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Teen Challenge Helps Addicts Turn Their Lives Around



Strawberries were planted for the first time two years ago at Teen Challenge. This year, four acres of strawberries formed the backbone of a lot of early morning work for about 90 at the center. From left, Ralph Chapin, building, grounds, and vocational administrator; Eric Hole, farm manager; and Art Gibson, assistant farm manager.

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— Kevin Clancy realized long ago that to survive he needed to make drastic changes in his life.

Early in 1987, Clancy, in his late twenties, was living in Upper Darby, married with three kids. He was a drug addict, he admitted, was very violent and full of pride and selfishness.

With the constant support of his wife Donna, Clancy served a few months in a Germantown induction center for troubled youth.

After the induction center, Clancy came to Teen Challenge in March 1987. But after having adjusted to the stringent work ethic imposed on all who are registered at the Teen Challenge Training Center, after having survived a rigorous program that brought him to the rank of an intern . . . Clancy found himself demoted because he broke a rule. Instead of going to a seminar, as he was ordered, he went to a graduation.

After the demotion, Clancy remembered walking back from the dairy farm, wanting to quit the Teen Challenge program altogether. But as he admitted,

while standing in a field, "God grabbed a hold of me and told me my entire life is centered on this time. Would I submit to the disciplinary action and be a man, or continue to be a baby and quit the program?"

Clancy said, "I chose what God wanted me to do."

As a result, he went back on a track that would eventually lead to him graduating from the Teen Challenge Training Center program in 1988 and back on the track of a positive lifestyle. He worked for three different dairy farms in Lebanon County, in training to be a herds manager. But, while working part-time on youth ministry programs, it wasn't long before Clancy was asked to be full-time associate director of inner-city ministries at the Lebanon Valley Youth For Christ.

Clancy now works with about 300 elementary school students as part of the inner-city missions with the multidominational program to keep kids from drugs and alcohol. He speaks openly about the challenges he faced.

Clancy said that he "tells it like it is" and is very blunt about

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ADC, Dairy Partnership Network Use Bay Trip To Discuss Strategy

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's educational oysterboat, a 1902-era skipjack sailboat called the Stanley Norman, is moored at City Dock in Annapolis, Md., just off of the intersection of Compromise and Main streets.

It set sail Tuesday with a manifest that included members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), Pennsylvania State University Extension personnel, the Rodale Institute, the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the U.S. Environ-

mental Protection Agency (EPA), staff and board members of the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, a representative of the artificial insemination industry, and a representative of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The purpose of the trip was twofold, but the tenor of the day trip was perhaps best reflected by the crossroads at City Dock — an intersection of compromise and "main street" thinking.

The primary reason for the trip on the Stanley Norman was to demonstrate and educate about the bay and the effects of sedimenta-

tion, nitrification, massive residential and industrial development, forest and stream buffer removal and minimal or non-concern with earthmoving activities, and the loss of practically all of the filter feeding oysters.

The second reason for the trip was to present a concept proposal

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Dairy Knowledge, Eye For Cattle Marketing At Cornerstone Of Farm's Success

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GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — In a 10-stall, Virginia-style flat barn that's as clean as the show rings they're used to working in, Dale and Deanna Bendig are building their future. While other producers opt out of the dairy business and the small, family farm

appears to many to be a slowly dying tradition, the Bendigs are creating an operation that has at its foundation the hard work and management practices that have made dairy farming one of the nation's oldest and best-loved professions.

Both third-generation farmers who couldn't imagine doing anything else, the couple is hoping that their mix of labor and knowledge — along with a keen eye for cattle marketing — will allow their farm to survive.

Their basic tenet is a simple one: "The cows come first, because they're the ones that gotta pay the bills," Dale explained.

A friendly man with a shock of curly brown hair who's always ready with a joke — even when it means laughing at himself — Dale said he enjoys the challenge of "making that little milk check pay for a big box of bills every month." Even more satisfying is "taking a cow and making her better," he said.

Deanna's love of dairying is similar, but her interest is moti-

vated at its heart by a love of cows and other animals.

"It's in your blood," she explained. "If you get out of it, most of the time you go back. And I've been working in the barn since I was wee little." Married for just three years, the couple met showing cattle. The six years between their ages made a difference then since Deanna, as a teenager, had no interest in going anywhere with Dale, who kept asking her out after shows.

Comfortable in the show ring since his earliest days in 4-H, Dale was 21 when he started fitting and showing professionally for other cattlemen. Lured by the travel, independence and — of course — the fun, he spent nearly eight years on the show circuit going from state convention to state convention and working the myriad sales and national expos between. Deanna was 21 before she finally gave in to one of Dale's endless dinner invitations. When it looked like there was more to him than she

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As a member of the National 4-H Sheep Judging Team, Lisa Reiff captured the attention of a Midwestern college well known for its livestock judging team. The college recruited Lisa and awarded her a full scholarship. To read more about Lisa and the scholarship, considered the first offered to a Pennsylvanian, turn to page B18 for article and pictures by Lou Ann Good.

Office Closed July 4

To celebrate the nation's birthday, Lancaster Farming's offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Our offices will reopen on Friday, July 5. Deadlines are as follows:
• Public Sale ads — 5 p.m., Friday, June 28.
• General News — noon, Wednesday, July 3.
• Classified Section C ads — 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 2.
• All other classified ads, 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 3.