

Berks County Conservancy Sets Annual Dinner

WYOMISSING (Berks Co.) — Mark your calendars for the Berks County Conservancy's premier 1998 event, its annual

dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 2. This year we will celebrate Reading's 250th Anniversary and at the same time kick-off

the Conservancy's own upcoming 25th anniversary in 1999.

The dinner will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the magnificently renovated Lincoln Plaza Hotel, Reading's most recent preservation triumph, in the Presidential Ballroom. The hotel is located at Fifth & Washington Streets, Reading.

The speaker is the Honorable William A. Johnson, Jr., mayor of Rochester, N.Y. Johnson has received national attention for his dynamic leadership. Elected to office in 1994, he has tackled the big issues head on and is making remarkable progress.

Johnson made accessible government one of his top priorities, interacting with a broad cross-section of community residents from school children to senior citizens, corporate executives to the unemployed. By making more than 3,000 public appearances throughout the region, he has opened lines of communication and generated grassroots support.

He had concentrated on areas deemed most critical to improving the quality of life for city residents: education, economic development, public safety, human services, and regional cooperation. His Neighbors Building Neighborhoods program has stimulated affordable housing development, and his business and employment programs have resulted in nearly \$100 million being invested and more than 1,000 new jobs being cited in the past two years.

At a regional level, he is trying to address sprawl and encourage "smart growth" in Greater Rochester and the sur-

rounding counties, including the nearby Finger Lakes district, an nationally important agricultural area. He personally visits every community that invites him, presenting his slide show on sprawl, and promoting regional solutions. "The global economy is putting all of us — cities, suburbs, and villages — on the same team" he said. "It's time for Greater Rochester to

play the game to win."

The meeting agenda includes the annual election of officers and new board members, and a number of featured award presentations. Cost is \$30 per person and reservation forms may be obtained by calling the Conservancy at (610) 372-4992, or stopping by the office in Wyomissing. Reservation deadline is Nov. 25.

Pa. Tobacco Marketing Assoc. To Meet

MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — The Pennsylvania Tobacco Marketing Association is planning to hold three meetings next week.

The purpose is to sign the membership agreement form, making the farmer a member of a tobacco co-op. The co-op will sell the tobacco through an auction or auctions

There will be a small fee (one time) to become a member. The member will have the right to vote for the Pa. Tobacco Marketing Association board of

directors that evening.

The meetings will start on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Paradise Community Park Building, London Vale Road, Paradise.

The second meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Terre Hill Community Building, (Old Fire House Building), Terre Hill.

The third meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Kirkwood Auction Barn, Kirkwood.

All meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

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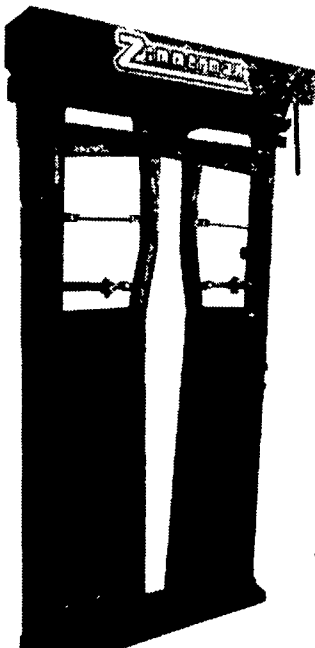
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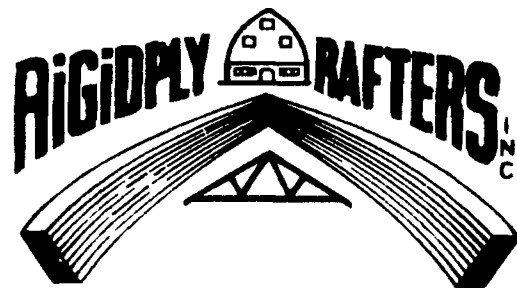
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