

Conservationists Lauded By District

MOUNT GRETNA (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Conservation District recognized six individuals for outstanding conservation efforts in Lebanon County at the district's annual planning meeting and awards banquet.

Special guests, volunteers, and award winners were invited to celebrate in the conservation district's 51 years of accomplishments.

During the banquet, special recognition was awarded to two farmers, an educator, a rails-to-trails activist, a watershed volunteer, and a long-time conservation district employee.

Clean Water Farm Award

Charles and Marlene Bomgardner were recognized for their efforts in soil and water conservation on their 97-acre farm in North Annville Township.

The Bomgardners became cooperators with the district in 1993 and have continued the family tradition of conservation farming. The Bomgardners practice contour strip cropping with rotations that include use of no-till, minimum tillage, cover crops, and residue management.

Twenty-acres of more erodible land is left in permanent hay and woodland. The Bomgardners have cooperated with Penn State Extension in conducting field trials. The farm was preserved in 1993 through the county's agricultural land preservation board and is permitted for environmentally safe recycling of biosolids.

While not required, the Bomgardners volunteer to follow a

nutrient management plan compliant with the commonwealth's Nutrient Management Law. The Bomgardners also practice conservation farming on their 80-plus rented acres.

Conservationist Of The Year

Robert "Flynn" Barnett of Fredericksburg was named Conservationist of the Year for his volunteer efforts in cooperating with numerous landowners within the Swatara Watershed to implement a variety of practices to stabilize streambanks and improve water quality.

Barnett has been a member of the Quittaphilla Watershed Association Steering Committee board member and co-chair of the Resource Management/Protection Committee of the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and board member for the newly formed Little Swatara Watershed Association. He actively participated in restoring and stabilizing eroded streambanks with vegetation and fencing and has worked with the Quittaphilla Watershed Association and the "Adopt-A-Stream Program" of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to install fish habitat enhancement structures such as deflectors in the Quittaphilla Creek.

Educator Of The Year

Ralph D. Heister III, a biology teacher at Lebanon High School, was awarded the district's Educator of the Year Award.

A resident of North Cornwall Township, Heister has taught biology for five years at Lebanon



Lebanon Conservation District honored several recently. From left, Betty Conner, Groundwater Guardian Award; Stan Bucher Family, Landowner of the Year Award; Charles and Marlene Bomgardner, Clean Water Farm Award; Ralph Heister III, Educator of the Year Award; John E. Wengert, accepting for John B. Wengert, Special Recognition For Conservation Award; and Robert "Flynn" Barnett, Conservationist of the Year Award.

Senior High School.

Heister challenged his 21 honors biology students to do a stream study investigating the effects of acid mine drainage on the Stony and Rausch Creek watersheds. The conclusions included in a 40-page report were presented at a meeting of the Swatara Watershed Association.

Heister also serves as the high school Envirothon adviser, educating students in soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatics, and a current environmental issue before competing among other high schools in a county event. Through his teaching, clubs, and personal ac-

tions, he has done a great deal to promote awareness of environmental issues and fostered excitement in his students about protecting our environment.

Landowner Of The Year

The Stan Bucher family of south Annville has been chosen to receive the Landowner of the Year Award.

The Buchers (Stan, his wife Cindy, and children Rachel and Matthew) are a conservation-minded family whom have a history of sound soil and water stewardship on their 116-acre

dairy farm.

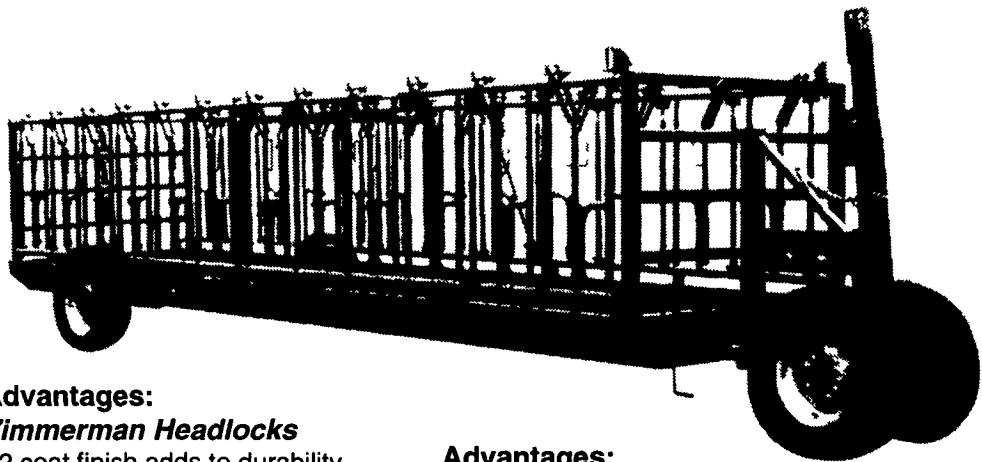
Stan's father Leroy signed the farm up as a conservation district cooperator in 1959. Fifteen years ago, before the value of fencing livestock out of streams was well known, the Bucher's fenced off Bachman Run to protect the stream from their cows. In 1999, they worked further with the Quittaphilla Watershed Association through a Watershed Restoration Assistance Program grant to complete their streambank fencing and livestock crossing projects.

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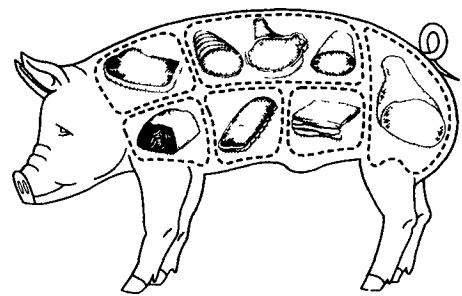
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