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## Preservation 2000 To Save Farmland And Open Space

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**MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.)** - On a Lancaster County farm owned by Kevin and Audery Rohrer and family, a large group of public officials and other local farmers gathered Wednesday to witness the unveiling of Preservation 2000, a new plan to preserve Pennsylvania's farmland and open space. The press conference on the farm lawn was

called by state Rep. John E. Barley (R-Lancaster) and state Sen. David J. Brightbill (R-Lebanon) to explain their legislative proposal that according to Barley, "will preserve the way of life we all love in Pennsylvania."

The Rohrer farm was chosen for the announcement because this farm family has been waiting to preserve their farm for more than five years.

Barley said the \$43 million that was designated for preserving farmland in the spring budget was not enough to meet the backlog of farmland preservation needs, and the other changing preservation needs across the state. "Preservation 2000 will help preserve our farms, protect our open space, and promote smart land use," Barley said. "Our proposal commits \$500 million to Pennsylvania's 67 counties over a

period of 20 years to meet their pressing environmental concerns. Open space, farmland protection, stream relief, and sewer structure are among the needs.

"This is a flexible program that

reflects Pennsylvania's changing needs. We are asking the counties, if they choose to come up with an additional 25 percent to bring the total to \$625 million.

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At the Preservation 2000 press conference on the Rohrer farm are state Rep. John E. Barley with Kevin and Audery Rohrer and their children, Jason, 16; Josiah, 9; and Janae, 7. Not present for the photo was Jessica, 14. Photo by Everett Newswanger, editor.



Farming 1,300 acres in Schuylkill County, from left, are four brothers, Richard, George Edward, Joseph, William, and their dad George W. Tallman. On Wednesday, William and his wife Shirley, who also farm 106 acres in Bethel, were named Outstanding Farm Family of the Year for Berks County. Turn to page B2 to read more about the Tallman family. Photo by Lou Ann Good.



The new Capitol Region Extension Agronomy Team met at the recent Silage and Forage Expo at the Glen Krall Farm near Cornwall. From left, Paul Craig, forage crops; Del Voight, integrated pest management; John Rowehl, grain crops; and Mark Goodson, soils. Photo by Andy Andrews

## Four-Member Penn State Agronomy Team Assembles

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**LEBANON (Lebanon Co.)** - Four agronomic extension agents have mobilized their talents and experience into one collective Capitol Region Extension Agronomy Team.

The team combines more than 65 years of experience in agronomic crop production to provide a "whole farm" approach in managing farm-related issues.

According to John Rowehl, Cumberland County regional agronomy agent, with the advent of specialization, "I hope to do more for farmers and agribusiness than what I might have been able to do before."

Rowehl, who served for 14 years as an agronomy agent in York County before moving to Cumberland County, will specialize in grain crops as a member of

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## Berks County Lauds Outstanding Farmers, Youth

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**BETHEL (Berks Co.)** - As potato growers and brokers, the Tallman family carry on a legacy begun by their great-great-grandfather in 1860. More than 1,300 acres in Tower City, Schuylkill County are farmed in a partnership comprised of George W. and his sons, William, Richard, George Edward, and Joseph. One of the brothers, William,

and his wife Shirley Tallman, who also operate a farm in Berks County, were honored as Berks County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year at the 44th annual awards banquet Wednesday evening at the Fleetwood Grange Hall.

Recipients of the annual award are selected on the merits of their farm operation, community work, and family involvement. In addition to the award, a \$600 gift certi-

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## Foraging Around In This Issue

*Foraging Around*, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC), is included this issue. The section contains an interview with Armstrong County cattleman George Kepple, a report on using nitrogen stubble treatment for alfalfa, the PFGC president's report, detail on the Farmer-To-Farmer project, and research reports. The section also includes information about survival strategies used by producers during drought, special reports from the Council, and other useful information to the grazier.