



BLUE AND GOLD

Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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West Perry FFA Escapes to Raystown Lake

RAYSTOWN LAKE, Pa.— Annually, members of the West Perry FFA embark on a camping trip to Raystown Lake for a week full of fun, food, and of course, water tubing.

This year was no different than years past; however, there were two new faces that joined Mr. and Mrs. Brofee for their last outing at the lake. In the fall, Mr. John Hines and Mr. Mike Woods will be starting the next chapter in West Perry history. The Raystown trip proved to be a valuable ice breaker for FFA members to become acquainted with the new agriculture teachers. It also gave members an insight of what to expect from their two new FFA advisers.

In total, over the four-day excursion 15 FFA members and four adults took part in the mini vacation from June 23-26.

Throughout the week, members and advisers alike enjoyed the rustic atmosphere of camping in tents and cooking fireside. Afternoons were filled with boating and water tubing on the lake, while evenings brought mountain pies and s'mores. Members were responsible for meal preparation, set-up, and clean-up. Nevertheless, a diet consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, cold cuts, sausage, and eggs became the daily routine at chow time. However, a delicacy savored by all was Mr.



West Perry FFA members enjoy a four-day vacation to Raystown Lake for the chapter's annual camping trip.

Brofee's famous chipotle and lemon seasoned chicken breast fried in well-seasoned cast iron skillet over an open flame.

Aside from "gourmet" camp fire meals, West Perry members took the opportunity to get-away and take a relaxing break from the real world. If nothing else, at least those coming from farms had the chance to miss unloading a few wagon loads of hay.

2009-2010 Officer Team Congratulates Members

FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

Hi everyone! It's my pleasure to welcome all of you to another fun-filled, FFA year! June 9-11 marked the annual Pennsylvania FFA State Activities Week held at State College, Pa. Within those fast-paced, three days, members from across the commonwealth competed in various Career Development Events (CDEs).

On behalf of the newly elected state officer team, I would like to congratulate all of those who participated at the convention. I would also like to thank those who sacrificed their personal time to assist the Pennsylvania FFA Association in judging the various competitions.

On June 22, Hoss's sponsored a golf tournament to benefit the FFA Association. We'd like to show appreciation to everyone who came out and supported this phenomenal event.

June 28 marked the beginning of the Mid-Atlantic Alliance of Coop-



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eratives (MAAC) institute that took place at Lock Haven University. Congratulations to all of those who were able to attend this prestigious conference and good luck to those who will advance to the National Institute of Cooperative Education (NICE) to be held in Tennessee on July 24-30.

The Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference (WPLC) took place between July 9-10. The state officer team enjoyed the a high-energy, jam-packed conference.

Monsanto will be sponsoring a golf tournament in Lancaster County on July 21 to support the Pennsylvania FFA.

Lastly, if you'd like see your chapter in the Blue and Gold page, please remember to submit articles regarding the success of your chapter to Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@state.pa.us.

Editors note: Alex Spease is the Pennsylvania State FFA Reporter.

Alumni Announcements

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania FFA Alumni wants to announce two upcoming events which will benefit Pennsylvania FFA members.

The 6th Annual Blue and Gold Ball will be held at the Radisson Penn Harris on Oct. 3 beginning at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Over the past six years, the asso-

ciation has raised more than \$30,000 which directly benefited members of the state through various programs. Tickets are \$50 per person. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Krista Pontius at kpontius@greenwoods.org or (717) 589-3116.

The Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association is also partnering with Hoss's this fall for a "Hoss's in the Community" evening. On Oct. 6, selected Hoss's will donate 20 percent of cash sales to the 2010 Freshman

Jacket Program. In order to participate in the event, you must first secure a ticket, which will be presented at checkout. The following locations are participating in "Hoss's in the Community" Event: Carlisle, DuBois, Hanover, Lititz, Shamokin Dam, Chambersburg, Meadville, Somerset, Elizabethtown, Huntingdon, State College, Indiana, Williamsport, and Grove City.

In order to secure a ticket for the event, contact Krista Pontius.

Rising Stars



At the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Grassland FFA Chapter four Keystone Star awards were presented to, from left, Doug Musser, Ag Placement Star, son of Jim and Sue Musser of Bowmansville; Katrina Kulp, Agribusiness Star, daughter of Steve and Nancy Kulp of Denver; Ryan Nolt, Production Star, son of Gene and Charlene Nolt of New Holland; and Adrienne Huber, Agriscience Star, daughter of Floyd and Elaine Huber of Denver.