

Mason-Dixon RWDCA Sets Picnic

The Mason-Dixon Red & White Dairy Cattle Association will hold its annual picnic and field day on Sept. 13, at 1 p.m.

Chicken barbecue and drinks will be provided. Each family at-

tending is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

Hosts this year will be Paul and Lucinda Moyer and Family of Peek-A-View Holsteins from Bemville, PA. The Moyers milk about 130 Holsteins, one half of

which are red and white or red carriers.

The picnic is open to all. Please come and visit with red and white enthusiasts, neighbors and friends. Please make reservations by calling (610) 488-7308 by August 29.

Gettysburg High School

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districts.

Several prominent leaders in the districts have taken a pro-active role in starting up the initiative to help restructure ag education in the classroom into the next century.

One of them is Gettysburg. The person behind the implementation of the program is Thomas Oyler, ag science instructor.

According to Mimi Lufkin, project director of the Vision for Pennsylvania Agricultural Education Project who spoke at an ag update meeting in Harrisburg in April, all students need to have a "basic understanding of agriculture so they can make informed decisions as consumers and citizens."

She cited the increasing use of technology in agriculture — and schools need to keep up with those developments.

Oyler has used the Reinventing Agricultural Education for the Year 2020 Project to guide the actual Vision for Agricultural Education Program.

Oyler established a group of 21 stakeholders who have agricultural backgrounds. The stakeholders are graduates of the program, parents, board members, business people, school administrators, and farmers.

So far, three local meetings have been conducted to help iron out the plan for the school.

The first meeting overiewed the middle and high school program. The second reviewed program objectives, funding, recruitment and retention of students, technical preparation, and

included a discussion of FFA-related programs. The third meeting reviewed observations from visitations to Penn Manor and Solanco high schools. A discussion was held on what kind of programs to offer students in the future.

In a story in The Enlightener, a publication from Penn State's Center for Professional Personnel Development, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, Oyler noted that he believes the Reinventing Ag Education for the Year 2020 Project gave his stakeholders "the ability to think futuristically."

"The exercises provided (for) them the opportunity to think beyond the world as they see it now."

Vision for Ag Education Project assisted Oyler by providing him with a 12-step plan. Oyler believes four positive things have emerged:

• 21 people have become interested in the ag program.

• Potentially one half of the stockholders serve on an advisory committee.

• The project demonstrates to the school board that a diverse community has great interest in the program.

• A needed change in the curriculum's content, delivery, and scope is obtainable.

Oyler provided other suggestions that helped his efforts succeed. They included calling stakeholders not present at the meetings to update them on the progress of the group, limiting the meetings to exactly two hours, making sure the stakeholders receive a letter

including the time, place, and objectives of the meeting, scheduling the meetings in the fall and winter because of fairs, summer vacations, and other events, and to keep the group focused and on task.

Said Mimi Lufkin, Vision for Pennsylvania Agricultural Education Project director, one of the driving factors creating the need for this project was "the increasing urbanization of the population and with it the decreasing contact of a majority of the population with agriculture."

"We all eat food and we are all directly impacted by ag, and we all need to be educated," she said.



Chester Holstein Calf Given

Andra Stoltzfus, won the give-away calf at the Chester County Holstein club picnic last Friday. The event was held at the farm of Amos E. Stoltzfus family at Honey Brook. Anyone aged 6 to 16 who attended the picnic could sign-up for the free drawing.

The calf, a registered Holstein, came from the herd of Harold and Glenn Ranck. The sire is Duster and the dam a VG 26,000m Calypso daughter. Purina also supplied a 6 months supply of feed for the calf.

In the judging annual judging contest, Christy Guest won the youth division; Kathy Guest won the women's division; and a three-way-tie in the men's division was shared by Tom Lapp, Steve Stoltzfus, and David K. Stoltzfus. In the photo, Harold and Andrea show the calf.



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