

The Susquehanna — What's In It For Me?

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — June is rivers month, a perfect time to take the pulse of the Susquehanna River.

The 444-mile river that starts in New York, cuts through Pennsylvania, and ends up in Maryland to help shape the Chesapeake Bay is an important part of Pennsylvania's life. So, take a moment during June, stand at the banks of the river and enjoy these "reflections."

If you're wondering what's in the river for you, you won't have to work too hard to answer that question. There's something for all of us.

• **Fish.** It's wide and in some cases, not even knee-deep. But the Susquehanna is willing to give up its secrets. Fishermen come from all over the East Coast to fish the river. Last year, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission issued 54 congratulatory citations for trophy-size large-mouth and small-mouth bass, walleye, bluegills, striped bass and catfish. Before hydroelectric dams stopped upstream migrations, American shad ran the river, making them the most important species in the early 1800s. In 1993, agreements were signed to remove one stumbling block to that traditional spawning, and at the beginning of the next century, shad will run the river once more. In 1994, a record nearly 33,000 shad were trapped

at the Conowingo Dam and trucked to be released up the river for spawning.

• **Wildlife.** Take your binoculars to the Susquehanna, and you'll be treated to visual delights. For years, bald eagles were absent from the river, victims of the effects of pesticides. Through reintroduction efforts organized by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, our national symbol, which is an endangered species, has returned to several nesting sites in the state. In 1994, several eagles nested successfully in Lancaster, York, and Dauphin counties.

In addition, a wide variety of ducks and geese use the Susquehanna as a travel lane to provide food and resting cover on annual southward migrations. And if you're looking for nature, focus especially on the wetlands, which are home to every level of wildlife — birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and wild plants and flowers.

• **History.** Pennsylvania was built by its rivers. In central Pennsylvania, settlers were attracted to the fertile lands and lush forests along the Susquehanna, and William Penn envisioned a sister-city to Philadelphia on the river, the two linked by a canal between the Susquehanna and the Schuylkill rivers. That never happened, but the wide valley has invited prosperity for its inhabitants. Up and

down the river, Pennsylvania's history can be seen in the small towns; in Harrisburg, the seat of the state government; and in the rural landscapes that continue to produce rich annual harvests.

• **Natural Filter.** The Susquehanna is a forgiving river. Every day, we use the river to clean our wastes and quench our thirst, and it does both exceedingly well. Unfortunately, the river is subject to contamination by several major categories of pollutants, including nutrients, sediment, toxic chemicals.

• **Water Pump.** This is the second-largest watershed in the east-

ern United States, and we pull from it. Every day, the public demands about 200 million gallons of drinking water from the lower Susquehanna River basin. At the same time, the river also delivers a daily average of 25 billion gallons of water flow to the Chesapeake Bay. That's half the bay's fresh water.

If you like the "reflections" in the river, protect these resources, and they'll be ours to enjoy for generations to come. And if you really want to see how this natural ecosystem works, plan to attend the 1995 Susquehanna River Celebration. This one-day festival is free and will be held Saturday,

June 10, from noon to 5 p.m. at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. The event features the music of blues band Rosey and the Naturals, environmental exhibits and educational demonstrations, lots of children's activities, a craft show and demonstrations.

All activities are focused on a single theme — "We All Live Downstream." The celebration is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bay Education Office, the city of Harrisburg and the local radio station The River 97.3 WRVV. For more information, call the Pennsylvania Bay Education office, (717) 236-1006.

Farm Bureau Welcomes New Employees

GLENMONT, N.Y.—New York Farm Bureau announced the appointment of four new employees to positions that include field advisers and a new program specialist.

David Whitmore, the director of organization for New York Farm Bureau, said, "It is a great pleasure to welcome these individuals to New York Farm Bureau. Each of the four is an outstanding individual who brings new ideas and enthusiasm to his/her respective position. New York Farm

Bureau is fortunate to have so many fine people join our staff. We look forward to these individuals' becoming an integral part of our many successes, both in the field and in the home office."

