

FFA HAPPENINGS

Hans Herr FFA

Five Lancaster Mennonite High School students who are members of the school's Hans Herr FFA Chapter recently attended the National FFA Organization's Made for Excellence (MFE) conference in Lancaster.

Students involved are junior Joleen Herbert, daughter of Luann Newswanger, Terre Hill; sophomore Marie Hurst, daughter of George and Mary Hurst, Lititz; sophomore Kurt Hershey, son of Glenn and Velma Hershey, Kinzers; sophomore Gary Landis, son of Earl and Evelyn Landis, Manheim; and sophomore Ryan Kurtz, son of Leon and Sarah Kurtz, Cochranville.

The two-day MFE personal development program helped students learn techniques for dealing with peer pressure and setting and achieving goals. The conference also featured a self-discovery workshop designed to help members find success in life. The theme was "Destination Success-The Flight of your Life."

MFE conferences, which began in 1987, will be held in 40 states during 1993-1994 for about 6,500 junior high and high school students.

Grassland FFA

On March 11, the Grassland FFA Chapter held its 35th Annual Parent and Member Banquet at the Yoders Restaurant and Banquet Hall.

One-hundred and eighty people, including members, parents, and friends of the FFA, were in attendance.

Jason Reifsnyder, statewide vice president, brought greetings from the State FFA Association.

The following awards were presented: Grassland Stars, Darrel Weaver and Wade Esbenshade; Star Red Rose Agribusiness, Linda Huber; Star Red Rose Production, Connie Zieset; Star Chapter recipients, Deb Zimmerman and Priscilla Weber; and Star Greenhands, Nathan Miller and Danny Laudermilch.

Foundations Awards were Presented to the following: agricult-

lural mechanics, Andy Horning; agricultural processing, Joel Fox; agricultural sales, Linda Huber; agricultural service, Jon Beaver; beef production, Anita Wenger; dairy production, Jevon Shirk; diversified livestock production, Danny Laudermilch; floriculture, Andrea Snader; vegetable production, Deb Zimmerman; home improvement, Sherry Martin; horse proficiency, Priscilla Weber; nursery operations, Connie Zieset; outdoor recreation, Brian Beck; placement in agricultural production, Wade Esbenshade; sheep production, Ronda Landis; soil and water management, Josh Troxell; swine production, Shannon Horst; wildlife management, Jess Weaver; Extemperaneous speaking, Jason Reifsnyder; and turf and landscape management, Randy Harting.

Honorary chapter membership was bestowed upon Phil Witman, biology instructor, Garden Spot High School; Glen Hartz, president, Eastern Lancaster County School Board; William Rohrer, superintendent, Eastern Lancaster County School District; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Esbenshade, parents of chapter president.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Jerry Phillips,

Lancaster County Cooperative Council; Patsy Reifsnyder, parent, FFA activities supporter; Shawn Eberly, FFA alumnus and supporter; Brian Ginter, student teacher in agriculture science; Cindy Allison, bookkeeper, Eastern Lancaster County School District; Carol Wanner, library Media Center, secretary; and Rev. Kenneth Mingledorff, member Eastern Lancaster County School Board.

Top circus Salesman was Linda

Huber.

Scholarship Awards were presented to the following: 12th grade, Krista Hoover, Wendy Weaver, Wade Esbenshade, Lisa Horning, Ronda Ringler, Andrea Snyder, Josh Troxell, Darrel Weaver, and Tanya Sauder; 11th grade, Linda Huber, Connie Zieset; 10th grade, Jess Weaver and Gerald Wenger; and 9th grade, Nate Miller.

Traditional African Textiles

Traditional African hand-woven fabrics are becoming quite popular. These fabrics are hand-made using traditional weaving and dyeing techniques. There are a couple of different kinds of cloths that are commonly made. "Mud cloth" is created with cotton yarns that are spun on narrow looms to form strips. The strips are then hand stitched together to make 36 to 42-inch wide fabric. A combination of tree bark, roots, and mud is used to color the fabric. Designs are usually applied with sticks, feathers, or other natural objects.

The color is set with mud and dried in the sun.

