

Teams From 41 Counties Compete At Envirothon

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — The seventh annual Pennsylvania State Envirothon was held on Saturday, June 23, at Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County.

Teams from 41 counties participated in the event, which is designed to give high school students an opportunity to test and prove their knowledge of environmental resources.

Students are challenged in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and current environmental issues. The overall theme for this year's competition was wetlands.

The annual state contest is sponsored by the State Conservation Commission and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. Teams earn the right to compete in the State Envirothon by capturing a local Envirothon sponsored by their County Conservation District. More than 3,000 students took part in local Envirothons this past spring.

The 1990 PA State Envirothon champions are from Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill County. This marks the third year in a row that Blue Mountain High School has won the state competition. Second place went to York County's Red Lion High School. Franklin Regional High School from Westmoreland County finished third. Seven regional awards were also presented.

James Buchanan High School represented Franklin County. Team members were James Meyers, Jason Heinbaugh, Rock Sabetto, Lemar Long, and David Nagy. The team advisor was Steve Harry.

Every student taking part in the

State Envirothon received a hat and a certificate of participation. Plaques were presented to the state and regional winners. The winning team also received a white water rafting trip.

DER Deputy Secretary James Grace, Office of Natural Resources Terry Fabian, State Conservation Commission Executive Secretary Paul O. Swartz, and the President of the PA Association of Conservation Districts Dave Man-

kamy presented the awards to the teams.

The Department of Environmental Resources and the Fish Commission, along with the PA Game Commission and the USDA Soil Conservation Service, provide annual assistance with both the state and local Envirothons. The PA Alliance for Environmental Education has also assisted with the 1989 and 1990 state contests.

Through the efforts of the Washington County Conservation District, funds to cover the major costs of the 1990 State Envirothon contest were donated by the Wetterau Company. Wetterau, the third largest food distribution company in the nation, is associated with the Foodland stores and has an office near Pittsburgh. The company recently unveiled an Environmental Shopper program in its store.

The 1990 Pennsylvania State Envirothon Champs from Blue Mountain High School will now represent the state at the third National Envirothon planned for August in Zanesville, Ohio. Pennsylvania won both the 1988 and 1989 National Envirothons. Seventeen states across the country have now initiated Envirothon contests based on Pennsylvania's Envirothon Program.

Unique Exhibits At Upper Marlboro Field Day

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The needs of the Southern Maryland agricultural community are changing.

Consequently, this year's Upper Marlboro Facility Field Day will feature such exhibits as "Cut Flower Production" and "Japanese Pear Culture," as well as the traditional tobacco research exhibits.

"We've always researched agricultural alternatives at this facility, but in recent years we've expanded that type of research," said Dr. Claude G. McKee, Upper Marlboro facility manager. "We're evaluating more vegetables and field crops and also doing more research that benefits the environment."

The 1990 field day, scheduled for July 25, features wagon tours of research plots running from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

This year, for the first time, the field day will feature two concurrent research tours instead of only one.

Stops on Tour One, which focuses on Agricultural Production, are:

- Baling tobacco

- Cut flower production
- Tobacco IPM program
- Japanese pear culture
- Reducing labor at tobacco harvest.

Stops on Tour Two, Agriculture and the Environment, are:

- Nitrogen quick test
- Evaluating atrazine and nitrogen runoff and percolation into

groundwater

- Pond covers for extending aquacultural season
- Legume nitrogen for crop production
- Effect of land use on runoff water.

Lunch may be purchased for a nominal fee. The lunch program includes an awards presentation

and a herbicide and disease update for southern Maryland. There will also be farm equipment displays and demonstrations throughout the day.

The Upper Marlboro Facility is part of the University of Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station's Central Maryland Research and Education Center.

Collegian Interns With Select Sires

PLAIN CITY, Ohio — Select Sires announces the selection of Lisa Mullen of Wisconsin, as their summer intern in their informational department. Mullen will assist with the visitor tour program, advertisement design and layout, and the writing of press releases while at national headquarters in Plain City.

This September she will continue with her senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is majoring in Agricultural Journalism and Agricultural Education. Mullen will graduate with two degrees in December 1991.

At UW-Madison, Mullen has been active in the Badger Dairy Club (BDC), Association of Women in Agriculture (AWA),

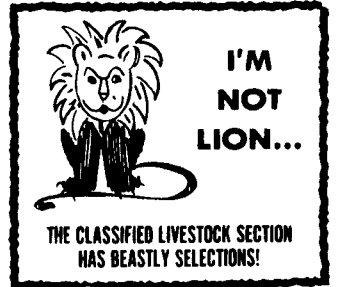
Agriculture Education and Extension (AEE) and Alpha Gamma Rho as a Rhomate.

Along with many other dairy club activities, Mullen was a member of the National Collegiate dairy judging team which took first place overall and in oral reasons at the 1989 World Dairy Expo, 1988 All-American in Pennsylvania and 1987 Exposition in Iowa. She took second individual and first in reasons at Expo, was first in reasons and first overall at the All-American and third individual and fourth in reasons at Waterloo. She is also president for AWA and serves as Rhomate treasurer.

Mullen is the daughter of Donald and Priscilla Mullen of Bloomer, Wisc. They milk 60

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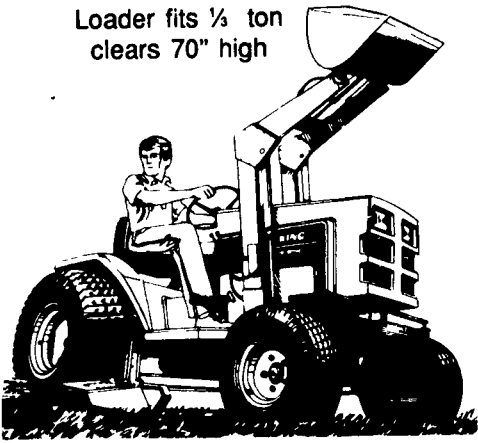


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