

Manor FFA Honors Those Who Serve

MILLERSVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Several FFA members were honored for service here at Penn Manor High School at the Manor FFA Banquet.

In addition, Jay McMichael was honored by the FFA chapter with the Blue and Gold Award. This award is the highest achievement presented by the Manor FFA. He received this award in appreciation for his involvement in FFA. McMichael chaperones most of the chapter members' trips to Kansas City, Penn State, and other activities.

Several senior awards were presented. They include the FFA Outstanding Ag Mechanic presented to Keith Hoover, All Around Ag Mechanic to Keith Frey, Most Improved FFA Member to Melissa McCardell, Charles Award to Keith Frey, Placement In Agribusiness to Tina Henry, Outstanding Crop Production to Keith Frey, Outstanding Farming Program to Keith Frey, Dekalb Award to Thomas Karr, Outstanding Project Manager to Keith Hoover, Outstanding Livestock Production Award to Keith Hoover, Scholarship Award to Keith Hoover, Outstanding Contributor to Thomas Karr, Placement In Ag Production to Neil Fellenbaum, Lockhart Award to Keith Frey, Placement in Animal Husbandry to Jessica Althouse, Placement in Horticulture Award to Melissa McCardell, Placement in Dairy Production to Todd Huber, and Outstanding Horsemanship to Tina Henry.

Other awards include Outstanding Floriculture Award to Jennifer Brown, Star Greenhand Placement to Glenn Fellenbaum, Star Green-



Tina Henry, left, and Melissa McCardell were among those honored at the recent Manor FFA banquet.



FFA'ers honored at Penn Manor were, from left, Tina Henry, Neil Fellenbaum, Jay McMichael, Keith Frey, Tom Karr, Keith Hoover, Melissa McCardell, and Jessica Neff.

hand Production to Tyler Swanson, and Star Chapter Placement to Todd Huber. The Star Chapter Production Award went to Daryl Rineer. Computers in Agriculture

Award went to Christina Badorf, Star Red Rose Production to Joel Frey, Star Red Rose Business to Seth Perry, and the Howard Main Scholarship to Thomas Karr.



Penn Manor honored several members. From left, Todd Huber, Glenn Fellenbaum, Daryl Rineer, and Tyler Swanson.



Manor FFA recently honored several FFA members. Front row, from left, Tina Henry, Melissa McCardell, and Jessica Althouse. Back, from left, Keith Frey, Tom Karr, Keith Hoover, Neil Fellenbaum, and Jason Reitsnyder.

Lebanon To Hold Farm Bill Meetings

NORTH LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Jennifer Hershey, Lebanon County executive director of the Farm Service Agency, has announced that the Agency will hold several meetings to discuss provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill.

Meetings are to be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. starting May 30 until June 27 at the Lebanon Valley Ag Center.

"The new farm law offers a one-shot opportunity to sign up for the new seven-year program," Hershey said. "Once the May 20 through July 12 sign-up period closes, only farmers with land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program will be eligible to enroll."

"It is critical that all affected people understand the changes that the new farm law will bring to farm operations," Hershey said. "The Farm Bill places a lot of responsibility squarely on the shoulders of farmers and there is little time left to get all of the information needed to make some important long-term decisions."

At the meeting participants will have an opportunity to view a video-tape presentation by Agriculture Secretary Dan Clivickman and senior Washington, D.C. staff on the general provisions of the new farm law. Local Farm Service Agency staff will brief local participants on the technical provisions of the farm programs.

"Included with the new planting flexibility are some options — and some risks — farmers haven't had to face before," Hershey said. "Crop Insurance has been 'de-linked' from the programs, but

disaster assistance is gone. This means that with few exceptions, farmers are out of luck if weather ruins their crops.

"Planting flexibility means the market place will decide what and how much, not the government. Farmers will need to learn how to make the most of the markets," Hershey said. "The marketing assistance loans will be a big help, but the decisions are not going to be made for producers — they're going to have to learn the detail of these programs and make all the decisions."

Also at the producer meeting Farm Service Agency personnel will discuss landlord-tenant issues, transition payments, payment limitation, loan rates, formulas for payments, and other technical details of the new farm law.

"This is the biggest change in production agriculture since the Great Depression of the 1930's," Jenifer Hershey said. "Yet all of the changes have to be implemented in the shortest time the Department of Agriculture has even had to implement a new Farm Bill."

"We have a big job ahead of us, precious little time to do the work, a lot of information to share, and we're going to provide people with all the information we can to help them make the best decisions. Implementing farm legislation in the best of conditions is difficult, this year it will be a big challenge," she said.

"The Farm Service Agency's people will get the job done," Hershey said. "We're going to get it done quickly and we're going to

get it done right." Call (717) 273-9321 for more information.

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Chamber To Coordinate Clean And Green Enrollment

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — In an effort to facilitate enrollment in the Clean and Green program, the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be coordinating a series of enrollment centers throughout the county.

These centers are designed to provide a convenient opportunity for landowners to enroll in the program. The deadline for 1997 enrollment is June 1, 1996!

At each center, assistance will be provided with the completion of the Clean and Green application form. Any questions applicants may have about the program will be answered during the course of completing the application; therefore, there will be no formal presentation on the intricacies of Clean and Green. These centers are meant only to be a convenience to landowners during one of their busiest times of year.

It will be necessary for applicants to bring with them the

following:

- Recording fee, \$13.50, payable to Lancaster County recorder of deeds

- Processing fee, \$26.50, payable to Lancaster County treasurer
- Notary fee, if township has requested one

All persons on the deed must be present.

Landowners are not required to bring their assessment notices, but it is highly suggested.

Information offering this service was sent to all townships in Lancaster County. Based on those townships that replied, the Chamber designed a two-week series that will run during the end of May.

The following is the schedule of centers that will be held. The centers are open for anyone to attend, whether or not they are a resident of that township. No appointments are necessary.

For more information, contact

Jim Shirk, agricultural services manager, at the Chamber office at (717) 397-3531 ext. 62.

- Monday, May 20 Salisbury Twp. (768-8059) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 5581 Old Phila. Pk, Gap

- Monday, May 20 Elizabeth Twp. (626-4302) 5:30-8:30 p.m. 423 S. View Drive, Lititz

- Tuesday, May 21 Caermarvon Twp. (445-4244) 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Rt. 23, 2147 Main St., Narvon

- Thursday, May 23 Martic Twp. (284-2167) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 370 Steinman Farm Rd., Pequea

- Tuesday, May 28 East Donegal Twp. (426-3167) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta

- Thursday, May 30 Manor Twp. (397-4769) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 950 W. Fairview Dr., Lancaster

- Thursday, May 30 Upper Leacock Twp. (656-9755) 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 115 Newport Rd., Leola.

All centers will be held at the host township's office. For directions to the offices, contact the specific township.