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Outstanding Students Receive Foundation Scholarships

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)

— Seven high school seniors received Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation scholarships Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

"I think this is the most outstanding group we've had since I've been here," said Dr. John Schwartz. "Usually we have two or three outstanding candidates, but this year, we had so many outstanding applicants that it was a difficult selection. Every one of the winners is outstanding."

Each scholarship winner receives \$1,400 to pursue a career in agriculture, food science or fashion design. Recipients must excel scholastically, in leadership, and in extracurricular activities.

Ryan Dodson said that his intense love for nature has

influenced his decision to study environmental science at Penn State University.

Ryan is active in numerous environmental and political groups such as the Sierra Club executive committee, which seeks to influence politicians.

At Manheim Township High School, Ryan is active in baseball, swim team, Students Against Starvation, Students Against Drunk Driving, treasurer of Amnesty International, Performing Arts stage crew, and the National Honor Society.

Last summer, Ryan spent three weeks in Germany as an exchange student.

At Christmastime, Ryan donates time in gift wrapping presents for the United Cerebral Palsy stand at Park City.

Ryan's involvement in so many

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Farm and Home Foundation scholarship winners, front from left, are Ryan Dodson, Jessica Weaver, Heather Oberholtzer, and Melonca Kauffman. Back row, from left, are Nell Fellenbaum, Andrew Young, and Keith Hoover.



The medical team at the Marlon duPont Scott Equine Medical Center prepare for one of the nearly 200 operations scheduled each month. The Center is also the Leesburg campus of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Equine Medical Center: Comprehensive Teaching, Research, Service

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LEESBURG, Va.

— Anesthesiologists, veterinarians, nurses, and graduate students huddle around the horse's head. The preliminary physical examinations have been completed. A piece of wood is lodged near a tendon in the right rear leg.

The beautiful Palomino horse is lovingly coaxed into a wedge between a padded partition and the movable wall that separates the preparation and operating rooms.

With the stethoscope plugged into her ears, the doctor checks the patient's pulse and makes one final check on the animal's heart. "It's in there — beating nicely," she

said.

The order is given to open the valve to the bottle of sedation that is being held slightly above the catheter inserted into the patient's neck. Immediately the liquid begins to disappear down the tube. The medical team tenses against the expected action like 50-meter sprinters set in the blocks and waiting for the starter's gun to sound.

Expert eyes move from the horse to the sedation fluid disappearing down the I.V. tube. They pause and look back again. "It's taking a little longer than usual," someone says.

Suddenly, the patient's knees

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Small fields of planted tobacco have started to become visible in Lancaster County as the weather cleared this week to allow farmers to begin spring planting. Mike Mellott, Quarryville, planted two acres of Maryland 609 last week with plants shipped up from South Carolina. He plans to finish planting another two acres with Pennsylvania Type 41 this week. In the photo, Mellott and his wife Denise plant while Eric Sheets drives tractor. Mellott had the grand champion Type 41 wrapper tobacco at the Lancaster County Tobacco Show for the last two years.

Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Dairy Issue Next Week Office Closed Monday

Don't forget. June Is Dairy Month. And our annual *Lancaster Farming* tribute to the dairy industry is scheduled to come to your farm next Saturday, June 1. We have talked to many farm families, and we will report what they have to say about their operations and the future of the dairy business. In addition, we will have news stories, farm management reports from the experts, and messages from our advertisers. The Cow Mania dairy recipes are coming in each day but you still have time to send your favorite before the deadline for the drawing June 1.

Our office will be closed Monday, May 27, to observe Memorial Day but will open again for business at 8 a.m. Tuesday. If you have a news story or an advertising message related to June Dairy Month, please call the office any day Monday (except the 27th) through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our phone number is (717) 394-3047 or (717) 626-1164. Our Fax: (717) 733-6058.