

Lehigh County Conservation District Recognizes Outstanding Conservation Efforts

FOGELSVILLE (Lehigh Co.) — The Lehigh County Conservation District presented its annual "Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year" and "Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year" awards for 2001 on Dec. 14 at the Seipstown Grange, Fogelsville.

Harold and Mildred Gehringer and Kenneth and Diane Gehringer of Four Springs Farm, Weisenberg Township, received the 2001 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award in recognition of their efforts to implement and maintain soil conservation practices and

structures on their farm.

Debbie Siglin, 1085 Rock Street, Lehigh, was recognized as the 2001 Conservation Educator of the Year. A fifth grade teacher at Slatington Elementary School, Siglin was chosen because of her efforts to teach environment and conservation related subjects to her students.

County Commissioners Percy Dougherty, Joseph Maher, Joseph Pascuzzo and Roger Reis from the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners and Jane Ervin, county executive, presented the award winners with proclamations. State Representative, Julie Harhart, presented a proclamation from the House of Representatives to Mrs. Siglin.

Mrs. Siglin has been involved with a team of teachers who applied for and were awarded an environmental grant by the PA Department of Education. The grant, entitled "Water Works for You" addressed water awareness and conservation. It includes a K-12 activity guide, field trips for water testing, creation of a Website for data sharing, mascot "Rudy Raindrop," Project WET workshops and the addition of educational materi-

als for elementary and high school levels.

Currently, Mrs. Siglin is involved in the new Greenhouse Project, which will focus on soil resources.

She has utilized a variety of resources in her education programs. Trexler-Lehigh County Game Preserve provided training for Project WET and Project Wild. The Wildlife Information Center, of Slatington, and the Slatington Public Library sponsor her reading program, W.W.o.W. — The Wonderful World of Wildlife. Beltzville State Park provided training for Project Food, Land and People. The Carbon County Environmental Education Center provided training in composting.

Through her classroom and programs, Mrs. Siglin creates in her students an interest in pre-

serving the environment so others can enjoy it.

The Gehringers have a cash grain and livestock operation on 235 rolling acres in Weisenberg Township. Their relationship with the Conservation District began on Aug. 29, 1984, when they signed up as a district cooperator. The Gehringers operate 975 acres and on that acreage they have installed and maintained the following conservation practices.

Management practices installed: conservation crop rotation, conservation tillage, residue management, upland wildlife habitat management, and forest stand improvement.

Technical practices installed: contour farming, contour strip-cropping, cover cropping, critical area planting, diversions, waterways, terraces, and subsurface drainage.

Changes, Challenges

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Lancaster, worked as editor of the Livestock Reporter since 1975.

April brought Dave Lefever, staff writer, to the paper. Lefever grew up on a farm in northern Lebanon County and had helped to manage a farm in Frederick County, Maryland. Lefever and his wife, Katrina, live on a 10-acre farm in Hanover and raise Jacob sheep.

In May the paper, for the first time in its 45-year history, included more than 100 market reports in section A.

June saw the publishing of the dairy recipe contest entries. Lancaster Farming also announced a beef recipe contest in November.

Lou Ann Good, food and

family features editor, flew to Poland for three weeks in September. Her diary, feature articles, and photographs sent from Poland added a cultural flair to the newspaper.

Also in September, Lancaster Farming introduced the "Dairy Plus" supplement-booklet, which will continue as a quarterly publication.

In November Lancaster Farming hosted its first "Family Farm Survival Seminar" at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

Thank you for your readership and friendship. We all enjoy the agriculture industry and are looking forward to another rewarding year reporting on the critical, colorful, and eventful business we call farming.

250 Attend Thurmont Co-Op Meeting

THURMONT, Md. — Two hundred fifty people recently attended the annual stockholders meeting of the Thurmont Cooperative, Inc. The meeting was conducted at the New Midway

Fire Company.

The business meeting received the Managers report, which showed a loss for the fiscal year 2000-2001 of \$22,000 on sales of just over \$2.3 million.

Three directors were elected for three-year terms. Elected were: Robert Black, Dennis Mathias, and Jack Heflin. The patrons and guest were entertained by the Gospel Travelers.

The new board met Dec. 17 and elected officers for 2002. Those elected were: President, Rodman Myers; Vice-President, Robert Black; Secretary, Paul Baumgardner; and Treasurer, Jeff Wivell. Also named were: Jerry Lillich as General Manager/Assistant Secretary, and Mary Ann Sharer as Assistant Manager/Assistant Secretary.

Central Susquehanna Dairy Day Jan. 22

LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension recently announced that the Central Susquehanna Dairy Day will be Jan. 22 at the Lewisburg National Guard Armory south of Lewisburg on Rt. 15.

Registration is 9:30 a.m. Cost for the day's program is \$5 and includes all materials and lunch. The event promises to be bigger than ever in the larger facilities with space for more than 30 exhibitors.

Program topics slated for the multicounty event include a keynote presentation on "Biosecurity and Bioterrorism" by Dr. David Wolfgang, Penn State, and a concluding presentation on "Corn Silage Updates: Mycotoxins, Nitrates, and More" by Dr. Sandy Costello, dairy agent, Penn State.

There will be two concurrent sessions where participants can choose to attend two of the following programs: "Flooring Systems As They Relate to Hoof Health," Curt Gooch, Cornell Extension ProDairy Program; "Hoof Health," Dr. Jim Temple, Sunbury Animal Hospital; and "Forward Contracting and Options On Futures," Ken Balliet, Penn State farm financial agent.

Register for the event by calling the Northumberland County Cooperative Extension office at (570) 988-3950. For more information, contact Kenneth L. Balliet, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Snyder County Courthouse, Middleburg, PA 17842, (570) 837-4252.

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