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FFA officers learn from Wayne Fauzer how *Lancaster Farming* plates are created.



Members of the Pennsylvania FFA state officer team learn how the paper is assembled from Assistant General Manager Pete Lindquist.

New State Officer Team Visits *Lancaster Farming*

SARABETH ROYER
State Secretary

I was sitting in the barn lunch room with Jenna Moser, the state reporter, the night before the visit to the *Lancaster Farming* headquarters in Ephrata, and I realized how many editions were lying around the barn.

As Jenna and I were reviewing the last nine

papers printed, we looked at the famous Mail-box Market ads that garner so much reputation with readers. We eyed the colorful Dairy Reporter that my Dad covets (and our neighbors are sure to come over to re-read them because we save them.)

Lancaster Farming is so much more than just a local paper. With subscriptions from New

York and New England, to Virginia and Ohio, the *Lancaster Farming* still maintains current and local farming news for readers across the nation.

The entire State Officer Team was awed by the vastness of this newspaper at the visit on June 11. The down-to-earth editors and staff writer gave us a tour of the printing press,

and the process of writing a very successful newspaper.

From writing the stories on the field, to typing the stories and setting the template on the metal plates, to actually printing the newspaper, the *Lancaster Farming* team has an immensely large job to fulfill. It's a good thing that they have so much ink and paper.



Nearly 30 FFA members ran to be selected for the 2011-2012 Pennsylvania FFA officer team. On June 16, a team of seven was selected.

Introducing the Pa. State Officer Team

State Activities Week a Success

2011-2012 PA. STATE FFA OFFICERS

On June 14-16, Penn State University hosted the 82nd Annual Summer FFA Convention. Members traveled from all across Pennsylvania after months of preparation to participate in various Career Development Events (CDEs), such as; food science, floriculture, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and more than 20 others.

Many members and teams received recognition for their hard work and as a result are competing in events such as the Big "E" in Massachusetts as well as The National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

In addition to the hard work put into the CDEs, students were also able to have time to meet with other FFA members from across the nation, which included two Connecticut state officers and the National Western Region Vice President from New Mexico, Shannon Norris.

Norris gave an interactive speech on Tuesday evening that encompassed how people should step out of their

comfort zones and try new things. In the spirit of trying new things, the members were also privileged to meet the new Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture George Greig who shared his interest in the FFA and showed his support.

Thursday morning, seven new state officers were elected and they cover all four regions in Pennsylvania.

The state president, Casey Hall is from Canton FFA, Tyler Schaeffer the vice president is from Cumberland Valley. The secretary Sarabeth Royer is from Elizabeth-town. The treasurer, Sarah Kessler represents the Greenwood FFA, and Jenna Moser, the reporter, is from Philadelphia. The sentinel, Tyler Claypool is from Mohawk FFA, and Matthew Dodson, the chaplain, is from the Chambersburg FFA Chapter.

The team is excited to work together to prepare leadership workshops, conferences, and interact with members from across the state.

FFA Foundation Golf Tournament

TYLER SCHAEFFER
Pa. State FFA Vice President

The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation hosted their annual golf tournament at the Fox Chase Golf Course. The state officer team attended the event and helped with the putting contest, assisted with the set up, preformed opening ceremonies, and was even auctioned off as a fundraiser

for eight hours of labor. The course was a blast that day as the golfers, foundation members, and state officers had a great time. One lucky golfer even won a new car in the hole in one contest. More details on that next month.

Overall it was an incredible day for Pennsylvania FFA as partnerships were strengthened and new bonds were formed.

Western Pa. Builds Teamwork

TYLER CLAYPOOL
Pa. FFA State Sentinel

SOMERSET, Pa. — The Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference drew in approximately 60 enthusiastic FFA members and advisors to Camp Sequanota, Somerset County, on July 7-8, to participate in the annual event.

Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, or WPLC, assists members in developing their personal growth. This year was no exception. The members attended four workshops which were focused on specific areas, including communication, leadership, community service and salesmanship. These workshops were developed and taught by the newly-elected Pennsylvania FFA state officer team and a past state officer from 2006-2007, Aaron Hay.

The fun didn't stop there; the camp counselors ran a workshop for the FFA members on teamwork,

leadership, confidence, and communication all in one. The members were able to climb a rock wall or a pole to the top of a tower to zip line down to the ground while their fellow members encouraged them to succeed. They also had to complete a difficult obstacle course that finely tuned their teamwork skills.

However, there was much more than just workshops at WPLC. There was a lot of reflecting taking place. The tours took the members to the "Flight 93" crash site in Shanksville and the Quecreek Mine rescue site, where they witnessed the landscape of tragedy and the emotions of the difficult rescue.

The night wrapped up with a line dancing and pizza social, with the state officers giving their reflections on what "SERVICE" means to them. Overall the conference went off without a hitch and the members got to socialize with each other and learn new skills before the school year begins.



About 60 FFA members participated in this year's Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference.