease from developing in the barley plant. Yield loss is directly related to the percentage of diseased heads.



Lancaster County high school seniors receiving a \$1,000 scholarship were, from left, Amy L. Martin, Solanco; Beth Snavelly, Hempfield; Julie Kramer, Elizabethtown; Michelle Peiffer, Hempfield; and Doug Musser, Elizabethtown.