

Watermelon season kickoff coming to Baltimore

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A sure sign of summer fun is the annual watermelon invasion of Baltimore which features pretty girls, hoopla at Memorial Stadium, watermelon samples at Harbor Place and a lot of fun.

On hand for the Saturday evening, August 4th clash between the World Champion Baltimore Orioles and the Toronto Blue Jays will be National Watermelon Queen Teresa Walton of Columbia, South Carolina and Mar-Del Watermelon Queen, Corinne Burgess of Salisbury.

The girls will bring a supply of watermelons with them for the players and will partake in pre-game activities on the field.

Sunday, August 5th will see a delegation of watermelon

promoters from the Mar-Del Watermelon Association and Maryland Department of Agriculture descend on Harbor Place for the annual distribution of fresh samples in front of Vincenzo's.

Joining the watermelon growers and queens at Harbor Place for the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. activities will be "Walter Melon", the new 7-foot tall mascot of the Mar-Del Watermelon Association.

The York County FFA held their monthly meeting on July 12.

The group discussed the York Mall display they will have on Saturday, August 4. The display

Manheim

Young Farmers

The Manheim Young Farmers Association volleyball team recently won the PYFA State Volleyball Tournament.

On July 7 the six men spiked their way to the top by eliminating three other teams. They bested Perra Valley Young Farmers 13 to 21, Ephrata Young Farmers 4 to 21 and Conrad Weiser Young Farmers 20 to 22.

Team members were Don Wenger, Ed Nissley, Dave Wells, Marlin Becker, Ed Donough and Earl Geib.

York County FFA

will tell what FFA is all about. All county officers will attend the event, which will last from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The next county meeting will be held in August.

Bucks Co. to host Soil Saver Day

DOYLESTOWN — Farmers in Bucks County will have the opportunity to learn how to save soil and money at a Soil Saver Day on August 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Delaware Valley College. Stephen Hill, Soil Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservationist Service (SCS) in Doylestown, said recent studies have shown that the average farmer loses \$2,000 of soil and plant nutrients each year.

"Many farmers have been reluctant to apply soil conserving farming practices because they are not sure they have a problem or because the cost of correcting the problem is too large," said Hill. "For these farmers, this meeting could be opportunity knocking."

"SCS is stepping up help to farmers in Bucks County under a new program aimed at reducing erosion rates. SCS is striving to

find the least expensive solution to soil erosion through cost-effective conservation practices. Cost-share funds for installing practices are available through the Mason-Dixon Erosion Control Program. This lowers the cost to the farmer," reported Hill.

Reducing soil loss also reduces nutrient loss which keeps fertilizer bills down.

Following is a schedule of the day's events:

9:00 - 1:45 Hydroseeding
9:45 - 2:30 No-till alfalfa
10:30 - 3:15 Farm Build Terraces
11:15 - 1:00 Ridge Tilling Demonstration

"Soil is the farmer's livelihood—take care of it and it will take care of you," stated Hill. "Can you afford not to make this investment in conservation?"

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10 plant varieties protected

WASHINGTON, D.C.
— The U.S. Department

of Agriculture has issued certificates of protection for 10 new varieties of beans, corn, peas, ryegrasses, soybeans and tall fescue.

Kenneth H. Evans, an official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said developers of the new varieties will have the exclusive right to reproduce their products in the United States for 18 years. Certificates of protection are granted after a review of the breeders' records and claims that each new variety is novel, uniform and stable.

The newly protected bean varieties are Amber and Agate, developed by Rogers Brothers Seed Company, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The corn variety protected is LH145, developed by Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc., Williamsburg, Iowa.

Newly protected pea varieties are Opal and Midget, developed by Wilbur-Ellis Company, Seed Division, Spokane, Wash.; and Honey Pod, also developed by Roger Brothers Seed Company.

The newly protected perennial ryegrass variety is Friend, developed by Snow Brand Seed Company, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.

Another newly protected ryegrass is Marshall, developed by the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Equipment Station, Mississippi State, Miss.

The newly protected soybean variety is S14-60, developed by Northrup King Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mustang, a tall fescue developed by Pickseed West, Inc., Tangent, Ore., also is included in the newly protected varieties.

The plant variety protection program is administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service and provides marketing protection to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from farm crops to flowers.

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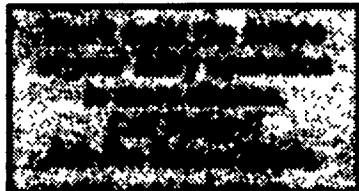
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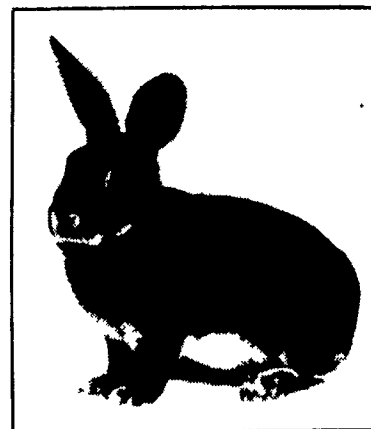
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