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What Do You Think of PANTS?

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OAKS, Pa. — Penn Atlantic Nursery and Trade Show, otherwise known as PANTS, was a success as it opened its doors to over 350 exhibitors and thousands of attendees on Aug. 2-4. The show was at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pa. Exhibitors emerged from all

across the United States, even as far as Oregon. This show did not just have halls booming with exhibits, but it also provided two bus tours, demonstrations, a new display area and a legislative lunch. PANTS has been in existence for 39 years and is approaching its 40th anniversary next August.

Jean Lowry from Lowry & Company has been attending since

the very beginning. She said that she "comes here and enjoys it all the time."

Tin Morrissey, from Morrissey Insurance, only started attending PANTS last year and said, "It's al-

ready picking up and is a must see for people in the green industry."

For the past couple of years, the Pennsylvania FFA officer team has also been a part of the PANTS experience. The team assisted with setting

up the trade show, registering and greeting exhibitors and attendees, and even working in the information booth. It was wonderful to see many people actively working to further advance the horticulture industry.



Casey Hall, left, and Sarabeth Royer register PANTS attendees.



Helping out at PANTS was, from left, Casey Hall, Tyler Schaeffer, Jenna Moser, Tyler Claypool, Sarah Kesler, Matthew Dodson, and Sarabeth Royer.

Living Out of My Car FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

Hello Pennsylvania FFA. My name is Jenna Moser and I am serving as the 2011-12 state reporter. I have been happily serving in this position for two months and I can hardly believe that time continues to fly by. Past state officers have told me that during this year of service I would feel as though I am living out of my car and will always be on the run. Well it turns out that they are entirely right, but I like it that way.



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When I am home it is to merely catch up on sleep and say hello to my family. Then I am leaving again to work at a conference, visit with a company, volunteer at various events, or meet with my six other teammates to make sure that we are prepared for upcoming workshops and events. I can speak for both myself and my teammates when I say that we enjoy "living out of our car" because that means we can serve so many members, not only by doing leadership workshops but also by gaining information from

industry visits that we can share as well.

One event the team assisted with was the Andy Rill Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 5. This tournament is held in memory of Andy Rill to raise money for

Keystone Degree chimes.

As I continue serving as a state officer, I want the members to feel free to come up and talk to me or my teammates at any time. Some of the upcoming events that you might see us at are The Big E in Massachusetts and The All American Dairy Show in Harrisburg. We look forward to meeting you.

In addition, if you have any articles that you would like to see published on the Blue and Gold pages, email them to Mike Brannan at c-brannan@state.pa.us and include pictures. Thank you so much, and have a wonderful August.

Editor's Note: Jenna Moser is the Pennsylvania FFA state reporter.



Scott Augsburger won a car at the FORE FFA Golf Tournament on June 27. Pictured here with Augsburger is the state FFA officer team. From left are Casey Hall, Jenna Moser, Tyler Schaeffer, Tyler Claypool, Scott Augsburger, Matthew Dodson, Sarah Kesler, and Sarabeth Royer.

Tulpehocken FFA Leadership Team Holds Retreat

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Respect 'Em, Lead 'Em, Serve 'Em, is the theme recently developed by the Tulpehocken FFA officers. It was decided at their met for their annual leadership retreat held at Camp Swatara on July 20th.

State FFA Secretary Sarabeth Royer was present at this event to address the team. She challenged pairs of officers to interpret quotes and discuss what each quote means to them. In addition, Sarabeth directed the officers to create and undo a human knot, which employ of each other's communication skills.

Selecting the theme for the upcoming school year was challenging. Chapter officers were reminded that the theme must reflect the needs of the students that they desired to recruit for membership. The students strived to answer, "How does it (the theme) meet the need of their younger peers with a diversity of backgrounds and future interest in agriculture related careers?" They eventually came up with "Lead to Serve," to be the words that their theme would revolve around. Then they wrote, rewrite, evaluated, reevaluated and finally selected their theme, "Respect 'Em, Lead 'Em, Serve 'Em."

At the retreat continued, the officers participated in more team building and goal setting activities; they updated their chapter's documents, reviewed officer responsibilities, and they even utilized parliamentary procedure with the help of three members from the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter.

The officers were each given a link to symboli-



Starting left and going clockwise, are Kristen Shirk, historian; Andrea Stalmecker, secretary; Steven Bressler, assistant treasurer; Aaron Rohrbach, parliamentarian; Aaron Hartranft, assistant secretary; Ian Hetrick, treasurer; Kayla Naftzinger, chaplain; and Kelsey Boltz, president. Inside the truck are Ashley Daub, reporter; Katie Shirk, sentinel; and Jessica Spatz, vice-president.

cally remind them that they are part of a team with common interests. In addition to working together as a team the officers were able to bond through the fun recreational activities that the camp had to offer.

FFA Foundation Golf Tournament Earns Golfer a Car

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STEVENS, Pa. — THE FORE FFA Golf Tournament was held at the Foxchase Golf Club in Stevens, Pa. There were more than 150 agricultural business leaders who participated and helped to raise more than \$32,000 for the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. Among these participants was a lucky golfer who was able to shoot

a hole-in-one and win a new 2011 Buick Regal through Turner New Holland.

The golfer, Scott Augsburger, was a guest of Wenger Feeds for the tournament. Augsburger said he and his teammates were just "jumping, hooting and hollering" with excitement.

"It's hard to believe that my shot went in. I used a traditional 5 wood for the shot and was quite pleased that it worked out," Augsburger

said. He has been golfing for the last 10-15 years and is a self-employed hog farmer. It was pleasing to hear that Augsburger has been involved with both 4-H and FFA and has exhibited livestock at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

In addition to the actual playing of golf there was a steak dinner followed by an auction of donated gifts.