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Despite Development, Other Pressures, Century Farm Thrives

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TELFORD (Montgomery Co.) — W. Blaine Souder shrugs when he thinks about the farmers who are leaving the business. Within the past year, about three or four nearby dairy farms “gave up this winter,” he said, pointing around him. “The one down here did, the one out there did, and the other one . . . dairy farmers just

sold out.” He said the farmers are “just cropping now,” and no one stands in line to take over the farms once they’re gone. The same situation faces the Souders. Who will assume the operation of the business when they are done? This Franconia Township farmer purchased 54 acres of a farm mostly devoted to feeder hogs
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The Century Farm designation means a lot to the Souders, who want to keep the farm in the family. In front, from left, Bethany, 13; Becca, 10; and Bronwen, 16. In back, Linda and Blaine.

Farm And Home Scholarship Winners Named

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — “The Farm and Home Foundation winners this year are all a terrific bunch of students — very impressive,” said Jay Irwin, former Lancaster Extension director. The 14 scholarship winners were honored Tuesday night at a ceremony held at the Farm and Home Center. Recipients of the scholarships must use the money to pursue studies in agriculture or home economics. Selection is

based on extracurricular activities, leadership skills, financial need, and scholastic achievement. The Farm and Home Foundation trust fund was established by the late Elmer Esbenshade 27 years ago. Scholarship winners include the following:
J. Douglas Metzler, who said he lives on a “McDonald farm,” is the son of Daniel and Ethel Metzler of Pequea. The Penn Manor High School senior plans to pursue a
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Pa. FFA Members Will Gather For Convention

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — More than 1,500 FFA members are expected in State College for the annual Pennsylvania FFA Convention to be held here June 11, 12, and 13. During the three-day convention, FFA members from across the state will gather to conduct State FFA Association business and honor fellow members for their outstanding achievements. Members attending the conven-

tion will spend the bulk of their time competing in more than 30 contests ranging from dairy judging to aquatic resources. The guest speaker at this year’s convention will be Patrick T. Grady, a nationally recognized motivational speaker from North Carolina, and Matthew Lohr, National FFA eastern vice president. Grady will be at the podium twice during the three-day event,
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Next Issue Is Special
Lancaster Farming's annual dairy issue will come your way next week with special story features and valuable messages from our advertisers. Farm interviews include several York County dairy-

men’s views on the economy and the milk price squeeze. And we take a look inside the operation of Hershey Farms in Dauphin County. The DHIA Spring Newsletter will be included, as well as dairy recipes that have come to us in response to the drawing for model cows.

Experts write on forage and dairy herd management. And our livestock, grain, and auction reports, along with regular columns and features, will be in place. Watch for next week’s special tribute to the dairy farmers and agri-businesses who help provide the consumer with wholesome dairy products.

Wolff Sworn In For Second Term

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — With members of his family, Gov. Robert P. Casey and employees of the Department of Agriculture looking on, Boyd E. Wolff Wednesday took the oath of office to serve his second term as Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture. Wolff was sworn in by the Honorable James R. Kelley, judge of the commonwealth court. Under Wolff’s leadership, the department of Agriculture established a voter-approved \$100 million farmland preservation program. To date, 28 counties have created farmland preservation boards, and the state board has approved easement purchases on 36 farms totaling 3,657 acres. Over 1.36 million acres of
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Entries At Wills Spring Show An All-Time High



Champion in fitting and showing in each dairy breed. Left to right, Richard Kepler, Holstein judge; Russell Martin, Ayrshire champion in fit and show; Marie Speak, Brown Swiss champ in fit and show; John Schnebly, Guernsey champ and grand champion in fit and show; Robin Cotter,

Holstein champ in fit and show; Adam Stevens, Jersey champ in fit and show; Stacey Hines, Milking Shorthorn champ in fit and show; Stacey Guyton, Maryland dairy princess; and Robble Shaw, Color Breeds judge.

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WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md. — The Wills Spring 4-H and FFA Fair was held again this year on the lawns of the Howard County Fairgrounds. Families brought their lawn chairs, blankets and picnics to watch an exciting show. Occasionally a car on Interstate 70 would pull over on the shoulder
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