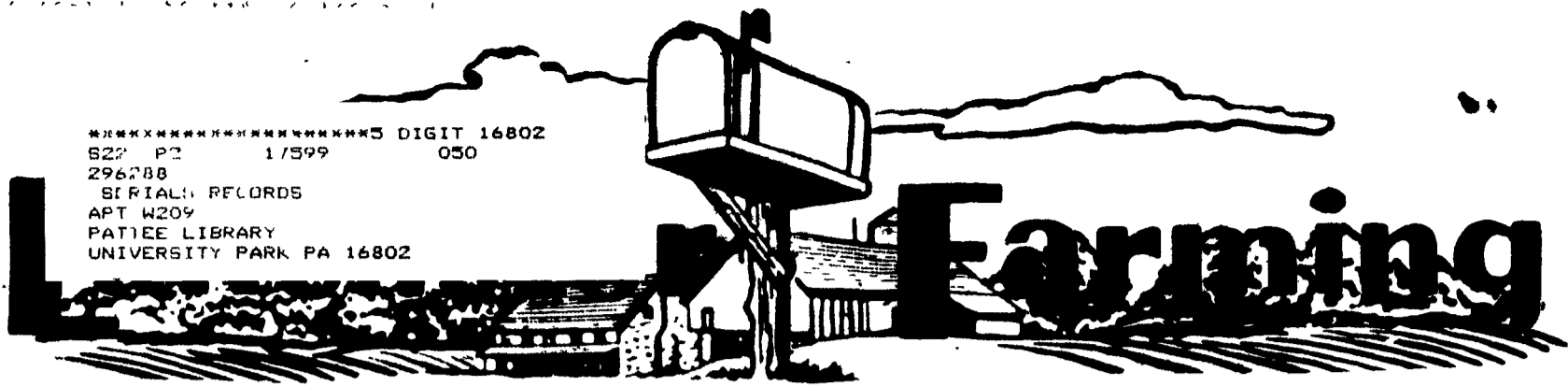


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## Stangl Stirs Collectors' Nostalgia



Bobbie Garvey, in front of her display at Pine Hills Antique Mall, researches Stangl patterns and estimated prices using the "Collector's Encyclopedia of Stangl" by Robert Runge Jr. Read more about her collection and antique news in the Antiques Center of Lancaster Farming on page B23.

Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

## Lancaster Poultry Association Appoints Male Ambassador, Reviews Progress At Banquet

**LOU ANN GOOD**  
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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — For the first time ever, a male fills the role of Lancaster County Poultry Ambassador.

Eric Musser, a former national finalist in FFA poultry judging, said that he is enthusiastic about promoting the poultry industry.

The 17-year-old Garden Spot High School senior and son of Susan and James Musser, Bowmanville, was introduced to members of the Lancaster Coun-

ty Poultry Association Monday evening.

"It's been a challenging and interesting year," said Andy Bradford, president of the association, which met for its annual banquet at the Willow Valley Convention Center.

The industry grappled with meeting new animal welfare guidelines, Russia's and Japan's precarious requirements for U.S. poultry exports, sporadic outbreaks of Avian Influenza (A.I.),

declining egg prices, and escalating grain costs resulting from the summer's drought.

Although the egg market remains uncertain, Bradford said the industry has always met the challenges.

In the last few months, industry members grieved the death of Dr. Jay Irwin, Lancaster County extension director emeritus. Irwin was lauded for his steady leadership since 1967. Irwin served as a liaison between the task force and the community during the A.I. outbreak in 1983-1984.

During the past year, the association donated and prepared breakfast for 125 homeless people at Water Street Rescue Mission, Lancaster. Given in honor of the governor, the meal is in lieu of presenting him complimentary gifts at the commodity reception in January.

Poultry Progress Day, conducted March 6, provided educational updates for producers. During the extension annual meeting, 175-200 omelets were served by association members. The John Schwartz Memorial Golf Outing raised \$2,000 for scholarships.

Clair and Shirley High presented a check for \$3,944, profits from the poultry association stand at the Ephrata Fair.

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## 2003 Ag Directory Scheduled

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Lancaster Farming has scheduled the third-annual publication of an agricultural directory for the mid-Atlantic region.

This resources guide includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and Websites of agencies, extension, agri-industry personnel, and producer organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Directed to producers, the directory will be included in Lancaster Farming's total circulation and be distributed at the upcoming Farm Show.

To submit or update your organization's information, e-mail farming@lancasterfarming.com or leave a message at (717) 721-4426.

The issue is scheduled for Dec. 28.

Deadline for changes or additions is Friday, November 22.

## Time To 'Fall Back'

With the arrival of autumn comes Eastern Standard Time, which means the days get shorter and the nights lengthen.

It's time to "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time, which begins tomorrow. We "fall back" one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.

So turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight. Remember to adjust animal feeding and milking schedules accordingly.

## PennDOT Gives Grant For Railroad Grain Facility

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Lancaster Farming Staff

DANVILLE (Northumberland Co.) — A new grain transfer station along the Canadian Pacific Railway near Danville should boost profits for livestock producers in the area by helping with feed transportation costs and bulk purchasing leverage.

It will also provide jobs and cut down on truck traffic in the area, according to officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), which has rallied behind the project.

PennDOT contributed \$100,000 toward construction of the new railway siding and grain facility in Rush Township here.

The site, across the Susquehanna River from Danville, is owned by Don and Bryan Cotner of Don Cotner Farms.

Don and his son, Bryan, manage an egg packaging operation and 400,000 laying hens within a few miles of the site. They also farm about 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans.

Bryan Cotner will run the grain transfer station, which he expects to be primarily a dropoff point for soybean meal from the Midwest.

The PennDOT grant covers half of the projected building cost and is administered under the Railroad Freight Assistance Program. This program provides funding to build or maintain railroad facilities deemed beneficial to Pennsylvania's economy and infrastructure.

According to Elizabeth Voras, PennDOT deputy secretary, the project should create and maintain jobs as well as help preserve Pennsylvania roadways.

"We're all aware of the importance of our highway and bridge network," Voras said. "But too often we take for granted the important role played by ... railroads in contributing to Pennsylvania's total transportation system and economic vitality."

"Every truck you can take off the road means that much less (road) maintenance," she said.

The Cotners joined PennDOT officials and Rush Township supervisors at the site Oct. 17 for PennDOT's inauguration of the project. Construction was already under way, including excavation of the unloading pit.

According to Bryan Cotner, four overhead grain bins with a total capacity of 200 tons will be

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## Grange Banquet To Spotlight Organization

WASHINGTON (Washington Co.) — In conjunction with the 130th State Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the All-Granger Banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 28 here at the South Franklin Fire Hall.

Hosted by Greene and Washington county Pomona Granges, the evening's event will bring together distinguished guests and 500-plus Grangers from across the state.

The banquet highlights will include entertainment by "The Accidentals" and the announcement

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During the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Poultry Association Monday evening, Andy Bradford, president of the association, right, congratulates Eric Musser on his appointment as poultry ambassador.

Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor