

## Chester Dairy Day

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and another for those 13 months to pre-calving.

The precalving heifers can be, and should be put on a close up ration. Heinrichs said that putting them in with up close dry cows is a perfectly fine practice and that a heifer should never, never be allowed to calve at a heifer facility

and then be trucked to the main herd to be put in the milking string.

He suggested a precalving stage to start from four to six weeks prior to calving.

Other speakers discussed using commodities in a feeding program, cow comfort in a stall barn, managing for profits and caring for dry cows.

## Manheim Central

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One of the goals is to show students the connection between subject areas.

This year, during the fourth marking period, integrated curriculum will be used to show students the connection between the courses they are studying and relate it to a project. Currently, 22 teachers are working together on one project to teach students hands-on skills in erecting a biosphere on school property where some students will spend several school days inside it.

Students will use math skills to determine geometric measures; science skills to predict weather patterns; English skills to prepare a video journal of the different stages in building the biosphere; social studies to examine how the environment affects history, poverty, and war; and physical education knowledge to determine how to keep in shape within the biosphere. Students will use a computer to produce a newspaper; art knowledge to design furniture; home economics training in choosing fabrics and design; and agriculture to figure out the plants and animals that may exist in the biosphere.

"It's taking a lot of preparation to keep things balanced," Seibert said of this new experience for teachers.

"The purpose is to show connections. In the world, every action is a reaction," she said.

This is Seibert's 10th year teaching. The restructuring has required a lot of time and energy, but one that pleases her.

When she first began teaching in 1985, only four students were enrolled in her freshman agriculture class and only 38 in the ag program.

Compare that to more than 550 students enrolled in at least one of the agriculture education electives.

The increasing enrollment required hiring two additional vocational agricultural staff members, Heather Peters and Charles Ax III.

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## Lebanon 4-H Livestock Holds Winter Roundup

**NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.)** — The Lebanon 4-H Livestock Club held its winter roundup last week and raised a total of \$13,330 through the sale of project animals.

Although no market steers were shown, the sale of market sheep raised \$2,185; while the sale of market hogs raised \$11,145.

Twenty-seven buyers and other supporters attended the sale of the market animals and helped the county's youth continue their projects.

The grand champion market lamb was shown by Benj Bow and was purchased by Lebanon Valley National Bank, and Dr. Andrew and Kathy Stewart for \$200.

The reserve champion market lamb was shown by Kyle Fleener, and was purchased for \$190 by John F. Lengel Inc.

The grand champion market hog was shown by Trisha Berger and was purchased by Hatfield Quality Meats Inc., for \$250.

The reserve grand champion market hog was shown by Marc Arnold and was purchased by John F. Lengel Inc. for \$290.

The winter roundup is held annually between the Christmas and New Year's holidays and gives the youth a chance to show and sell their market animals. Some members take other project animals to the state Farm Show, while the roundup provides many with the only opportunity for such an event.

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From the left, Tom Moyer holds the plaque of the grand champion market hog of the Lebanon 4-H Livestock Club Winter Roundup, while Trisha Berger, who showed the champion, holds the company banner.



Marc Arnold kneels behind his reserve grand champion market hog, while Peter Lengel, buyer for John F. Lengel Inc., holds the plaque.

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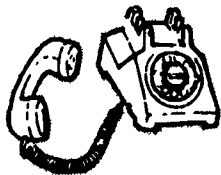
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