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Penn State Collegiate FFA Helping to Feed the World

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Collegiate FFA Reporter

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — During the 2008 spring semester, Penn State Collegiate FFA (CFFA) was actively involved in the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences' college-wide coalition to raise funds for the Heifer International Service Project. Upon completion of finals week, the chapter hosted a food booth at the Snider Agricultural Arena in conjunction with the A.A.U.W. (American Association for University Women) Book Sale. Although the weather was cold, wet and windy the collegiate members



Becky Detwiler is dressed up as a hotdog at the Annual AAUW Book Sale

raised more than \$500 to donate to Heifer International.

Several clubs and organizations in the College of Agricultural Sciences are working toward raising \$5,000 to purchase an Ark through the world hunger based program. The CFFA members plan to continue their efforts for many semesters to come. For more information about Heifer International, visit: www.heifer.org

In addition to Heifer International, the CFFA Officer Team has taken on a service learning project, "Operation Flat Stanley." Flat Stanley is a story about a boy who was flattened by a bulletin board and traveled around the world through the mail system to visit his friends. The story has been turned into a teaching tool to inform youth about different cultures. The CFFA Officer Team is focusing on the top five agricultural sectors in each state throughout the nation. State FFA associations around the country were sent their very own Flat Stanley to decorate, boasting their states top commodities. The overall goal is to help educate elementary students in Centre County about agriculture around the country.

Monsanto Sponsors a Club Swingin' Tournament



Photo by Britney A. Marsh

Sam, Reese, and Shawn concentrate hard as they try to win the Monsanto Fore FFA Golf Tournament.

BRITNEY A MARSH
State Reporter

LEBANON, Pa. — Monsanto sponsored the Fore FFA Golf Tournament at Iron Valley Golf Course and Fairview Golf Course located in Lebanon. The participants were agricultural teachers, students, FFA advisors and businesses. The golfers arrived around 9 a.m. July 22 to register.

There were many contests the golfers could participate in such as; the putting contest, the longest shot contest, the on the green contest, and the Pot of Gold. At the end of the day everyone gathered back at Iron Valley Golf Course for a gourmet meal.

The awards banquet recognized the outstanding golfers and also the outstanding participators. Af-

ter the awards ceremony the generous sponsors provided tables full of auction items. There was everything from wooden benches donated by FFA chapters to bird hangers. The state officers were even auctioned off. It was a lot of fun and a lot of money was raised for the FFA Foundation. Thank you to all of the participants.

Lebanon County Members Get Dirty at Land Judging Event

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — More than 50 Lebanon County FFA members recently participated in the Lebanon County Land Judging Career Development Event (CDE), which was held at Northern Lebanon High School on May 13. The participants had to evaluate three different sites and determine the quality of the soil.

The CDE tested the students' skills at identifying problems with the components of the soil, such as depth, texture, slope and drainage. FFA members were also required to determine what conservation practices were appropriate for

each site. They had to decide what possible hazards there may be for special uses such as building a home or pond. In addition to all of that, they were required to identify what the land class designation and subclass was for each section of land.

Brett Lentz, from the Lebanon Soil Conservation District, served as the official judge for the event.

The top six participants received monetary awards at \$1 increments starting at \$15 for 1st place and progressing down to \$10 for 6th place. The top 10 placings are as follows: Dan Cannistraci placed first from Cedar Crest, Evan Berkheiser placed second from

Northern Lebanon, Hannah Whitman placed third from Cedar Crest, Troy Kaylor placed fourth from Cedar Crest, Logan Matthew placed fifth from Cedar Crest, Brain Patches placed sixth from Northern Lebanon, Dylan Lape placed seventh from Cedar Crest, Maranda Shepler placed eighth from Cedar Crest, Zach McMillian placed ninth from Cedar Crest and Sabrina Spitler placed 10th from Cedar Crest.

Congratulations to all of the participants. These members sacrificed a lot of time to prepare and study for this CDE!

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

Hello Everyone. I hope that everyone is enjoying these hot summer days. Attending conferences and golf tournaments has certainly kept my teammates and I busy this month. We are looking forward to the start of school and the last summer month. To finish out the month of July we had the Monsanto Fore FFA Golf Tournament, which was held on July 22. At the tournament my teammates and I helped out at various places. To end the long hard day we then had an auction of items donated by FFA chapters, and yes even the team was sold in groups.

Tyler Witter and P.J. Adam attended the States Presidents Conference in Washington D.C. The conference was held on July 22 through the 26. At the conference they learned about the Delegate Issues at National Convention, and they got to see many sights at the conference. On July 23 and 24, the team helped out at the Pennsylvania Green Expo. We were kept busy with watering plants, helping with registration and also making announcements. On the last day



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at the expo, we helped the exhibitors load up there plants.

We traveled to Delaware on the 27 of July for the National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO). During that week the team learned many techniques to enable us to give you, the FFA members, the best chapter visits. We met the state officers from Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. At NLCSO we learned how to communicate better and we learned about the delegate issues that will be discussed at National Convention.

This month the team is looking forward to many things. We were at the Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament on Aug. 10-11, in Huntington County.

This week, we head to Ag Progress Days where we will be creating and assembling a "What's in Your Backyard" display.

Also, make sure to send an e-mail to the State Reporter Britney Marsh at sugar-n-spice918@comcast.net if you want to boast about your chapters doings. Enjoy the last few weeks of your summer.

