

# Conservation Awards Highlight Conference Banquet

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 been very active in youth education. The newsletter is an important source of information on the resources of the area for local citizens and officials.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The winner of the county commissioner district director award is Dick Rice of Bedford County. Rice has served as a commissioner

director since 1987. He is driven to make Bedford County a better place to live and strives to improve the overall quality of life for all citizens.

As chairman of the Evitts Creek Steering Committee, Rice has helped to develop a watershed project to help protect the city of Cumberland, Maryland's public drinking water supply and to increase

recreational opportunities on city-owned land.

## SPECIAL AWARD

The special conservation award is presented to Richard VanNoy, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). VanNoy developed appreciation for the values of conservation as a dairy farmer in Bradford County. In 1966 he joined the state conservation commission and assisted Pennsylvania's con-

servations districts establish and implement soil conservation programs. At the time there were few district staff and VanNoy spent a lot of time on the road helping to spread the news of conservation to prospective cooperators.

In more recent years, VanNoy's expertise led him to represent the DEP on both the Agricultural Land Condemnation Approval Board and the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Agricultural Advisory Board to the DEP. He has always had a special interest in environmental education and was a force behind many

of the state's early education efforts.

VanNoy may be best known for his management of the conservation district fund allocation program which is used to cost-share the employment of conservation district staff and provide administrative assistance to conservation districts. The program was initiated in 1967 with an allocation of \$15,000. With his help and management, the program has grown to \$2,750,000.

## SAXMAN AWARD

The Ann Rudd Saxman conservation volunteer award recognizes (Turn to Page A21)



The outstanding farmer award went to Walnut Acres. Craig Bingman, district manager, Snyder County, left, presenting to Robert Anderson, president.



The Octoraro Watershed Association, represented by Trudi Green, received the watershed protection award.



The co-winner of the M.K. Goddard forest resource management award went to Shelly Tree Farm, represented by Kathy Shelly and Ed Cameron, right, and presented by Jim Kessler and Patricia Sueck.



The county commissioner district director award went to Rick Rice, Bedford County, left, with Kurt Leitholf, PACD executive director.



The Ann Rudd Saxman conservation award went to James Gemmell, III, Bucks County, left, and presented by Kurt Leitholf.



The conservation organization award went to Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation in Westmoreland, represented by Mark Killar, right, and presented by Patricia Sueck, PACD 1st vice president.



Mr. and Mrs. Dick VanNoy receive the special conservation service award from Patricia Sueck.



Stephen Kling, Snyder County, receives the conservation educator award from Patricia Sueck.



Lancaster Farming, represented by Everett Newswanger, managing editor, receives the media conservation award from Patricia Sueck.



The M.K. Goddard forest resource management award went to co-winner William and Eileen Mayberry, presented by Patricia Sueck.



Special award went to Kurt Leitholf, center, from Patricia Sueck and Bernard Hoffnar, DEP.



The legislator award went to Rep. Ruth Rudy, right, and presented by Patricia Sueck.