

Chester 4-H Center Benefit

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donate either grade or registered animals for the sale.

At the sale, other companies will be contributing halters, feed, semen, and other materials.

Elmer Laffey, a veterinarian from Cochranville, will be on hand to inspect the animals at the Quarryville sale. Donating their time to the auction are Leon Kurtz and Omar Stoltzfus, auctioneers.

According to St. John, the sale is one of many contributions to the fund-raising effort. On a publicity release, the total fund-raising cam-

paign is chaired by Art Hershey and has a goal of raising \$750,000, of which \$190,000 has already been donated or pledged. The center will cost about \$950,000. Recently, the Romano 4-H Center received a \$90,000 donation from a large company in the county.

The center, in West Brandywine Township, will be home to all 4-H youth and their families in Chester County. Many 4-H club meetings, shows, sales, roundups, and other activities will be held there. Also, the center will eventually provide a meeting place for large extension

meetings and could also be used by community groups.

The intention of having the sale was announced at the meeting of the Chester County Holsteir Association last October. John St. John is co-chair of the dairy sale committee along with Mildred Seeds. Those who wish to sign up animals or materials for the sale can contact St. John at (610) 869-8745 or Mildred Seeds at (610) 269-0759.

The 4-H center will provide a mainstay for the 4-H groups. Now, the Chester 4-H Dairy Club roundup is held at the Kimberton Fair-



Kasey, J.R., and Krystal show some of the awards garnered at the various Chester County fairs and roundups.



Kasey, left, and Krystal St. John, right, help feed grain to the calves. J.R. loads hay to the hay rack.

grounds in mid-July, a place that is not as centrally located and as easily accessible as the new 4-H center will be, according to St. John.

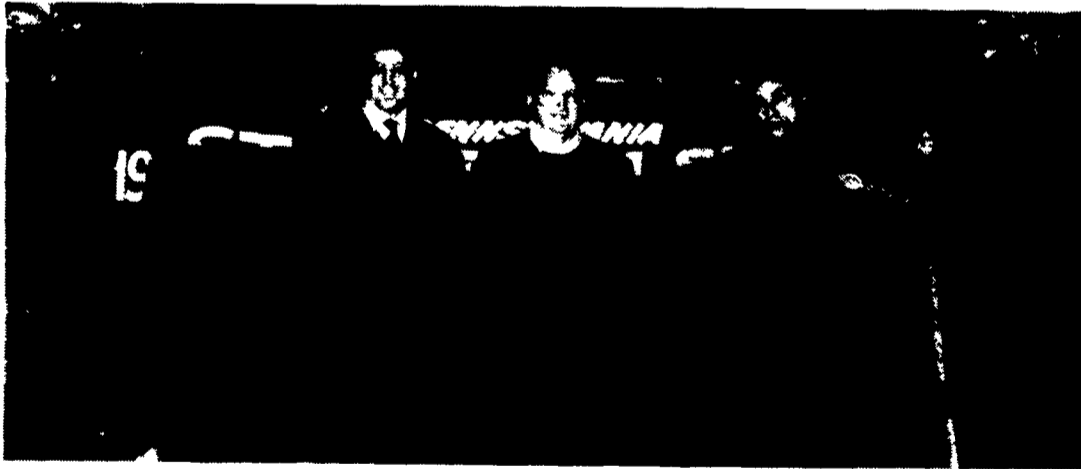
Also, the county is increasingly becoming urbanized, and much farmland is being lost to development. With a 4-H center located in the heart of the farmland, perhaps more people will recognize the

good life farming can provide, according to the St. Johns.

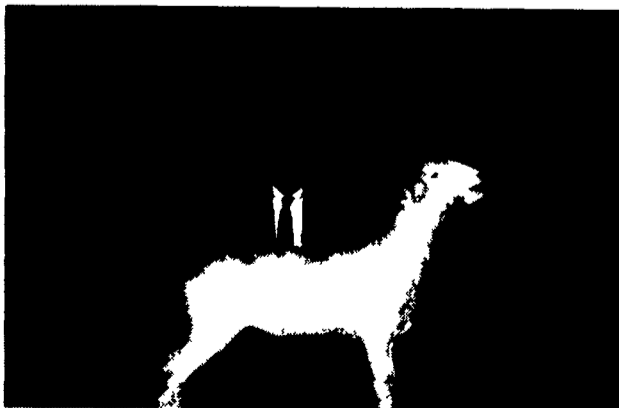
Recently, the officers of the Chester County 4-H Center settled on the new property. The meeting was with Jim O'Brien, the executor of the estate of Fiore Romano, who donated 15 acres to develop the center that is to be named in his honor.

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Pennsylvania Farm Show -- Jay Hess (above right) and his crossbred steer with CoreStates Hamilton Bank President Donald M. Cooper (center) and Agri-Finance Director Darvin E. Boyd. Jessica Schmidt (right) and her lamb at the Solanco Fair with Dennis Lefever, Quarryville Branch Manager. CoreStates Hamilton Bank purchased these animals and donated them to the Lancaster County Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Sheep Club at their Banquet on February 10 at the Country Table Restaurant. The additional meat product was donated to the Lancaster County 4-H Swine Club. Jay is the son of Abe and Jane Hess of Conestoga. Jessica is the daughter of Pete and Laurie Schmidt of Drumore.



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We believe that helping to preserve the family farm is one of the most effective ways to insure a better future for us all. And that involves working with and supporting our young people.

It's important to give them guidance, instill the proper values, and help them acquire the skills they need to be successful farmers.

Once again, CoreStates Hamilton Bank is pleased to support our future farmers.



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