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These Brown Swiss Dairy Farmers Love To Talk Good Cows

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PINE GROVE (Schuylkill
Co.) — When you talk with Wil-

liam Daubert and sons Ronald and Dennis, you get the feeling they just like farming. And they especially like the good-looking, high

producing Registered Brown Swiss cows that fill their free stall barn on Wind Mill Farm located northeast of Pine Grove on Pine

Hill Road.

And the nationally known herd that includes classification results of 8 Ex, 59 VG, 47 GP, and 2 G,

shows the family's love of good cows by producing a lot of milk. For example, Wind Mill Distinction Elissa VG-88 just finished with 32,563m 3.8% 1235f 3.3% 1091p. Elissa's pedigree traces back to the Maggie cow that was purchased in the early 1960's.

Another good cow family in the herd came from Wind Mill Joan T who recently left the herd at 17 years of age with 217,905m and 8,742f lifetime. Individual records exceed 28,000m, 1,000f, and 900p and Joan T's 2y record was a national honor roll record for the breed.

The Dauberts like to do a little showing too. Maybe the most famous cow in the herd is Wind Mill Eventide Alamay that was nominated all-American as a five year-old. But the world-renowned Lindale Convincer Elain that was supreme champion at the World Dairy Expo in Madison for two consecutive years has close roots here too. Elain's dam carries the Wind Mill prefix. The dam was sold as an open heifer to Lindale at the Iowa National Sale.

"When we sell an animal, we like to take her from the top shelf," Dennis said. "We always like to hear the buyer is satisfied."

The Wind Mill dairy operation started when William was in high school and started to milk Brown Swiss at home on his father's turkey farm. The farm has been in the family for 90 years.

"When I first started, you couldn't buy anything that made milk," William said. "There was nothing available. Today there is a lot of hope out there. Production is (Turn to Page A25)



At home with an excellent cow in a beautiful spring flower setting. What greater picture could you show to move the heart of a true dairyman. Wind Mill Improver Helena 3E, with

the typical high fat (1,008f) and protein (874p) of the Brown Swiss breed does it for, from left, Dennis, William, and Ronald Daubert. Photo by Everett Newswanger.

FFA'ers Learn To Manage 'Personalities' At Conference

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— For Lancaster County FFA Reporter Josh Troxell, learning to deal with 9-year-old kids as a camp counselor proved pretty demanding.

With those experiences — including dealing with the demands and questions posed by a wide range of personalities — in

hand, Josh was ready to tackle several more challenges:

- How to hold a successful workshop.
- How to deal with the wide array of sometimes conflicting personalities of FFA'ers from all the different county chapters.
- How to answer the questions posed by many of the local chapter reporters.
- How to provide enough learn-

ing and project experience for his group to take back to the hundreds of members scattered throughout the county.

Josh had the help of about 100 of his peers, all county chapter FFA leaders, at the third annual Red Rose Leadership Conference at Lancaster Mennonite High School on Wednesday.

Officers from Garden Spot, Ephrata, Solanco, Manheim,

Pequea Valley, Penn Manor, and Lancaster Mennonite FFA chapters gathered at this annual conference to help build leadership.

"We want to help them learn how to work as a team within their own chapters, how to promote (Turn to Page A32)

Efforts Under Way To Build Animal Disease Fighting Ability

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — After losing its accreditation five years ago, hustling to pull together an effort to combat avian influenza years ago, and not having a definitive plan of action as rabies swept through wild animal and domestic animal populations, Pennsylvania is apparently well on its way to developing a modern, model program for realistically dealing with animal disease.

The system is called the Pen-

nsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS), and it is being coordinated through Dr. C.S. Card, director.

While the program falls under the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, it is really a cooperative effort between Penn State University, the University of Pennsylvania and the PDA.

While designed to address animal health issues, the program has much broader implication for human health. There are many disease which affect animals and

humans and up until now, there was no centralized effort to coordinate governmental and academic forces to combat ever-increasing dangers of disease.

The Department of Agriculture has published a pamphlet about PADLS and recently, through the Penn State Extension Service, some of that information was announced.

This past week, Dr. Card detailed the program in an interview. According to the doctor, a former (Turn to Page A20)



State FFA officers participated in the annual Red Rose Leadership Conference. Front, Andrea Noll, state president. Back, from left, Grant Campbell, state treasurer; Liz Hess, state eastern region vice president; and Jason Reifsnnyder, state vice president.