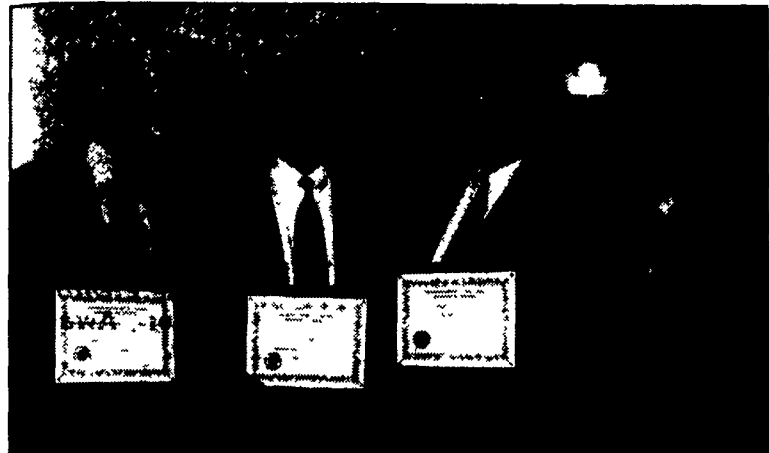


Conservation District Banquet

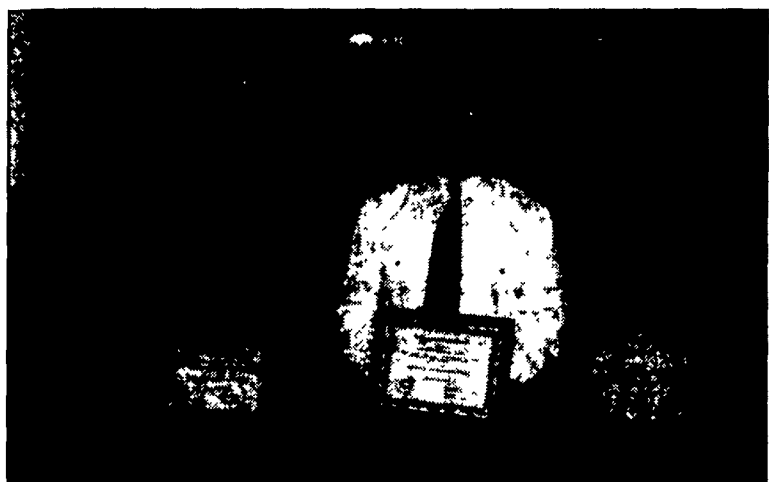
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Conservation District in 1991 and later went on to become district engineer. Recognized for his excellence over the last decade in

working with farmers and developers on conservation measures, Ashley recently took a new position with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Lebanon County.



Stony Battery Corporate Center team, from left, Charlie Douts, West Hempfield Township manager; Frank Burkhart, Lancaster County conservation director; Chuck Haley, Regency V Partners; Dave Dumeyer, West Hempfield Township supervisor; and Bill Murry and Jim Heiny of Regency V.



Route 30 team recognized for conservation efforts on road construction west of Lancaster, from left, Alexander Litvak, PennDOT; Doug Kollmar, conservation technician; Marcia Jackson, PennDOT; Lee McVicke, Dick Corp.; David Keener, Michael Baker Jr., Inc.; and Desi Trabucco, Dick Corp.

Final Farm Bill Expected Early April

Pa.'s Holden In Thick Of Negotiations

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WASHINGTON D.C. — Lead negotiators of the House/Senate Farm Bill Conference issued a joint statement Tuesday on a budget funding agreement that may make it possible to finish the Farm Bill in time for this year's growing season.

The statement was issued by Larry Combest (R-Texas), Conference Committee/House Agriculture Committee chairman; Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry chairman; Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas), House Agriculture Committee ranking member; and Richard Lugar (R-Indiana), Senate Agriculture Nutrition and

Forestry ranking member.

The statement reads: "Farm Bill negotiators (Tuesday) struck agreement on the needed framework to speed negotiations for early April completion of the House-Senate Conference Report. This framework allows for incorporating the many policy initiatives within the overall \$73.5 billion, agreed-upon ten-year farm bill budget. Members of Congress on the Conference Committee expect to be positioned to make the final farm bill decisions in public meetings of the Conference the week of April 9."

Representative Tim Holden (D-Pennsylvania), Schuylkill County, is one of 21 conferees appointed to hammer out the final

version of the Farm Bill.

Holden said he will back the Senate's Northeast Dairy Program, which would provide significant payments to producers in 12 Northeast states when fluid milk prices fall below \$16.94 per hundredweight.

He also supports increased funds for conservation programs, and favors the \$275,000 per farm family commodity payment limit found in the Senate bill. The House Bill sets the payment limit at \$550,000.

The dairy program, conservation funds, and payment limits are especially important for farmers in Pennsylvania, where "we have a diverse agriculture," Holden said.

Mount Joy Announces Market Opportunity For Farmers

MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — The Borough of Mount Joy, along with the Mount Joy Area Chamber of Commerce, is starting up an outdoor Saturday farmers' market in Mount Joy Borough for the 2002 growing season.

Vendors selling produce, edible products, fresh flowers, and

potted plants will be accepted for the Mount Joy Farmers' Market.

Potential vendors are invited to learn more about the farmers' market at an informational meeting Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Mount Joy Borough office (21 E. Main Street, Mount Joy). Items addressed at the meeting will include the hours of operation, location of the market, rental fees, and the months the mar-

ket will be open.

Borough personnel and chamber members as well as staff from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be available to answer questions that vendors may have about the Mount Joy Farmers' Market.

For more information or to register for the meeting, call Jennifer Hendricks, at (717) 653-2300.

Correction

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — In an article about the opening of the produce auction in last week's newspaper, we did not correctly identify the date for the opening of Lebanon Produce Auction. The correct opening date is April 16. We apologize for the error.

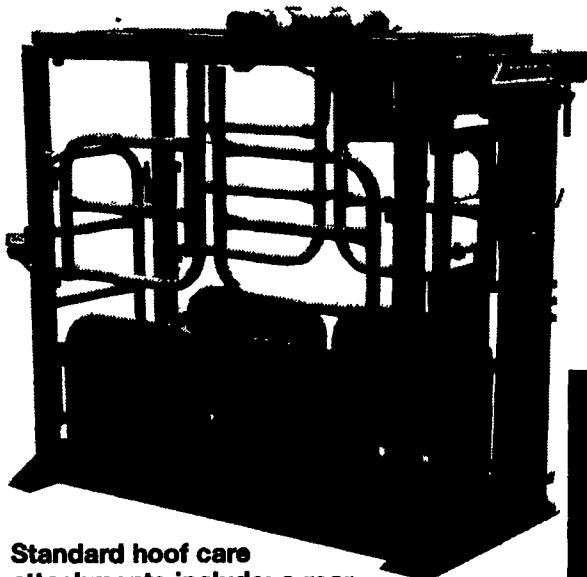
Pa. Holstein Association Spring Show Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association will conduct its 49th Annual Spring Show Friday, March 29 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m.

with Michael Stiles of Virginia making the calls on about 300 animals registered for the event.

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