"Kente cloth," known as the "cloth of kings," was originally woven for wearing apparel. The fabric is woven with cotton on narrow looms and pieced together. The colors found on such traditional fabrics represent those found in nature — yellows, greens, and reds. The designs as well as the colors used on the fabric frequently have symbolic meanings.

In most cases, garments made from these fabrics are loose fitting or are worn only on special occasions and do not need to be cleaned as often as other garments. Household items usually accumulate loose soil on exposed surfaces. However, spills or contact with various staining substances many require special spotting or cleaning procedures.

If absolutely necessary, hand wash in mild detergent, soaking for only three to five minutes, since dyes are water soluble and excessive color loss may occur. Loose soil should be vacuumed or lightly brushed from surfaces, especially on household items. Proceed with local spotting only after testing for colorfastness of the fabrics to the spotting agents. Each color in the fabric should be tested. If the garment is taken to the dry cleaner, the customer may be asked to sign a release. The cleaner should explain possible risks.

Cumberland County

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County Agent Duane Duncan pointed out that all the dairy club leaders recognized at the banquet have a total of 187 years of service in the 4-H Dairy Club.

Melanie Dietrich, Emily's sister, was recognized as the Keystone Dairy Winner and represented Pennsylvania and Cumberland County in Chicago at the National 4-H Congress.

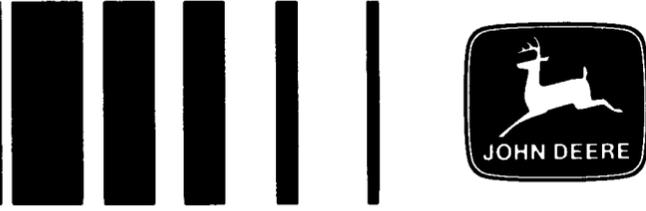
New officers for the country's two dairy clubs also were announced.

The officers of the countywide club are president, David Day; vice president, Amanda Naugle; recording secretary, Rebecca Comman; corresponding secretary, Patrick Snoke; treasurer, Betsy Walton; news reporter, Matthew Day; social chairman, Kendra Naugle; and county council representatives, Sandy Anderson, Matthew Day, and Craig Walton.

The Blue Mountain club officers are president, Ian Dietrich; vice president, Jason Mowery; secretary, Tristan Dietrich; news reporter, Julie Dyarman; treasurer, Steven Sites; and social chairmen, Emily Dietrich and Matt Sholley.

Other 4-H members recognized for achievements last year were Junior Dairy Bowl members, David and Sarah Day and Michelle Ocker; Senior Dairy Bowl members, Matthew Day, John Leib, and Heath Ocker; Junior Dairy Judging members, Rebecca Comman and Sarah Day; Senior Dairy Judging members, Matthew Day, Emily Dietrich and Michael Hensel; and Junior Judging Forum members, Rebecca Comman, David Day, Julie Dyarman, John Leib, and Dawn Ickes.

Those recognized as winners in the county Fitting and Showing Contest were Sarah Day and Scott Walton for 8 to 10-year-olds; David Day and Rebecca Comman for 11 to 13-year-olds; Melanie Dietrich and Betsy Walton for age 14 and over; and Betsy Walton in the winners class.

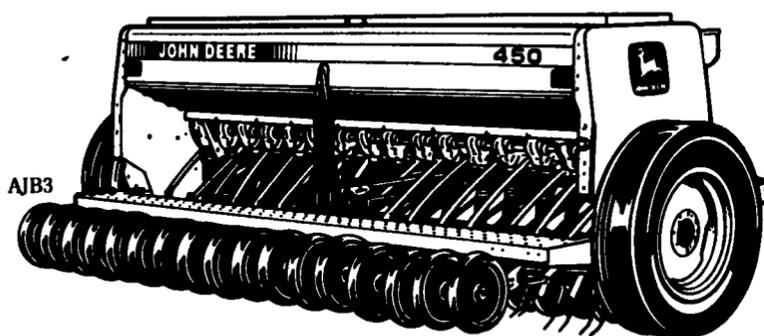


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