

DVC to hold A-Day

DOYLESTOWN — A-Day, a two-day annual open house at Delaware Valley College, will be held rain or shine next Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. Hours for this Agricultural and Science Exposition are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and admission is free.

A-Day is a popular event attracting thousands of visitors to the campus each year. The campus is turning into an exposition as students present exhibits relating to the various course offerings of the College.

Beef and dairy cattle as well as sheep and swine are on display and visitors will be treated to various animal judging contests throughout the weekend. A horse show and a small animal laboratory exhibit round out the features of the Animal Science Division.

An extensive Flower and Garden Show as well as greenhouse displays will be presented by the Ornamental Horticulture department. Many types of early spring plants and other items for the home garden will be on sale during the weekend.

The various classroom and laboratory buildings will be open for tours and will feature displays in biology, chemistry, food science, business administration, agronomy and horticulture.

Honey bees and honey products will be another popular exhibit and various other special features, including an art show, will be offered at this 36th annual A-Day event.

Food stands and a chicken barbecue are planned, as well as hay and pony rides.

Some of the special events will include band and chorale concerts

and contests in log sawing, pie eating, canoe jousting and a milking competition.

All events will be held on the College's campus on Route 202, one mile west of Doylestown. There will be a parking fee of \$1.00.

USDA center

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A national center to fight an elusive disease that causes heavy livestock losses has been established by two agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Terry B. Kinney, Administrator of USDA's Agricultural Research Service, said work at the National Leptospirosis Reference Center in Ames, Iowa, should lead to faster and more accurate diagnosis of leptospirosis and the development of better vaccines and drugs to prevent and treat it.

Kinney said leptospirosis is an immediate economic concern in agriculture because it inflicts losses estimated at \$50 million a year on livestock producers.

Difficulty comes in diagnosis and treatment of leptospirosis despite its origin from only one species of bacterium, say USDA researchers. A big problem is that the disease embraces more than 150 look-alike strains or serotypes that still are evolving worldwide.

Kinney said the new center will be operated under a memorandum of understanding between USDA's Agricultural Research Service and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Kinney said at least \$250,000 will be used for research to support the new reference center.



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