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Farmer Overcomes Fear Of Government To Battle Manure Problems



The Evan Burkholder Farm in Fayetteville, Franklin County, was recently honored with the 1992 Clean Water Farm Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). Burkholder farms with his wife, Lori, and sons, from left, Austin, 6; Aubrey, 5; and Ashlin, 3. Photo by Andy Andrews

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FAYETTEVILLE (Franklin Co.) — For years, Evan Burkholder lived in fear — afraid of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and other government agencies finding out that he had severe problems on the farm.

But for a number of years, while trying to pay off huge farm debts in light of his father's paralyzing stroke, Burkholder could do little.

While the costs of farming went

up, the problems with a manure storage pad increased. The flat pad only held so much. What it didn't hold during rainfall washed away easily into a nearby stream. The pad pushoff, inclined upward to help keep the moisture off, allowed contaminated water to flow down the slope directly into the stream.

In heavy rains, it got messy.

Manure into stream
The manure, heavy with nutri-
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Chinese Admire Lancaster County Farms

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — A Chinese entourage toured an Ephrata farm this week to learn more about composting, maintaining water quality, and making use of waste products.

To the tour group's delight, they also got to sniff the aroma of some

freshly burning tobacco and gulp down watermelon and tomatoes picked fresh off the vine.

The group, considered smoking connoisseurs, admired the fine quality of tobacco grown by Aaron and Clark Stauffer, who said that much of their crop is shipped to China.

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Heavyweights Win KILE Jr. Beef Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The junior beef show, always a highlight of KILE, was held Sunday afternoon in the small arena of the farm show building. When the selection of division champions was complete, judge Lynn Holley, Bowling Green, OH slapped the two heavyweight champions for his grand and reserve of the show.

Jonathan Lori, Scottdale, Westmoreland County, had the grand champion with his 1270 lb. Limousin and Ryan Luellen, Mooreland, Indiana had the reserve champion with his 1305 lb.

Angus-Maine crossbred.

In the lightweight classes, Chrissy Daniels, Connersville, IN, had the champion with a Hereford and Lewis Moore, Osterburg, Bedford County, had the reserve champion with a crossbred.

Heather Fuls had the champion middleweight and Justin Fuls had the reserve middleweight champions. Both youths are from Berlin in Somerset County and they showed Chiania-Maine-Anjou-Angus crossbreds.

The top placings in the six classes are as follows:

JUNIOR BEEF STEERS
Junior Steer - Lightweight- 1 Nathan Claycomb, 2 Jay Hess, 3 Travis Donough
Junior Steer - Lightweight- 1 Chrissy
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Bloomsburg State Fair Livestock Shows And Sale Reported

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BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — The 138th annual Bloomsburg Fair livestock shows featured a Jersey as the supreme dairy champion, a Lamancha goat who attained permanent champion sta-

tus, and a 4-H Livestock Sale which netted \$19,663. Drawing visitors (a record 670,000 for the week) and exhibitors from all over the state, the fair was held last week.

Mildred Seeds of Downingtown won supreme champion of

five breed champions with Top-O-Hill Admiral Tina, a four year old Jersey. Judge Paul Knight, York, felt Tina had more dairyness than the recently fresh Holstein champ-

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Iager Chosen For Kildee Scholarship

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FULTON, Md. — Matthew E.

Iager, the son of Charles and Judy Iager of Maple Lawn Farm has been chosen as the 1992 Kildee Scholarship winner. A graduate of Delaware Valley College, Matt is now a student of Veterinary medicine at Va-Md Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

In 1950, Dairy Shrine established the Kildee Scholarship in honor of H.H. Kildee, long-time dean of the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University. He was an outstanding judge of dairy cattle and supporter of student judging programs and activities. The scholarship is awarded for graduate study in a related field to dairy cattle production, to a student who excels in the dairy cattle judging. Each year, one student

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The Lori family with the grand champion of the KILE junior beef show are from left, Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan with parents, Debbie, and John. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.



Matt Iager