

As Stream Guardians

also hosted a statewide field day. Hoogheem said they emphasized the wildlife benefits of green stripes by building boxes to raise quail.

"These two chapters were judged the best from a lot of excellent entries," Hoogheem said. He cited a few other examples:

In Firth, Neb., the chapter had an Operation Green Stripe float in a local parade. They also helped host a field day attended by Gov. Ben Nelson.

In Filley, Neb., the chapter invited local groups out to see the green stripes they planted.

In Truman, Minn., the chapter succeeded in planting both sides of a ditch that drains thousands of acres of farmland in an area that includes a wetland used by ducks. They also established a settling pond for sedimentation to stop it before it moves to main creek that carries ditch water away.

In Monona, Iowa, the chapter used its green stripe money to invest in other environmental experiments such as greenhouses and composting.

In Elmira, N.Y., the chapter cleared tires and debris from an old canal. In addition to the green stripe, they established a bike path.

In LaBelle, Mo., the chapter protected a lake that provides the town's drinking water. They also established an outdoor classroom in a nature area they created.

Hoogheem said the results of this year's program have attracted the attention of organizations such as Soil Conservation Service, Pheasants Forever, Quail Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"They recognize the tremendous benefit that is realized from planting buffer stripes," Hoogheem said. "They also recognized that farmers are doing this on their own, without government oversight. We are looking forward to making even greater strides next year, with the cooperation of those organizations, FFA, the seed partners, and of course the farmers."

Other cooperating seed companies are CENX/Land O' Lakes, Farmland Industries, MFA, Countrymark, Agway, Terra and Southern States.

Belsnickel Visits Landis Valley

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Who's the nice and nasty Pennsylvania Dutch version of Santa the Belsnickel! Lancaster's Landis Valley Museum offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy the flavor of an old-fashioned "Belsnickel" Christmas during the December 1-3 Days of the Belsnickel. Drop-in visitors will delight in the free-admission Belsnickel Gift Gallery and Weather-vane Shop for unusual holiday gifts. Those who want to meet the Belsnickel should make reservations for the Belsnickel Luncheon Tour.

This Belsnickel event is a natural for the largest Pennsylvania Dutch museum, which is rated "exceptional" by AAA. Those going to the Gift Gallery (at the Visitor Center) and Weather-vane Shop will be able to find many whimsical traditional "Dutch" items such as handcarved Belsnickels, feather trees and redware pottery ornaments. Floral bath powders, holiday food, handmade toys and much more will be available. Both Christmas "shops" are open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. December 1-3.

To experience some of the

Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas customs, people will want to take part in the December 1-3 Luncheon-Tour. The cost is \$14.50 per person and the December 3 Luncheon-Tour is sold out. This limited reservation offering includes a tasty luncheon at Landis Valley's Victorian period Hotel with handsome holiday decorations. A sampling of the menu includes hearty ham loaf, bread with apple butter, and gingerbread with lemon sauce. After eating, guests will tour three buildings with lively history vignettes about the Belsnickel and Christmas decorations. At the conclusion of the

tour, people will meet the rascally Belsnickel himself.

Landis Valley is a state-owned museum operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with support from the Landis Valley Associates. Individuals who need special assistance or accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs. Pennsylvania TDD relay service is available at (800) 654-5984.

The museum is located 2.5 miles north of Lancaster on Rt. 272/Oregon Pike, a marked exit off both Rt. 30 and Rt 222. For information, call (717) 569-0401.

Toy Candy

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — A sweet Christmas tradition will be demonstrated on Sunday, December 4, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Nancy Fasolt of the Cake and Kandy Emporium in East Petersburg will demonstrate Clear Toy Candymaking. Clear Toys are made with only sugar, water, corn syrup, and yellow, red, or green coloring.

Children often played with the candies, which is why they are called "toys." They also hung the crystal-clear shapes on the tree as ornaments. These were the precursors to modern glass ornaments.

Christkindmarkt will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Clear Toy Demonstration is free with Museum admission: adults \$4; children (ages 3-15), \$1.75.

FFA HAPPENINGS

Earning To Live

The Agricultural Science Laboratory Class of the Elizabethtown Area High School has formed a working company. This student owned and operated company was developed to teach the students how to begin a business and market products.

The Elizabethtown FFA owns beehives at Bear Creek Farm. One of the by-products of bee production is excess beeswax. The students wanted to explore the possibility if there was a market for beeswax. Since a large portion of excess beeswax is marketed through beeswax candles the Bear Creek Farm Company was formed.

The class was divided into three groups—management, production, and marketing. The first step was to create a survey to determine if there was a market for beeswax candles. The survey asked potential customers on their candle buying habits, the price they normally pay for a pair of candles, and in what popular colors.

The production group went to work manufacturing 8 inch candles from 8 inch by 16 inch beeswax sheets. The colors of the candles were determined by the survey as navy, teal, ivory, and wine. The management group kept all records, handled finances, and all other records necessary for a business.

The marketing group's responsibility was primarily in sales, advertisement, and display. As a result of this minicompany operation, 80 pairs of candles were sold to faculty and staff members.

A guest speaker from the Country Haus in Elizabethtown addressed the class on the first hand experience of owning and operating your own business. Later, the class toured the Country Haus to better understand pricing and display.

As a result of this exploratory company, the Elizabethtown FFA will be marketing beeswax candles during their 1995 holiday sales campaign. This "doing to learn" project enables all students in the class to be more aware of all areas of starting your own business.

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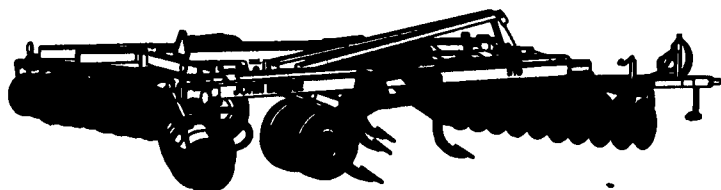
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ANSWER — Kenneth Hixon, Warfordsburg, wanted the complete address for the Schrader Co. that makes automotive tire repair accessories. Thanks to Bill Fletcher of Trumansburg, N.Y., for sending the address: Schrader Automotive Inc., 1609 Airport Rd., Monroe, N.C. 28110 or call (800) 592-2222.

ANSWER — Henry F. Stoltzfus, 24 Queen Rd., Gordonville, Pa. 17529, wanted to know where he can buy paw paw fruit, seeds and seedling trees. Thanks to Werner Seel, Forest Hill, Md., who writes that he should request catalogues from the following companies who handle the items that he is interested in: Mellinger's 2310 W. South Range Rd. North Lima, Ohio 44452-9731 of phone (216) 549-9861. Or, Oikos Tree Crops, P.O. Box 19425, Kalamazoo, MI 49019-0425. Phone: (616) 624-6233.