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Egg Producer Bob Armstrong Heads Lancaster County Poultry Association

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)

— Bob Armstrong feels much more comfortable dressed in a flannel shirt and jeans and servicing chicks than donning a suit and addressing about 500 members of the Lancaster County Poultry Association. But, that's his job as the newly appointed president of the Association, and he will not let his uncomfortableness stand in the way of helping make the Association a viable force in the poultry industry.

Because most past presidents of the Association have worked in industry positions rather than in the production end, Armstrong admits that he is at a disadvantage when it comes to "upfront time"

before an audience. But advantage is on his side when it comes to understanding the needs of the producer and the educational seminars that are needed during the Association's annual Poultry Progress Day.

"As a producer, I probably have a better idea of the smaller things that affect farmers that the allied industry doesn't think about," he said.

"I was educated in the chicken house, not the classroom," Armstrong said. Although he would be happy to add a degree to his accomplishments, and has checked into the possibility, he said, "With a wife and two children, it's both a time and a financial impossibility."

In his present job of managing

and servicing the half million layers for Garber's Farms in Milton Grove, Armstrong's lack of a degree doesn't hinder his responsibilities and abilities. But he is limited in job opportunities for many companies that require a degree for doing the same work that he does for the Garbers.

Armstrong grew up on his grandfather's dairy and poultry farm in the Glenville area of York County. As an FFA'er at Dover High School, Armstrong knew that farming would be his career choice, although his grandfather's farm was sold in 1979.

Lou Elgin, serviceman for Penfield Feeds, convinced Armstrong that chickens had more of a future than cows. But at that time,

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Newly appointed president of the Lancaster Poultry Association Bob Armstrong said that for him, taking care of chickens is as much of a hobby as it is a job. "I'm fortunate to have the opportunity of working in the industry," he said. "A lot of people don't get to do what they like."

Pa. State Grange Adopts Policies, Presents Awards, Elects Officials

CLARION (Clarion Co.) — The Pennsylvania State Grange held its 121st annual convention this week at the Gemmel Complex of the Clarion University, in Clarion, to discuss issues, adopt policies and positions, present awards and elect officials.

The Grange is an organization representing an estimated 35,000 rural Pennsylvanians. More than 600 members attended the four-day event.

In addition to providing political

clout for its rural membership, it also offers member benefits, such as insurance, a credit union, community service and social activities.

Members of Clarion and Venango counties served as host for the convention.

The 1993 Granger of the Year was named Tuesday during an All Granger Banquet at St. Joseph's Hall at the western Pennsylvania college campus.

Alice McDowell, of Grove City,

received the award, one of the highest honors made by the Grange to its members, in recognition for her dedication to her community and the organization in her 59 years as a member.

McDowell, secretary for Venango County's Wesley Grange No. 1675, is also the pianist of the (county) Pomona Grange, lecturer at the county Demeter Club, and a member of the 1993 State Session Steering Committee.

Though active for 59 years in

the Grange, she continues to remain active in her church and other community organizations, and for the past five years, she has also served as a delegate to the state session.

She has twice received "Granger of the Year" recognition by her local affiliate, Wesley Grange, but this is the first year she received the state recognition.

In other awards, the State Grange presented community service awards to a number of local

Granges, as well as four county Granges.

Recipients of the community service awards to a local Grange include North Jackson Grange No. 1740, in Lebanon County; Perry Valley Grange No. 1804, in Perry County; Virginville Grange No. 1832, Berks County; and Fort Granville No. 1902, in Mifflin County.

Those county Grange recipients were Jefferson No. 20; Berks No.

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Committee Asks Chester Holstein Members To Help Support 4-H Center

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ATGLEN (Chester Co.) —

Members and friends of the Chester County Holstein Association were asked to play a significant role in the funding of the new Romano 4-H Center at a banquet here Tuesday night.

According to Walt Wurster, Chester County agent, a committee was recently formed to plan a sale to be scheduled in the spring next year to raise money toward the construction of the center. More importantly, according to Wurster, it will help the committee raise the awareness of the need for the center to other organizations whose donations are needed.

"Rather than keep asking you for a buck here and buck there, we've put together a committee that's going to have a sale in the spring," said Wurster. The committee is chaired by John St. John and Mildred Seeds.

The Romano 4-H Center will be located along Rt. 322 north of Guthriesville and just south of Honey Brook. The center, to cost about \$950,000, will include two pole buildings, two show rings, and a headquarters office. The

estate and heirs of Fiorre A. Romano of West Brandywine Township donated 15 acres of land and have allowed an option to build on another five acres in the future for the center.

"We're going to ask the dairy people in this county to donate an animal to a sale that we're going to have," Wurster said. "The sale is not going to raise enough money to build the 4-H center, but it's going to tell some of these other charitable organizations and foundations out there that the dairy industry in Chester County, one of the largest in the state, is behind the center."

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Time To Set Clocks Back

Early Sunday morning, Daylight Savings Time, in effect throughout the summer, officially returns to Eastern Standard Time. This happens at 2 a.m. Sunday, October 31. For that extra hour of sleep, turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



Calf To Be Given To Holstein Youth

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — This frisky two-month-old calf will be given a new young owner Tuesday evening at the Lancaster County Holstein Association annual meeting at the Family Style Restaurant. As in previous years the Association and a county breeder together give a calf to the intermediate youth in the association who has the top record book score.

The calf this year comes from the Lowell and Deb Brubaker family's Hilltop-Heritage herd and is a Black Star out of a Russ with 3y 22,419m 824f 699p. A maternal sister to the calf is VG with over 20,000m at 2y and the grand dam is VG86 with records to 20,146m at 8y5m. The Brubaker children showing the calf for the camera Wednesday afternoon are from left, Crystal, Heather, Blake, and Candice. Reservations for the dinner meeting can still be made by calling any of the county directors. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.