



BLUE AND GOLD

Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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Registration Opens for the 86th Pennsylvania FFA State Convention

In less than nine weeks, State College, Pa., will be buzzing with the blue and gold courtesy jackets on June 16-18. Approximately 1,400 individuals are expected to register for the 86th annual Pennsylvania FFA Convention and State Activities week with 1,200 of those being students.

Members will have an opportunity to represent their school by highlighting what they have learned in the classroom by competing in their respective career development events. CDEs range from talent to dairy judging, floriculture to agriculture mechanics, and everything in between. Members have the option to serve as delegates from their chapter to help make decisions that will impact the more than 12,000 FFA members across the state, or to serve on the committee that elects the seven individuals who will serve as state officers for the upcoming year.

There are three general sessions at convention. The first session on Tuesday, June 16, will feature keynote speaker



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Andy Paul will speak at the first general session at the 86th annual convention.



Rhett Laubach will speak at the second general session.

Andy Paul, the 2014-15 National FFA President from Georgia, Wednesday evening during the second general session Rhett Laubach, CEO of YourNextSpeaker LLC, will give the keynote address. The third general session on Thursday will reveal top individuals and teams of the CDE competitors and who will be representing Pennsylvania FFA at the Eastern States Exposition in September and the National FFA Convention in October. Members will be recognized on stage for their accomplishments over the past year and also showcasing their talents at each session.

Members all across the state are getting ready for an exciting three days at Penn State. Look for contest results in future editions of the Blue and Gold editions.

Go to <http://www.paffa.state.pa.us/paffal.htm> for more information and to register for convention.

What Is the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation?

The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to a mission "to provide financial support through education for the future of Pennsylvania agriculture as an industry" and to increase funding to develop, maintain and enhance the initiatives of the Pennsylvania FFA organization.

The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation in 1991 to support the needs of agricultural education and the FFA. The foundation is affiliated with The National FFA Organization.

A board of 15 directors governs the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. The board is composed of agricultural business/industry representatives. Ad hoc members include representatives from the Pennsylvania FFA Association, The

Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association, The Pennsylvania Association of Agriculture Educators and the Pennsylvania Departments of Agriculture and Education. The board of directors develops policies and establishes long-term goals and priorities for the Foundation.

The board is working on two events this summer.

The first is the Foundation's 23rd annual golf outing on July 23 at Foxchase Golf Course, Stevens, Pa.

The second event is the Ag Progress Days food booth, Aug. 18-20. Both events raise funds to support the Pennsylvania FFA.

For more information on the foundation go to www.paffa.org or contact Sarah Sparks, executive director, at 717-781-5780 or sparks@paffa.org.

23RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Fox Chase Golf Club, 300 Stevens Road, Stevens, PA 17578

July 23, 2015

Registration Open at 11:00

Driving Range and Lunch

12:30 Shotgun Start

Meals and Snacks will be provided on the course

Appetizers at 5:00

5:30 Dinner

Gold Prizes and Raffle prizes 7:00

Meals will be available (up to 5 meals per golfer)

★ New this year: Raffle Tickets \$20 ★

Prizes include: rifle, round of golf, wine baskets, regalia

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Mifflinburg FFA Celebrates 85 Years

Mifflinburg FFA Chapter

The Mifflinburg FFA Chapter celebrated its 85th anniversary recently at the annual parent and member banquet held at the Mifflinburg Area High School.

The keynote speaker for the night was Pennsylvania FFA Vice President Tony Rice. Members were recognized for earning their FFA degrees.

Dennis Boop Jr., Ashley Confer, Jessica Kaler, Jacob Mabst, and Erin Rishel were recognized for obtaining the American FFA degree, the highest degree earned by a FFA member.

Trevor Clouser, Emily Hess and Erin Rishel, earned the Keystone FFA degree and received their awards at the Pennsylvania FFA Midwinter Convention during the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January.

The Star Greenhand Plaque was presented to first-year FFA member Cinnamon Digan. She is the daughter of Randall and Linda Digan of Mifflinburg.

The Star Chapter Awards were presented to second year members. This year, Jacob Eichenlaub was named the chapter star farmer. He is the son of Troy and Sheri Eichenlaub of Mifflinburg. The chapter star agriscience award was given to Audrey Kuhns. Audrey is the daughter of Rodney and

Kathy Kuhns of Millmont. Sam Rishel was named the chapter star agriscience award winner. He is the son of Stew and Barbara Rishel of Millmont.

Mike Derk of Creative Plantscapes was awarded the honorary chapter FFA degree. He has been instrumental in the agricultural education department. His company has provided plants and hardscaping material for the FFA exhibits at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The chapter FFA farm safety bowl team of Katelyn Brouse, Trevor Clouser, Rebecca Darrap and Austin Englehart were acknowledged for placing first in the content at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Trophies were presented to the winners from the SUN Area FFA Supervised Agricultural Experiences Records contest. Those earning blue ribbons and trophies were Trevor Clouser and Megan Kaler. Members earning a red ribbon and a trophy were Emily Hess and Stevie Hook. Members winning a white ribbon and a trophy were Matthew Boop and Mariah Driesbach. Any member earning a blue or red award at the area level with their SAE records was eligible to send up to two sets of records to the state SAE contest, which was in State College in February. Trevor Clouser had the best SAE book-

from Union County. He is receiving a check for \$50 from the Pennsylvania FFA Association for his outstanding records.

State contest gold medals were given to Trevor Clouser for home improvement and Stevie Hook for sheep finishing.

Silver medal winners were Stevie Hook for beef finishing and Megan Kaler for beef finishing and dairy beef.

The bronze medal winner was Emily Hess with contract chickens. Honorable mentions were awarded to Matthew Boop with a dairy herd and Mariah Driesbach with rabbit enterprises.

The largest group of awards to be presented during the evening was the chapter proficiency awards that are supplied by the National FFA Foundation. The proficiency areas are listed with the members earning the awards.

They are as follows:
Care Production: Matthew Boop
Goal Production: Carly Boyer
Grain Production: Randall Dinger
Diversified Crop Production: Katelyn Brouse
Soil Green Management: Trevor M. Clouser
Environmental Science & Natural Resources: Brandon A. Corley
Equine Science & Entrepreneurship Public Speaking: Rebecca Darrap
Shop Production: Benjamin G. Disher
Specialty Animal Production: Mariah Driesbach

Diversified Livestock Production & Prepared Public Speaking: Jacob V. Eichenlaub
Agriculture Research Food Processing: Laura Ferguson
Agricultural Science: Shawna Frank
Diversified Horticulture: Haley Rosenbaum
Specialty Crop Production: Joshua W. Haimbach
Poultry Production & Veterinary Science: Emily D. Hess
Manure Operations: Shawn Hehl III
Soil Production: Hannah Impinger
Diversified Crop Production: Megan D. Kaler
Agriculture Research — Power & Structural Systems: Steve Kaler
Dairy Production: Audrey Kuhns
Agricultural Machinery — Energy Systems: Brent S. Mabst
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication: Justin J. Mansel

Wildlife Production and Management: Dylan C. Harwood
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance: Rachel Matzger

Landscape Management: Arthur L. Monty
Vegetable Production: Cinnamon D. Digan
Emerging Agricultural Technologies: Mikahla Foyler
Agricultural Processing: Macy Boyer
Agricultural Sales Placement: Anna A. Drebbe
Agricultural Sales: Zachary A. Tanen
Agricultural Education: Carl Tice
Diversified Production: Kaleb R. Tylar
Food Science and Technology: Mistah K. Wertz
Home and/or community development: Chelsea D. Witt
Agricultural Communications: Ashley Zachary