

Farm-City Event Promotes Understanding

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between the two diverse sectors, both vital for successful community growth.

In addition to the farm-city exchange, both urban and agriculture residents work together to recognize farms, businesses, and

individuals who contribute to the rich heritage of the county.

E. Fay Bowman and her daughter Sue received a Century Farm Award. Their 106-acre farm dates back to 1901, and has been passed on through the generations. E. Fay and her husband J. Alfred farmed the land

from 1946 until the 1990s. Her husband passed away in 2000. Mother and daughter continue to live on the farm and have the fieldwork completed by Don Hoffer.

In August 2002, the Bowman farm marked the celebration of 6,000 acres of farmland preservation in Lebanon County.

"Opting to preserve your farm in many cases literally means passing up the opportunity to become a millionaire, but there are more important things to the quality of life than money," said Sue, deputy executive director of the Lebanon County Housing Authority, regarding the family's decision to place the property in farmland preservation.

She has a brother John who resides in Panama, where he is retired from the Panama Canal Commission as deputy director of treaty affairs.

A century business award went to Charles Henry III, attorney at law for Henry & Beaver LLP.

Harry Bachman auctioned a shawl woven by the Lebanon Valley Woollies. Barbara Hehny designed the shawl, and with the help of three spinners and a weaver, the shawl was made on Tuesday for the event. The wool

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Don Hoffer pays \$625 for the bittersweet patterned shawl to present to his wife Shirley. Barbara Hehny, left, designed the shawl that her team of three spinners and weavers made during the Farm-City banquet. Hehny said it was the highest price ever bid in the annual auction to raise funds for the Farm-City banquet event. Hoffer holds grandson Dakota, son of Darren and Kristen Grumbine.



A Century Farm Award goes to daughter-mother duo Sue and E. Fay Bowman, center. Charles Wertz of the Lebanon County Conservation District and Barbara Grumbine, farmer and real estate agent, make the presentation.



Swapping a day on the farm for a day in the office are farm-city exchangees, from left, David Bomberger, farmer, and Marc Hess, lawyer.

The annual Penn State Hybrid Reports are part and parcel of the Jan. 31 issue of *Corn Talk* in *Lancaster Farming*. Also scheduled is a feature from a Columbia County 5-Acre Corn Club winner, silage reports, meeting updates, and a calendar of crop growing and management events.

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