Fellowship, Fun At PennAg Poultry Fundraiser



HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) - More than 1,000 friends of the PennAg Poultry Council met Monday for an evening of fellowship and entertainment with musical guest Kathy Mattea, second from right, here at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

At the convention, Dr. Dave Kradel, consultant to the Council, was honored as the "father of the PEQAP program," noted Bob Kreider, Hy-Line International, far right. Kradel was ill and couldn't make the banquet. In photo, from left, Jim Shirk, vice president of the Council; Billy Robinson, Kreamer Feeds; Mattea; and Kreider. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor



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Cedar Crest FFA Members Participate In Speaking Career Development Events

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) -Recently, the Lebanon County Speaking Career Development Events were held at the Northern Lebanon Agriscience classroom. FFA members from Cedar Crest participated in Parliamentary Procedure, Conservation Speaking, Senior Prepared Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and the Creed Speaking contest.

Speaking contests require the participants to write a speech on an agricultural related topic. It must be of appropriate length: six to eight minutes for Senior Prepared Speaking and Conservation Speaking, four to six minutes for Extemporaneous and a maximum of three minutes to recite the Creed. The Senior Prepared and Conservation Speaking contestants must answer up to five minutes of questions from the judges. The Parliamentary Procedure teams must put on a 20 minute mock meeting correctly demonstrating many Parlia-

mentary abilities.

The Parliamentary Procedure team members at the county contest includes: Jeremy Balsbaugh, Travis Krall, Matt Balmer, Samatha Shepler, Carl Eisenhauer, Deb Schaeffer, Kyle Seifert, and Tara Miller. The team placed second.

Cedar Crest results in the other county contests were Sarah Krall first, Joel Krall second in the Senior Prepared Speaking contest; Beth Kreider first, Amber Frank second, and Heather Hawkins third in the Conservation Speaking contest. Chet Brubaker placed second and Jeremy Balsbaugh placed third in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest and Travis Krall placed third in the Creed contest.

All of the above Cedar Crest members will advance and compete in the Berks, Lebanon, Schuylkill area competition.

Ilvento Named Chair Of **UD Food And Resource Economics**

as W. Ilvento, associate professor of food and resource economics, has been named chair of the department of food and resource economics (FREC) at the University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He had been acting department chair since 1999.

According to Dean John Nye, Ilvento's appointment followed a nationwide search by a university committee.

"Dr. Ilvento did an excellent job as acting chair and I am pleased he accepted the posi-tion," said Nye. "He has done a fine job in building relationships with the agricultural community on issues from land use and leadership development to economic opportunities.

His new position offers many possibilities, said Ilvento, and he is excited and optimistic about his appointment.

"FREC recently became home to the graduate statistics pro-

NEWARK, Del. - Dr. Thom- gram, one of three main program areas in the department," he reports. "We are also the center of our agricultural research economics program and a graduate program in operations research. I'm looking forward to taking advantage of the connections within these programs and discovering how they can enhance each other."

> Ilvento earned a bachelor's degree in community development and a Ph.D in rural sociology from The Pennsylvania State University. His master's degree in research economics and community development is from the University of New Hampshire. He has served as associate professor of food and research economics and economic development specialist for UD Cooperative Extension since 1996. Before his tenure at UD, he was associate Extension professor at The University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Correction

In an article about maple syrup business printed in the March 31 Lancaster Farming, the number of gallons of syrup made by Patterson family was too high. Also, Mary Lee Zechman's husband is Kenneth, not Richard. Lancaster Farming regrets the errors.



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