

Lancaster Farmland Trust Banquet

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Boyd, and Lancaster County commissioners Ron Ford, Pete Shaub, and Paul Thibault.

Volunteer of the Year went to Chris Herr, Millersville.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Chris Herr, Millersville; Barb Shaw, Elizabethtown; and Ken Messner, Manheim.

The Pedal to Preserve Fund-



Robert Herr, Drumore Township, was honored for preserving his farm with Lancaster Farmland Trust.

raising Event for 2004 will be conducted June 19 beginning at Garden Spot High School, to look at proposed Rt. 23 bypass development.

Following are the 14 farms honored for preservation between Nov. 14, 2002 and Nov. 12, 2003:

- Anonymous, November 2002. This Old Order Amish family in Leacock Township decided preservation was right for their 78-acre dairy operation, but the Trust was only able to preserve 67 acres of this farm because the remaining land is within the Intercourse Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The farm has 2,100 feet of road frontage along South Queen Road and consists of 100 percent prime agricultural soils.

- Anonymous, December 2002. The preservation of this Old Order Amish family's 56-acre farm makes it the second farm to be preserved in West Earl Township. In 2001, the family purchased a farm in Upper Leacock Township that had been preserved by the Trust in the early 1990s. After a potential easement violation on this property, the Amishman decided preservation would be a good option on his home farm. The Trust is working with an adjacent land-

owner about preserving their farm as well.

- Anonymous, December 2002. The Amish family that owns this 94-acre Sadsbury Township farm

heard about preservation through the Octoraro Watershed Association. After doing some research, they decided to preserve the farm before passing it on to their son and daughter-in-law. Their son, who has been farming the property for numerous years, has an organic dairy operation and also raises organic beef, chickens, turkeys, and pigs.

- Anonymous, December 2002. This 76-acre Rapho Township farm is owned by an Old Order Amish family. The owners rent the farm to their daughter and son-in-law, who have a conventional dairy operation with support crops. The farm has 1,500 feet of road frontage on Kilmer Road.

- John Kline and Paul and Mae Kline, December 2002. The Klins were interested in preservation for many years and were originally applicants with the Agricultural Preserve Board. Discovering that their farm did not meet all the requirements to be preserved by the county, they decided to preserve their 74-acre Warwick Township farm with the Trust and the Township by using the Transferable Development rights (TDR) program. The farm is adjacent to the UGB and faces considerable development pressure. The preservation of this farm inspired an adjacent landowner to also preserve through participation in the TDR program.

- Anonymous, December 2002. This was the second farm the Trust preserved in Leacock Township in 2002 (after last



Special recognition for support of the Lancaster Farmland Trust went to Rep. Scott Boyd, left, and Rep. Roy Baldwin. All photos by Andy Andrews, editor

year's annual dinner). The Old Order Amish family that owns the property are retired from farming but rent to an adjacent farmer. This 71-acre farm is

highly visible from Route 340 and contains more than 3,000 feet of road frontage. The farm also contains 100 percent of prime agricultural soils.

- Anonymous, 2002. This Old Order Amish Leacock Township dairy farm has 1,000 feet of frontage along the Pequea Creek and is within one mile of the Intercourse UGB and half a mile of the Paradise UGB. The farm contains 100 percent prime agricultural soils and has more than 2,200 feet of road frontage. The farm family also hosted the Trust's annual picnic this year.

- Anonymous, March 2003. The Old Order

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