

# Auction To Benefit Erie County 4-H

ERIE (Erie Co.) — The 24th annual Public Auction to benefit the Erie County 4-H/Youth Development Program is scheduled Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m.

The auction will be conducted indoors in the 4-H/FFA Youth Arena at the Waterford Fairgrounds, located just south of Waterford on Rt. 19. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for inspection of merchandise. The facilities are handicapped accessible, and seating and refreshments will be available.

The auction will feature more

than 1,000 new household and garden items, plants and shrubs, automotive goods and services, and numerous other items donated by area businesses and individuals. In addition, the event will feature a silent auction of hundreds of certificates for goods and services donated by businesses throughout Erie and Crawford counties.

According to Donna Fortin, Waterford, volunteer chair of this year's event, all proceeds from the auction will directly benefit the county's more than 2,150 4-H

members. Funds raised will be used to provide these young people with scholarships enabling them to attend a number of leadership and citizenship development programs, to help cover the costs of conducting the annual 4-H Fair, and to provide a variety of other 4-H programs and opportunities to the county's young people.

Among the items to be sold are a Jack Paluh numbered, signed, and framed print (101/650; "Gifts of the Meadow"), set to be sold at noon; a \$500 tuition waiver to

Mercyhurst College, set to be sold at 2 p.m.; a one-year family membership to the Greater Erie YMCA to be sold at 3 p.m.; a Joe Paterno autographed Penn State football; certificates for tickets to the Erie Playhouse, Jr.'s Last Laugh Comedy Club; the Erie Sea Wolves, and more; and landscape nursery stock, shrubs, and flowering plants, to be sold at the

end of the auction, but not before 4 p.m.

All items will be sold by Auctioneer Paul Holtz and his associates who have volunteered their professional services to 4-H again this year. Among the auctioneers will be Bill Anderson, Dave Turner, Al McLaughlin, and Tony Nero. Terms of the auction are strictly cash or known check and carry. No credit cards will be accepted. Anyone needing additional information should contact the extension office at (814) 825-0900.

## Grant To Help Preserve Manor Twp. Farm



Renny McGill, director of development, Lancaster Farmland Trust, left, and R. Ted Bowers, Agriculture Lender, First Union Bank, and chairman of the board of the Lancaster Farmland Trust, center, receive a check from Doug Levering, director of programs and initiatives of the Lancaster County Foundation in acknowledgment of a \$25,000 grant to help preserve a Manor Township Farm.

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Foundation awarded \$474,000 in grants to local nonprofit agencies recently, including \$25,000 to help to enable the Lancaster Farmland Trust to preserve a 90-acre farm in Manor Township.

The \$25,000 grant to the Lancaster Farmland Trust will be used to help acquire a conservation easement for a 90-acre farm in northern Manor Township. An easement is a legal document that enables the Farmland Trust to acquire farmland to prevent future sale or development of the property, but also allows the farmer to continue to manage the acquired property and enjoy the rights that accompany ownership.

The farm borders West Hempfield Township, a rapid growth area that the Farmland Trust feared could eventually overtake the small farm.

The Lancaster Farmland Trust is a private, nonprofit organiza-

tion working to preserve the rich and productive farmland of Lancaster County, to support good stewardship of the land, and to encourage a thriving agricultural economy.

The four-year-old Farmland Trust has helped Lancaster County farmers preserve 160 farms, more than 10,000 acres of the most productive farmland in the world. The organization relies on contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations to carry out its programs.

The Lancaster County Foundation, a community foundation established in 1924 by prominent local residents, is committed to supporting programs and projects that promote, sustain, and advance the quality of life in Lancaster County. A 12-member governing committee makes grant awards twice a year. Grant making is focused in five primary areas: Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services.

## 'Visualize Your Forest' Workshop Set

EBENSBURG (Cambria Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Penn State School of Forest Resources is sponsoring a workshop for forest owners, foresters, loggers, and anyone else who has an interest in the management of Pennsylvania's forest resources.

Dr. Jim Finley and his research assistant, Paul Roth, will present "Visualizing Your Forest" May 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the Penn State extension office in

Ebensburg, located at 499 Manor Drive.

Finley and Roth will discuss forest management issues in Pennsylvania and will present new technology that will enable resource managers and forest owners to view the effects of timber harvesting on their own property without ever cutting a tree.

The new technology is a computer imaging system that can take real-life forest data and implement different harvesting

situations. With this computer program, you will be able to understand how forests grow, how they respond to harvesting, and how they can regenerate themselves.

This is a must see program for anyone making decisions that effect our forest resources.

If you plan to attend the workshop, please call Mike Wolf, Forest Resources extension agent, at (814) 472-7986.

The cost of the program is \$3 per person.

## Grange To Host Luncheon

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The Pennsylvania State Grange is hosting its annual Grange Day Legislative Luncheon, Monday, April 28, at 11:30 a.m. here at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center.

The luncheon is an annual opportunity for members of the 355 local Granges across Pennsylvania to meet with their respective legislators and discuss issues of concern. This year's luncheon will be attended by about 150 Pennsylvania Grange members and 40 legislators as well as representatives from the National Grange office in Wash-

ington, D.C.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Designee Dennis Wolff will be the keynote speaker and will present a proclamation from Gov. Ed Rendell naming April as "Grange Month." Sen. Michael Waugh (R-28) and Rep. Sheila Miller (R-129) will read proclamations from their respective chambers.

The luncheon will be followed by short seminars presented by John Hines, acting deputy secretary of water management; Allison Topper, PANA; Dan Gard, Monsanto; and Carl Meiss, Pennsylvania State Grange membership director.

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