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Crossing Vineyard and Winery has become a family endeavor for Chris, Tom Sr., and Tom Carroll. Read more about their operation in our special Wine-growing Issue in today's Lancaster Farming's Grower & Marketer. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

Herrs' Nottingham Pasture Project Saves Fence, Improves Stream

Octoraro Riverkeeper Award Winners Share Experience

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NOTTINGHAM (Lancaster Co.) — A meandering creek elbowing its way toward a pasture

fence began a 12-year project that is ongoing at Herr-Hope Farms, Nottingham.

"The creek was eating toward the bank, and we got a plan to-

gether to save 50 feet. Now we're going to have the whole thing done," said A. Dale Herr Jr., op-

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A. Dale Herr Jr. surveys the trees that were "planted" in the middle of the stream bank. Over a short time, the roots gathered enough silt to narrow the banks and channel the stream to flow faster and deeper. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

Jeff Myers Named York CED

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YORK (York Co.) — Jeff Myers has recently been named York County Extension Director (CED).

Working in the York County Extension office, Myers will serve as CED and dairy agent.

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Myers received his master's degree in animal science from Michigan State University.

He owned and operated the family farm, Del-Myr Farm, Westminster, Maryland, for 10 years. The 70-head dairy operation consisted of 70 milk cows.

He has experience working with the Maryland 4-H program as part of the 4-H faculty in animal science and recently as assistant executive director of the Maryland 4-H Foundation.

In the past, he also worked as an appraiser for the American Jersey Cattle Association. Additionally he has judged dairy cattle shows in more than 20 states and South America. He coached the winning collegiate team at Michigan State.

Myers is anticipating "the challenge of serving in an administrative role," he said.

"I very strongly believe in the land grant system, which was established originally to empower farmers with a knowledge base and to give them skills so they could be more successful. It is a philosophy that I believe in, and the mission of the organization is always something I've been directly tied to," he said.

The leadership position is "a huge draw," providing coaching and mentoring opportunities within the office, in addition to managing a budget, or doing networking, according to Myers.

"I view administration as the chance to empower a whole group of people," he said. "As extension director, I want to make sure that I'm serving and helping to challenge and mentor staff to

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Office Closed Christmas, New Year's

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Lancaster Farming office is closed. The office will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26.

For the Dec. 23 issue, there are some deadline changes:

Public Sale and Mailbox ads, 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20

Classified ads — 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 23

Classified ads, Farm Equipment ads, 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 23

Sec. A ads, 9 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 26

General news — noon, Thursday, Jan. 2

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, the office is closed. The office will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 3.

For the Jan. 3 issue, there are some deadline changes:

Public Sale and Mailbox ads, 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4

Classified ads — 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7

Classified ads, Farm Equipment ads, 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7

Sec. A ads, 9 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10

General news — noon, Thursday, Jan. 10

SB 1413 Expires, Dialogue Continues

DAVE LEFEVER
Lancaster Farming Staff

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Since the Pennsylvania legislature ended its term last week without a final vote on Senate Bill 1413, agribusiness leaders

"may need to try another avenue" to address the issue of townships passing ordinances that place limits on corporate livestock operations, according to Amy Van Blarcom, public liaison with PennAg Industries.

PennAg, along with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) and the State Grange, was a major supporter of the bill, first introduced by state Sen. Roger Madigan (R-23).

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Farm Show Wins Four IAFE Honors Grumbine To Chair Ag Committee In 2004

ANDY ANDREWS
Editor

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Staff and volunteers who number in the thousands during Farm Show should stand up and be applauded.

They would be happy to know that on Tuesday morning, the Farm Show Commission was honored with four major awards, a first.

According to Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show director, the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) presented four awards to Farm Show for excellence during a breakfast ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas.

Grumbine attributed the work of 350 Farm Show people on staff, including 60 full-time, and thousands of volunteers during the eight-day Farm Show to receiving the recognition from IAFE.

"Staff and volunteers make the Farm Show what it is," he said.

Judging for the honors took place a month ago in Springfield, Mo. The awards were presented during day three of the weeklong IAFE convention.

- Outstanding Media Commitment Devoted to Agricultural Programming. This award was due in large part to the efforts of PCN and its television broadcast of Farm Show events.

- Newsletter. The Farm Show Happenings Newsletter, produced by the staff at Farm Show, won for excellence in this category.

- Agriculture Photo Series. Farm Show won for their five-photo collage of the Sheep-to-Shawl contest using only photos.

- Specific Agriculture Event Benefiting Agriculture and Agribusiness. This award goes to the International Day and Agro programs at the opening of Farm Show Week. International Day provides guests from all over the world a chance to see Pennsylvania's Farm Show and to promote cooperation between suppliers, farmers, and governments.

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Dec. 17

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Farm Show Complex is scheduled here Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 a.m.

The event, with state agricultural dignitaries, will take place in the New Foyer at the Cameron Street entrance.

For more details, see the Building for the Future column on page A22 this issue.

The award categories are: