Leaders Learn Trust, Cooperation At Lancaster FFA Conference

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— FFA leaders from all the county
chapters found out what it's like to
learn to cooperate.

At group workshops, they learned many valuable lessons,

such as: Don't be afraid when they help you through an obstacle course. Learn to trust others to stop your fall.

Joy Young, county president from Solanco FFA, welcomed nearly 100 FFA'ers to the fourth annual Red Rose Leadership Con-



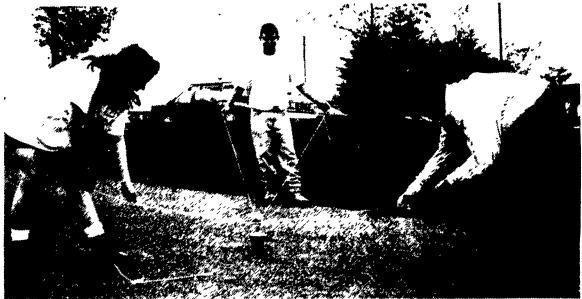
State FFA officers present to help the Lancaster County leaders included, front, Kelli Zeigler, state central vice president and Marci Harnish, state vice president. In back, from left, Chad Slusser, state treasurer and Tony Miller, state sentinel.



Walt Langley trusts his fellow FFA members as he falls. Photo by Andrea Kreider



Andrea Krelder, county FFA reporter from Solanco, reviews how to assemble a scrapbook with Josh Troxell, former county FFA reporter, Grassland FFA, at the leader-ship conference.



Erin Huber, Nate Kreider, and Jim Kerr work successfully at putting the tennis ball in a paper cup. Photo by Andrea Kreider

ference last week at Lancaster Mennonite High School, home of the Hans Herr FFA Chapter.

FFA leaders from the various schools in the county learned that "the sky's the limit," the theme of the conference, which tests the abilities of the FFA'ers to manage others, to learn, and to lead.

Leaders had a chance to interact with and learn from the experience of other FFA members in managing personalities in their organizations, working cooperatively, and to learn some of the difficulties when working with a team.

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Young, Solanco High School FFA and president of the county FFA organization, told those attending that the conference encourages incoming officers to "get to know fellow FFA members and take the ideas and the enthusiasm shared here home to the new members."

At the conference, county officers attending included Erin Huber, Manheim, secretary; Lisa Witmer, Manheim, northern region vice president; Joy Young, Solanco, president; Randy Miller, Pequea Valley, sentinel; Kerry Martin, Garden Spot, chaplain; Andy Young, Solanco, southern region vice president; Jess Weaver, Garden Spot, treasurer; and Andrea Kreider, Solanco, reporter. Rob Heath, Garden Spot, served as student adviser.

Various workshops were conducted to help train chapter leaders to perform their duties.



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At one workshop, leaders spoke to the chapter historians and reporters from the county on how to cover an event and submit stories to newspapers. Some details were provided on how to create an inclusive and eye-appealing scrapbook to record the events of the chapters.

Other workshops focused on the aspects of proper record-keeping, conducting successful fundraising activities, holding meetings, and other events.

In the evening, outdoor activities included the teamwork obstacle course, which stressed trust and cooperation, and similar events.



Seven Lancaster County FFA members carry Ryan Groff through a teamwork obstacle course. Photo by Andrea Kreider