

# Farm Teen Plows Through State Competition On To Nationals

FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) — Helping his dad fix tractors, cars, and machinery on the farm plowed the way for a career opportunity for Joshua Kurtz, Fleetwood.

It was on the family's dairy farm that Kurtz learned the basics of diagnosing engine problems and motor repair.

Sparked by the thrill of repairing lawn mowers and tractors, Joshua pursued vocational training at the Berks Career and Technology Center and at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

His success in regional competition qualified him to attend the Pennsylvania VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) State

Leadership Conference and Skills Competition near Pittsburgh recently.

In motorcycle technology competition, Kurtz worked against the clock diagnosing and repairing problems in various parts of a motorcycle.

He remained calm and proved he was well prepared for the competition by finishing first among state wide contestants.

In the fall, Kurtz will take advantage of the full scholarship he won to attend the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute for 11 months in Phoenix, Ariz.

But before he takes off for more training, Kurtz will compete in national competition in Kansas City. If he wins that, he will go on to international competition in Switzerland. He won the national competition last year as a junior, but was not allowed to continue to international competition reserved only for seniors.

Joshua is the son of Beth and Floyd Kurtz of Fleetwood. Joshua plans to work full time on the family farm this summer. After graduation from the Mechanics Institute he plans to return to the family farm and farm in partnership with his dad and also operate a mechanical repair shop on the farm.



In motorcycle service technology, Joshua Kurtz worked against the clock diagnosing and repairing problems in various parts of a motorcycle to place first in the state in VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) State Leadership Conference and Skills Competition near Pittsburgh.

## Offer Scholarships

EDGEWATER, Md. — The Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board has allocated \$5,000 of grain check-off funds to support a scholarship program

The program will be administered by the Maryland Grain Producers Association, which will be awarding two deserving students with scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each (\$1,250 for each semester) The students must be enrolled in a Maryland or an out-of-state institution

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to students interested in pursuing an agriculturally related career.

Given the dynamic changes in agriculture today, the advances in biotechnology, global positioning systems, environ-

mental protection, crop and livestock production, Maryland's grain farmers believe it is very important to encourage students to consider careers in agriculture by enhancing their educational development through the use of scholarships.

"Agriculture is undoubtedly not the same as it was with all of the technology available today," said Breck Debnam, president of the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

"The agricultural community needs a strong educational foundation if we are going to be successful in the future, he said.

For an application contact, the Maryland Grain Producers Association, 53 Slama Road, Edgewater, MD 21037-1423 Requests can also be faxed to (410) 956-0161.



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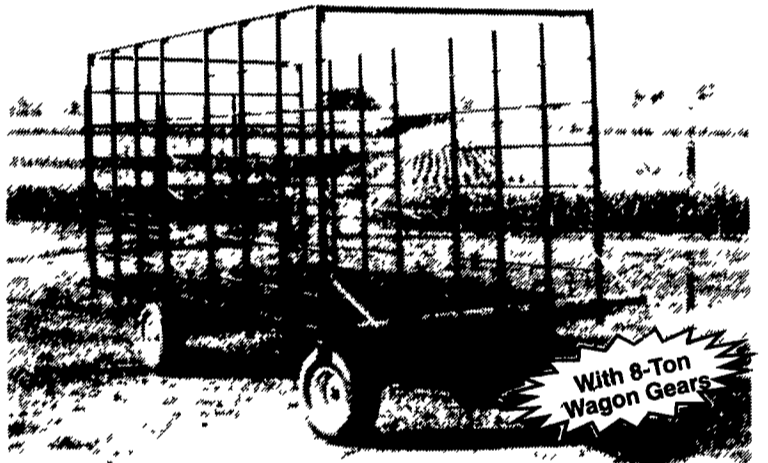
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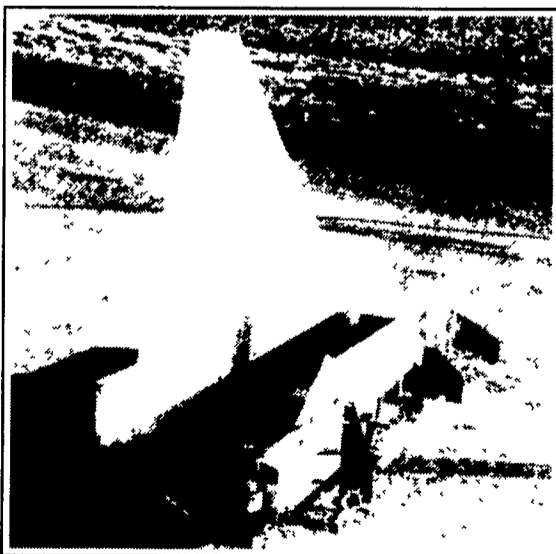
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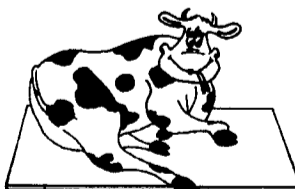
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