

Lancaster District Awards

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head, mostly Holstein, with Dutch Belted and Jersey. The milking herd, including the replacements, is grazed through the growing season and fed stored grass when land cannot be grazed.

The cows serve as the farm's harvesters and manure spreaders.

Stoltzfoos, who has traveled to New Zealand to see how their dairy industry operates, incorporated some of those practices. The farm has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) with the Pennsylvania Sustainable Agriculture Leadership Award.

Youth Conservation School, Other Awards
Charlotte Sprenkle, environmental education coordinator for the district, presented a skit honoring Bob Good, Lititz, noted angler, with a special Youth Conservation School honor.

L. Nevin Greiner, resource conservationist in the erosion and sedimentation division, presented a Building Industry Conservation Award to Michael Mountz, owner of Cloister Car Wash and Lube, for new construction on Manheim Pike in Lancaster.

The land was formerly the site of Kerek Air Freight and is home to Cloister's third car wash. The award was presented to recognize individuals credited with "conserving Lancaster

County farmland through adaptive redevelopment," said Greiner.

Greiner noted that development in Pennsylvania has proven to be land consumptive. For example, during 1992-1997, Pennsylvania developed 224,640 acres of land each year. The state ranks second only to Texas in the total number of acres of land developed in the same period.

Greiner noted in a book by Tom Hylton that documents since the 1950s, Pennsylvania lost four million acres of farmland to urban sprawl — a land mass equal to the size of the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The land conversion provided for only a 20 percent population increase in those 50 years.

When Mountz purchased the land, the lot was covered entirely with buildings and paving. The design team removed a large portion of paving and replaced it with topsoil. Today, of the 3.5 acres, 23 percent has been landscaped. Stormwater is not collected, but released slowly.

Also, the waste oil recovered in the lube shop is fuel for the energy to heat the water in the car wash.

Conservation Service Award

Ken Meck, on the board of the district directors, presented the year's Conservation Service Award to Terry L. Kauffman.

Kauffman, who has participated in the business and public sector at various levels for more than 25 years, has served in leadership roles in service clubs, on the local township zoning hearing board, and has been involved on the county planning commission. He has chaired the election board of the Lancaster County and the registration commission. He has served as a board member in the conservation district from 1996-1999 and for the county library and agriculture systems.

Elected a county commissioner in 1992 and again in 1996, Kauffman chaired the board of commissioners from 1995-1999 and was vice chairman from 1992-1995.

Kauffman serves as director of land use planning and management with the Berks County Conservancy.

Educator Of Year Award

Jim and Lee Amigh are the recipients of this year's Educator

of the Year Award, presented by Robert Lauffer, vice chairman of the district board of directors.

Jim is a physical education teacher for the elementary schools of Penn Manor School District and is certified in environmental education.

Lee is a naturalist for Lancaster County Parks.

Both are central figures behind the creation of the Elementary Envirothon in Lancaster County, Lauffer noted.

Six years ago, according to Lauffer, Jim and Lee met with the York County Conservation District and observed how the district orchestrated the Elementary Envirothon. The Amighs returned to form a committee and began planning for a local competition the following year.

The Lancaster County Elementary Envirothon began with a handful of teams from the Penn Manor School District only. Five years later the Envirothon involved more than 300 students during two days with 48 third through sixth grade teams representing six school districts.

"It's safe to say that Jim and Lee Amigh live and breathe the Elementary Envirothon," said Lauffer.

Conservation Agency Service Award

The conservation district honored Hosea Latshaw with the Conservation Agency Service Award.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is the district's closest working partner, noted Don Robinson, district administrator. Latshaw, from the Lebanon area technical office, reviews all the district

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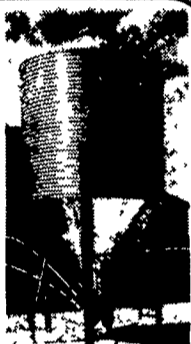
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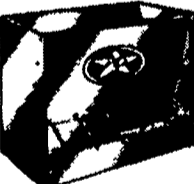
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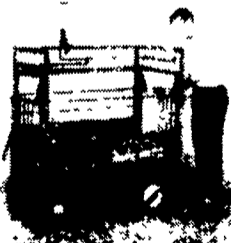
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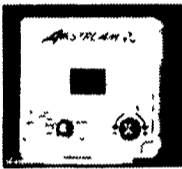
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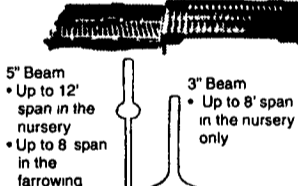


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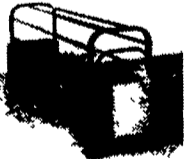
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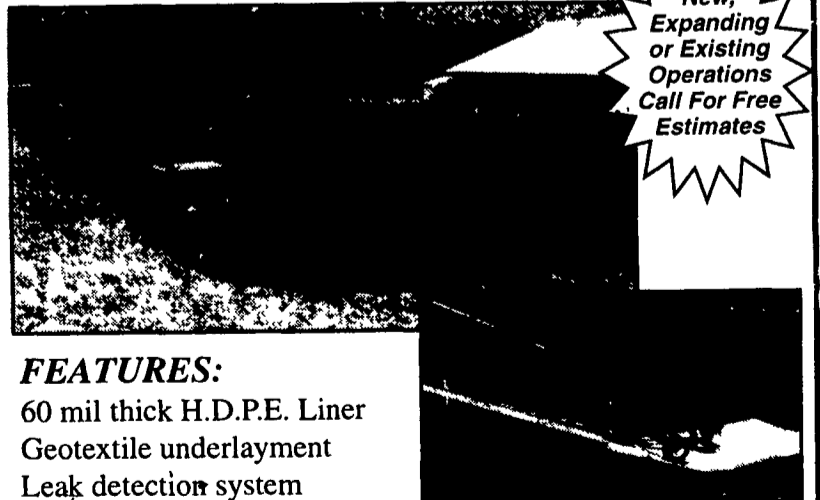
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