

Oertly Named State Conservationist

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Janet L. Oertly, an area conservationist from Indiana, has been named state conservationist for the Natural Conservation Service (NRCS) in Pennsylvania.

Oertly succeeds Richard N. Duncan, who retired in January after working for the agency for 32 years. He spent six of those years as state conservationist in Pennsylvania.

NRCS, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, was created last

October when Congress passed legislation the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In addition, several programs were transferred to NRCS, including the Wetlands Reserve Program and the Forest Stewardship Program.

As the new state conservationist, Oertly will oversee an agency in the midst of change. As head of NRCS, she is responsible for helping people to conserve all natural resources on private lands. NRCS in Pennsylvania employs about

200 people at the state office in Harrisburg, four regional offices, and about 70 field and special project offices.

Oertly, a Pennsylvania native, began her career in 1979 as a soil scientist in Faulkton, S.D. She worked as a soil scientist in various locations in South Dakota before her promotion to Area Soil Scientist for the Mason-Dixon target area in Maryland. She left Maryland to become a district conservationist in Indiana. While there, she was promoted to area conservationist, her current position.

Oertly received a bachelor's in geology from Thiel College, Greenville and a master's in agronomy from Penn State.

with a neighbor to apply manure on his 150-acre farm.

The Rohrsers maintain 750 cows plus 575 head of youngstock and 1,400 head of hogs which are being finished for market. The 570-head freestall barn features a slatted floor with manure storage under the barn and a fully automatic Boumatic double-20 rapid exit milking parlor.

Poultry Federation Banquet Wednesday

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at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner at 7 p.m.

Entertainment is always top billing at the fund raising event. New this year is a large broadcast screen in the main entertainment area, providing easy viewing for those who attend.

Back by popular demand is Jay Johnson, one of the world's great ventriloquists, who creates the "illusion" of life with Granpa Geezer (a homespun redneck), Gonzales (a talking guitar), Amigo (the South American bo-constructor), Nethemore (a vulture), Log Chainey (a psychopathic wooden killer), and of course, the monkey, too.

The musical group, New Odyssey, will also feature a medley of hits, including songs from The Blues Brothers, classic country, Pop The William Tell Overture Gospel, Glenn Miller, the Beach Boys, Satchmo, Tommy Dorsey, and others.

Tickets are \$125, and reserved tables of 10 and 12 are available. For ticket information, contact the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation,

500 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109, (717) 652-7530.

Despite a bleak economy for the egg producers, according to Hoffman, support is strong from the industry for many of the support programs maintained by the Federation. The Federation, which sponsors education and commodity quality programs, also sponsors five \$1,000 Penn State scholarships each year, and funds travel and other expenses for four 4-H'ers to travel to national poultry competition each year.

In addition, the Federation also is involved in legislative functions and provides many health and other insurance programs for the egg and poultry industries.

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(5) organization serving the Pennsylvania poultry industry and its suppliers through education, promotion, governmental relations, research, scholarships, and disease control.

For federal income tax purposes, ticket purchases are deductible as a business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

Adams County Holstein

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is pleased to have been granted another contract.

At Elm Tran Inc., in Rheems, Dr. Boyd Henderson was assisted by Shirley Trimmer of East Berlin in demonstrating the harvesting of ova for use in invitro fertilization. One of six such reproductive laboratories in the country, the firm now exports embryos to destinations in Holland, England, Australia and Japan.

Kenneth Zurin of Kenburn Farms, Mount Joy, milks his herd of 285 Holsteins three times per day. This partially explains his rolling herd average of 24,117

pounds of milk, 757 pounds of protein.

Zurin is equipped to separate the solids from liquids in the manure. The solids are composted and sold to gardeners through a local plant food company. The farm also finishes 200 steers in the Tender-Lean program, keeps 250,000 laying hens, and operates a trucking business to broker cottonseed and shavings to other farmers.

Robert Rohrer and his four sons farm 640 acres just east of Washington Boro and near the Susquehanna River. Because of limits on the land application of manure, they have an agreement



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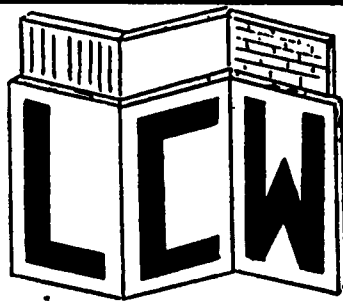
UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—The 70th Penn State Dairy Science Club Dairy Exposition will be held April 22 at the Ag Arena beginning at 8:30 a.m. with cattle fitting and showing competition among club members and other interested Penn State students.

A champion fitter and showman will be named in each of the three divisions—amateur, intermediate, and professional—from which a grand champion and reserve grand champion for the show will be named.

This year's Exposition chairperson is Donald Martin from Chambersburg, and the assistant chairperson is Donald Harwood from Shippensburg. The show chairpersons for this year's Exposition are Adam Tanis from Centre Hall, Jen Trout from Forest Hills, Md., Bryan Herring from Farmington, and Scott Longenbach from Northampton.

In addition to the showing and fitting competition, there are several special events planned for guests and students. There will be the annual milking contest, calf dressing, dizzy bat, and milk chugging contest.

Also, all alumni are invited to participate in a special showmanship contest. The chairpersons for the special events, which should start around noon, are Kara Tussey from Huntingdon and Amy Packard from Troy. For more information, call (814) 865-7638.



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