The four new employees are:
• A graduate of SUNY Brockport and Cobleskill, Marie Krenzer is serving as a field adviser for Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. Krenzer, a Monroe County resident, has been very active in Farm Bureau in the past, serving as the Young Farmer Conference chairwoman and vice president of the Monroe County Farm Bureau board of directors. Formerly, Krenzer served as office manager for the family farm and possesses a broad range of experience in the agricultural industry as well as a background in accounting. Marie lives in Scottsville with her husband, David, and son, Benjamin.

• Holding master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Linda Lamb has joined New York Farm Bureau as a program specialist responsible for the Young Farmers programs, the women's program, the Ag is The Classroom program, the promotion and education program, and a portion of

the membership program. A former employee of Massachusetts Farm Bureau where she was the director of member relations, Lamb brings 13 years of Farm Bureau experience to her position. Lamb lives in Northborough, Mass., with her husband, Larry, and two stepchildren, Scott and Chrissy.

• A Class IV graduate of Cornell's Lead-N.Y. Food and Agricultural Leadership Program and SUNY Morrisville, Bradd Vickers is serving as field adviser for Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Schulyer, Tioga and Tompkins counties. Vickers, a beef farm operator, has been an active Farm Bureau member and brings a wealth of agricultural experience to his position. He lives in Norwich with his wife, Rainy.

• A graduate of SUNY Cobleskill and Cornell University, Judi Feagles is serving as new field adviser responsible for Clinton, Essex, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Washington counties. A former herd office manager/parlor manager for a dairy farm in Herkimer County, Feagles was raised on a family farm in Port Plain and has extensive professional experience in agribusiness and production agriculture. She resides in Fort Plain.

Polled Hereford Association Holds Show, Sale

MERCER (Mercer Co.) — The 41st annual spring show and sale of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association was held at the Mercer 4-H Park on April 29.

The show was at 2 p.m. with Pete LeVan of Penn State as the judge. The sale began at 7 p.m. with Lloyd and Don Braham of Grove City as the auctioneer and Lou Ellen Herr of Big T Ranch of Jeromesville, Ohio as pedigree announcer.

The 23 lots (females and bulls) totaled \$16,905 for an average of \$735/head. There were 17 females totaling \$12,080 for an average of \$710.59/head. The six bulls totaled \$4,825 for an average of \$804/head.

The grand champion bull, a February 1994 son of HF SKYWAY 08N S18A, consigned by Cody Filgers, Butler, sold to Hans C. Piepenhagen, Mercer, for \$1,000. Reserve grand champion bull was shown by Bar H Farm, Sewickley. Top selling bull was consigned by Brown Haven Farm,


New Castle. A February 1993 son of Anhinga Vic 69R834 sold to Charles Button, Tioga, for \$1,275.

The grand champion heifer was shown by Tellish Hereford Farm of Hookstown. She is the February 1994 daughter of PKF Ammunition 3A and sold to Samuel C. Hunter of Smithsburg, Md., for \$700. Hunter was also volume buyer with the purchase of five lots. Reserve champion heifer was shown by Brown Haven Farm of New Castle, which was a March 1994 heifer out of RPF Victor 801.

Grand champion 2-year-old female was shown by Frank Granberry III of Zelenople. A March 1993 daughter of JCD NV Ascendant Y26 with a March bull calf at side out of RHF Victor 767 sold to Lyn-Jon Acres of Midland, for \$1,150. She was also the highest selling female. Reserve grand champion 2-year-old female was shown by John Vidovich III of Midland. She is a September 1993 daughter of PS Precedent 902 and sold to Lori Preston, Greenville, for \$900.


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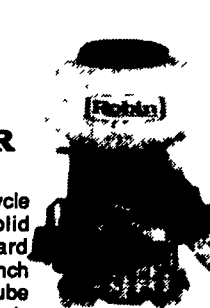
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