



Lancaster Farmland Trust presents a plaque to Karen Weiss, director of preservation, for being instrumental in preserving 104 farms with 6,882 acres within the past 10 years. Presenting the plaque, from left, are Gene Garber, honorary trustee and the first person to have his farm preserved by the Trust; Tom Stouffer, executive director; and Dr. John Schwartz, extension director. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Lancaster Farmland Trust Celebrates Preserving 104 Farms In 10 Years

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STRASBURG (Lancaster Co.)
— An evening of celebrating preserving 104 farms in 10 years included a quilt auction that raised \$15,000 to help preserve more farmland.

Quilts and wall hangings were auctioned at the Historic Strasburg Inn, where 280 supporters of the organization gathered for the Trust's annual dinner, Nov. 19.

A specially commissioned quilt wall hanging by nationally-recognized artist Donna Albert combined many techniques to

showcase The Garden Spot of the World: Lancaster County. Albert used applique, heat fusion, embroidery, color, and dimension in the design featuring an Amish quilt motif, appliques of the Ephrata Cloister, pretzels with mustard; corn, cow, livestock, and other items representative of the county.

Albert, a long-time supporter of the Trust, said the quilt represents preserving the treasure where her heart is — farmland.

The quilt was commissioned by the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitor's Bureau and sold

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Cooperator Awards Presented In Montour County

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DANVILLE (Montour Co.) - In spite of a local football game that had the attention of all the people in Danville, many farmers extension conservation, farm agency district personnel, and government officials, choose to attend the Montour County Tri-Ag Banquet last last week at the Montour-Delong Fair Building

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of cooperator

awards, by both the Montour County Cooperative Extension and the Montour County Conservation District

With more than 31 years of conservation efforts Harmony Hill Farm, Catawissa, owned by David and Rodney Bird, was named the outstanding cooperator farm in the Montour District for 1999 Board member Richard Shultz made the presentation

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Lancaster Ag Industry Honors Sen. Wenger

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) "His heart beats for Agriculture."

This statement was used to describe Pennsylvania Sen Noah W Wenger from the 36th district, who received the 1999 George C Delp Award at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry agriculture banquet Tuesday night

Sen Wenger is majority

caucus chairman at present In addition, in nearly 25 years in both the House and Senate, he has served as chairman of the agriculture committee and has sponsored many farm related bills Wenger was instrumental in sponsoring and passing the right to farm law He established farm truck tags, the state's nutrient management law, and the nationally recognized farmland preservation initiatives

A native of Lancaster County, Wenger was elected president of the Lancaster County Farmers Association (now Farm Bureau) and served on the governor's advisory committee In addition to his duties as senator, Wenger has received numerous awards and recognition, including the President's Award from the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations He is active in local organizations such as the Ephrata Young Farmers, Reinhold's Lion's Club, and the Stevens Fire Company

Sen Wenger has served as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent He resides in Stevens with his wife, is the father of three grown children and

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Pennsylvania Sen. Noah W. Wenger received the 1999 George C. Delp Award at the Lancaster Ag-Industry banquet. From left, Brent Landis, ag services coordinator, Sen. Wenger, and Lowell Fry, chairman, ag committee. Photo by Everett R. Newswanger, editor.

Penn State Dairymen's Club Recognizes Charles Itle

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Penn State Dairymen's Club honored long-time dairy industry leader Charles Itle with the annual Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to enriching and advancing the Pennsylvania dairy industry. The award was presented in front of 65 members and guests at the Club's annual meeting recently held in State College.

Itle grew up near Loretto, Cambria County, on a dairy and livestock farm. He attended St. Francis College for a year and

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To the despair of Lebanon Countians, Letie Schadler is retiring as both director and as family and consumer science agent for Penn State Extension. Letie has taught thousands of people about nutrition, food preparation, and on numerous consumer issues. Turn to page B2 to read more about Letie and why she is considered an "icon." Photo by Lou Ann Good.

Special Deadlines For Holidays, Farm Show Issue

Lancaster Farming has scheduled special sections in the next several weeks, up to and including the state Farm Show. In addition, because of the holiday schedule, new deadlines have been established.

But first, a few special sections are scheduled.

Grower & Marketer, serving the eastern vegetable, fruit, nursery,

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