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In a new youth awards program, the Lancaster County Holstein Association gives a show calf to the owner of the winning record book project. The first calf, Spring-Shade Musical Miss, was presented to Jill Harnish (at halter) by Jack Coleman, youth committee chairman, at the annual banquet Tuesday night. Other youth winners in the photo are, left to right, Julie Wenger; Jesslyn Oberholtzer; Dan Geissinger; Harnish; Randy Wenger; and Coleman.

Lancaster Holstein Club Starts New Project

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QUARRYVILLE, (Lancaster Co.)—An enthusiastic crowd of Lancaster County Holstein breeders greeted the Miller Family Plus Six entertainment at the 41st annual banquet held at the fair grounds. The Millers are a well-known dairy farm family that sing a variety of numbers, even songs that promote milk and the dairy industry.

In addition, the youth committee under the chairmanship of Jack Coleman started a new annual tradition. A September show calf was selected from the Carl Martin herd and given to the youth record book winner. Jill Harnish, 16, daughter of Ed and Arlene Harnish, Christiana, was the winner.

"The Holstein youth program helps young people develop good skills and keeps them interested in dairying," Coleman said. "This new yearly project will help to do (Turn to Page A21)

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Lancaster Farmland Trust Preserves 'Living National Treasure'

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster

Co.)—The new president of the Lancaster Farmland Trust said this county is a "living national treasure." Speaking at the seventh annual dinner meeting last Friday night, Darwin Boyd said that saving farmland in Lancaster County

was an important cause that deals with the total quality of life in the community.

"We owe it to everyone to preserve the land, to be good stewards, and maintain its reach of natural (Turn to Page A26)

Holiday Deadlines

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadlines for the November 30 issue are as follows:

- Mailbox Market Ads — Noon, Monday.
- Public Sale Ads — 5:00 p.m., Monday.
- General News — Noon, Wednesday.
- Classified Section C Ads — 5:00 p.m., Tuesday.
- All other Classified Ads — 9:00 a.m., Wednesday.

Irwin Writes From Poland

Editor's Note: Lancaster Farming received this letter from retired Lancaster County Agent Jay Irwin and the news article written by his wife Betty for a Polish publication. The Irwins were commissioned by Penn State University and USDA to educate the farmers in Poland about good management practices and how cooperatives operate.

BOGUCHWALA, POLAND — We are near the end of our six month project in Poland... leaving Warsaw November 30 and after de-briefing in Washington, D.C., back in Lancaster December 4. I want you to know how much Betty and I appreciate receiving the Lancaster Farming. Dr. Donald Evans, assistant dean, College of Ag at Penn State, sends a CARE (Turn to Page A20)



The Maryland Holstein Association announced the winners of the All-Maryland Awards this week. The All-MD Best Three Females owned by Jason and Donna Myers at Windsor Manor are shown in the photo. See other winners on Page A-36.

Poultry Producers Take Another Look At Salmonella

LOU ANN GOOD
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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — When it comes to who is responsible for food safety, the answer is not determined by scientific research or even reasonableness, but on whom the consumer perceives to be responsible.

That's the message Dr. David Kradel, a Penn State veterinary scientist, gave participants who attended the Poultry Management and Health Seminar held at Kreid-

er's Dairy Farms Restaurant on November 11.

Unfortunately, that's also the message the poultry industry hears whenever Salmonella enteritidis causes food poisoning. Last week eggs from a Lancaster County poultry house were banned from New York although officials found that the food was clearly mishandled by the caterer.

Investigators found that the caterer prepared lasagna two days (Turn to Page A29)

Association President Talks Farming

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
OXFORD (Chester Co.) —

While farming may be a great place to raise a family and make a living, if you ask Richard Breckbill, the young farmer faces a host of problems — many of which can be helped by involvement in several pro-farming organizations.

Whether it's concerns about falling milk prices, rising farming costs, the assumption that farmers are the cause of Chesapeake Bay pollution, real estate transfer tax, or the prospect of unfair manure handling and hauling fees, Breckbill believes farmers have something to support them — the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association (PFA).

Breckbill operates the Chester Co. dairy, Breck-A-Dee Farms. He is also president of the Chester-Delaware Farmers Association, (Turn to Page A28)



Richard L. Breckbill, Breck-A-Dee Farms, with his wife, Porcia. Breckbill is president of the Chester-Delaware Farmers Association. Photo by Andy Andrews.

Conyngham Honored By PSU Dairy Science Club

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—For the first time, the Penn State Dairymen's Club held its annual meeting in the mezzanine of the Ag Arena the evening before the Nittany Lion Classic Sale. Alumni and friends of the Dairy Science Club enjoyed a catered meal and danced to live country music by the Wind River Band. The second Dairymen's Club

Service Award went to William Conyngham of Hillside Farms in Shavertown. Conyngham took over his home farm in 1946 and built the registered Holstein herd started in 1885 to 150 head today. Hillside farm also has a juggling operation and an ice cream manufacturing plant.

As a dedicated leader of the Holstein Association, Conyngham has held offices at the local, state, (Turn to Page A24)