

Dauphin County Celebrates 50 Years Of Conservation

DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — At their annual awards banquet March 19, the Conservation District celebrated its 50th anniversary. Significant events at the March banquet included a Governor's Award presentation by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary David Hess and presentation of annual conservation awards. Receiving awards for conservation farming were Faber and Beverly Walters of Grateful Acres Farms in Grantville (2000 Conservation Farm of the Year), and Karl and Murray Laudenslager of Laudenslager Farms in Halifax (2001 Conservation Farm of the Year). Both farms earned the awards by displaying outstanding commitment to conservation of natural resources. On their farms, the Laudenslagers and the Walters employ multiple conservation methods designed to protect water resources and conserve soil.

The Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited, serving Dauphin and Lebanon counties, received an award as the 2001 Conservation Organization of the Year. Trout Unlimited has un-

dertaken extensive projects designed to protect and restore the health of local streams, including Spring Creek in Harrisburg and Stony Creek in Dauphin. Honored with the award for the 2001 Watershed Organization of the Year was PACWA, Powell's and Armstrong Creeks Watershed Association. PACWA was formed by citizens committed to protecting the Powell's and Armstrong creeks watersheds. The group participates in water monitoring efforts, watershed education, and stream restoration projects, and in the future hopes to complete an overall watershed assessment using the data they have collected.

Also at the banquet, PA DEP Secretary David Hess was on hand to present the president of PACWA, Arlie Steigman, with a Governor's Award for Excellence. Describing Arlie as "a force of nature," Hess explained that she has been involved in environmental projects for a large part of her 86 years.

For more information contact the Dauphin County Conservation District at (717) 921-8100.

Oregon Dairy Days June 11-13



OREGON (Lancaster Co.) — Oregon Dairy Days are scheduled June 11-13 at the Oregon Dairy Farm Market at Rt. 222 and Rt. 272 near Oregon.

This year, the Lancaster County Conservation District will also host its annual Conservation Expo in conjunction with Oregon Dairy Days.

The Chamber's annual Family Farm Days event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

"Last year, more than 10,000 people received a personal tour of this dairy farm and enjoyed the many exhibits," noted Brent Landis, Lancaster Chamber agricultural services coordinator. The event "serves as an excellent event to better inform our community on the importance of agriculture and your business."

Landis noted that many marketing opportunities are available, including booth spaces, banners, sponsors, and advertisements in the program. Reservations are due by May 15. All sponsorships determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register at the Chamber's Website at www.lancaster-chamber.com or contact Brent Landis, The Lancaster Chamber, 100 South Queen Street, P.O. Box 1558, Lancaster, PA 17608-1558, fax (717) 293-3159, phone (717) 397-3531, ext. 134, or e-mail: blandis@lci.com. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

Farm Family Program Planned

NICHOLSON (Susquehanna Co.) — Northeast dairy farmers are invited to the program, "Proud to be a Successful Family Farm," planned for Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at Levi Ransom's dairy farm near Nicholson.

The program includes Ed Gallagher, Dairylea; Ken Bailey, Penn State University; Questions for Ed and Ken; Jeff Hyde, Penn

State University; Jeff Harding, Monsanto; and Tim Snyder, Pennfield.

Directions to Ransom's: On Rt. 81, take Lenoxville Exit 206; take Rt. 374W 2-3 miles; take a right onto Rt. 2016, proceed 2 miles; farm is on your right. Or Rt. 92 to Glenwood Route 34E; go 1/2 miles, take a left onto Rt. 2016; go 2 miles; farm is on your right.

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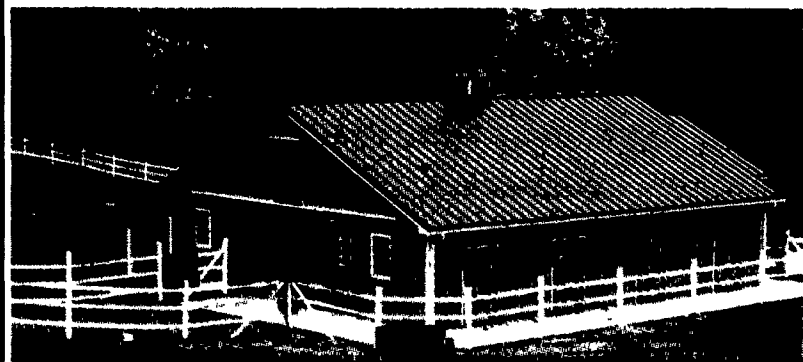
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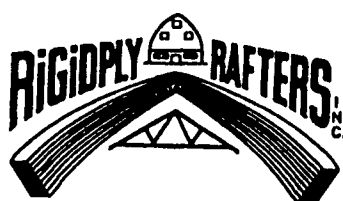
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