

Environmental Education Under Attack

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Environmental education is under attack, especially when the possibility of a job is lost because of environmental pressure. We have to get "that mentality out of the way," he said, and continue the vital process of environmental education.

The district also presented several awards at the banquet to honor contributors to the conservation district.

Farmer of Year

The Dauphin Conservation Farmer of the Year Award was presented to J. Richard Alwine, Londonderry Township, who farms 223 acres of owned land and 50 acres of rented land in partnership with his son-in-law, Dale Brandt. The fifth generation dairy supports 150 head (85 milking, 65 replacement calves). The cows are all registered Holstein.

According to the district, all but a few acres of permanent grass hay are farmed according to either a contour farming or contour stripcropping system. According to the district, the contour strips on the home farm were some of the first to be installed in Dauphin County.

The Alwine Farm, cooperators with the district for the past 25 years, also installed one of the initial liquid manure storages in the county. Since then, a second storage structure, concrete circular, has been added.

In all, the conservation practices include 6,640 feet of terraces, 4,450 feet of diversions, and 4.5 acres of waterways. Also included are two water control structures. Cover crops help keep the soil and nutrients on the farm.

Alwine also participates in the Chesapeake Bay program and follows a nutrient management plan. The dairyman has been chairman of his Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service community committee and served as a board member for Dauphin County Cooperative Extension.

Alwine said his goal is to "keep on taking care of the land so by the time my grandchildren have it, it is as good as it is now."

Outstanding Educator

Ellen Chapman was honored as Outstanding Environmental Educator at the banquet. Chapman is a biology, earth space, and environmental science teacher at Bishop McDevitt High School.

Chapman was honored for her efforts at promoting environmental education at her school. There, she organized and sponsored an environmental club. Members of this club research topics of student interest and present the "Environmental Minute" twice a week during morning announcements.

The club also sponsors an "Environmental Bowl" for grade school students, recycles cans used in the school and school sporting events, composts leaves, and participates in other studies and activities to increase environmental awareness, according to the district.

Chapman organized four-day marine biology summer class trips to Seaville, N.J. in 1991 and Wallop's Island, Va. in 1992. Students learned first-hand the study of the marine environment.

Also, the teacher has convinced her own school cafeteria to become aware of environmentally friendly packaging.

Distinguished Service

The district's Distinguished Service Award to the cause of conservation was presented to Morris Lebo, a retired farmer from Millersburg.

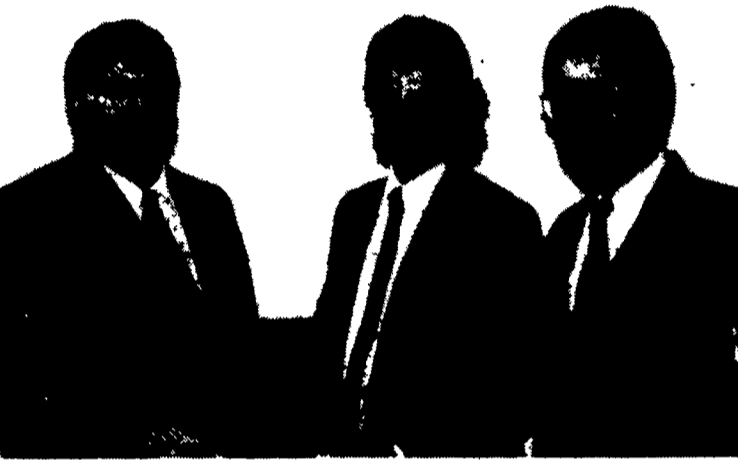
Lebo, in 1954, began his first term as a director of the district. The district presented the award at the banquet to recognize Lebo for 39 years of "exceptional dedication and devoted service to the conservation stewardship of Dauphin County's soil and water resources."



Certificates of appreciation for contributions to the district through the special consignment auction were awarded to, from left, Tobias Equipment, represented by Dwight Hoffman; Meckley Livestock Products, represented by Fred Meckley; and Eastern Industries, Inc., represented by Gary Bettick.



Twelve students competed in this year's speech contest. This year's speech topic was pesticides. Grant Campbell, center, was honored with the first place award, and a \$150 check, for his speech, "This We Know," which he presented at the banquet. William Donges III, right, won second place, and was presented with a \$100 check for his speech, "Use of Pesticides In and Around the Home." Michael Horchler, left, was honored with the third place award and \$50 for his speech, "Pesticides: Your Role As a User."



A special recognition award was presented to the Lower Dauphin School District for conservation awareness. Dr. Ronald Snavelly, assistant to the superintendent for curriculum instruction, left, and teacher Tim Bartholomew, right, were on hand to receive the award. Ron Kopp, district director, center, presented the award.



Other awards presented included Dauphin County's Envirothon team, which placed ninth in state competition. The team was represented at the banquet by, from left, Nicole Hartwell, Tom Hummel, Daryl Coble (not pictured), and team advisor Ron Yerger.

Special Recognition

A special recognition award was presented to the Lower Dauphin School District for conservation awareness. In May, 273 fifth grade students from the Londonderry, Conewago, Hummelstown, East Hanover, and South Hanover elementary schools will travel for a week-long educational and camp experience at Camp Hebron. This follows a tradition for the past 25 years in which between 6,000-7,000 students have already participated.

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Scholarships

Proceeds from the annual consignment auction were used to present two \$500 scholarships to college students and sponsor a public speaking contest for high school students in the county.



Environmental education has been under attack as anti-growth and anti-income, which may be costly for our children, according to Dr. Dean Steinhart, who spoke at the Dauphin County Conservation District's annual banquet Tuesday night.

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