

Lancaster Extension Agents Receive Honors

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— Three Lancaster County Cooperative Extension agents were recently honored for individual achievements at state and national levels.

H. Bruce Hellerick, horticulture agent, won national recognition in August at the 1993 LESCO-National Association of County Agricultural Agents turfgrass/horticulture awards luncheon held in Baltimore.

Chet Hughes, livestock agent, will receive a first place honor from the state in the 4-H Recognition and Search For Excellence programs sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents in State College on November 16.

Zoann Parker, 4-H agent, won the highest honor presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. She won the Distinguished Service Award at the association's annual convention in October in Winston-Salem, N.C. Hellerick was honored for plan-

ning and coordinating the Professional Landscape Management Program, Focus On Tree Identification, held with the cooperation of Penn State and other agencies. The objective, according to Hellerick, was to increase the knowledge and professionalism of landscape managers in south central Pennsylvania.

"This program was implemented in response to local landscape managers' desire for more in-depth, focused programs," said Hellerick. "The problem with these programs, however, is the 'shotgun' approach of covering a little bit of everything and never covering any one topic thoroughly. Upon further discussions, I invited a group of landscape managers, nurserymen, and extension representatives to meet and share their ideas about creating an in-depth, four-year program specifically for landscape managers."

To date, there have been three programs: pruning, tree identification, and shrub identification, and Hellerick said the results have been "very positive. The program



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Md. Holstein Offers Scholarships

FULTON, Md. — The Scholarship Committee of the Maryland Holstein Association has set Jan. 1, 1994, as this school year's deadline for submitting applications for its scholarships.

These scholarship have been made possible by generous donations of Maryland Holstein breeders and friends.

The scholarships that are currently available are two \$500 University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture (two-year program) scholarships; and two \$500 scholarships to students

enrolled in agriculture at the college of the student's choice.

Applicants must be Maryland residents and must have carried a 4-H or FFA Holstein project.

All applications will be considered and winners are to be notified in early January.

In order to get an application, write the Scholarship Committee chairmen, Judy and Charles Lager, at 8115 Murphy Road, Fulton, MD 20759, or call them at (301) 725-6751. Please return applications by Jan. 1.

has been so successful and well-received that many individuals have already committed to attending all the courses scheduled for 1993, 1994, and 1995."

Hughes will be honored for implementing a program to teach 4-H'ers how to ensure a lean, healthy hog carcass. According to Hughes, at an annual county swine show and sale, after a routine evaluation at a slaughter plant, a 4-H market hog tested positive for sulfa residues and was condemned at a total loss. Regarding excess fat, as a result of the first 4-H swine car-

cass show in 1989, 27 percent of the carcasses fell below a 52 percent muscle score, and two carcasses had more than 1.7 inches of backfat. This prompted the need for a total education program for 4-H'ers to attack the problem of residues and excess fat.

Hughes also received a first place award in the 4-H and Youth Search for Excellence Program, which recognizes accomplishment in extension education through the selection of 24 agents who will share their professional know-how with fellow agents during the

professional improvement sessions at the annual meeting. In addition, he was also awarded a second place award in the state for a radio presentation on farm safety and from columns which appeared in *Lancaster Farming*.

Parker was cited for achievements in the 4-H youth program conducted in the county. She was among 1,200 professional youth workers from all 50 states and Puerto Rico attending the five-day, 47th association conference hosted by the North Carolina Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

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