



MidAtlantic Farm Credit's Hagerstown branch office presents a \$2,500 donation to the Washington County Agricultural Education Center. From left, Michelle Trumpp, Dean Boggs, Richard Schukraft, Ron Keyton, and Laura Strite.

Agricultural Center Receives Support From MidAtlantic Farm Credit

WESMINSTER, Md. — MidAtlantic Farm Credit of Hagerstown, Md., recently contributed \$2,500 to the Washington County Agricultural Education Center. This latest donation brings MidAtlantic's total support of the center to \$10,000 in recent years.

This \$2,500 was part of the Ag Ed Center's \$75,000 Matching Fund drive, conducted from June 1, 2000 to June 1, 2002, and dedicated to the development of the Rural Living History Area.

The Rural Living History Area will include a bank barn and demonstration buildings,

such as a smokehouse, blacksmith shop and a wash house.

"Farm Credit is pleased to contribute to the local agricultural heritage of a community," said MidAtlantic president Bob Frazee. "The success of present agriculture lies in the education of our communities, and the Washington County Ag Education Center has done a wonderful job supporting that mission."

The Washington County Agricultural Education Center hopes to open the Rural Living History Area throughout 2003.

Polaris Offers New Sportsman 700 ATV

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — This year, the new Polaris Sportsman 700 Twin might just prove to be the best hired help a farmer can find. For working on the back forty, or moving equipment around the homestead, the Sportsman 700 Twin is the most powerful, smoothest riding ATV for any job.

Polaris designed its latest automatic transmission all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with farmers and ranchers in mind. The most powerful four-wheeler on the market, the Sportsman 700 Twin was named ATV Magazine's ATV of the Year for 2002. It is capable of performing the toughest work for an extended period of time. For fence work,

assorted fieldwork, transporting equipment or just quickly and efficiently getting from here to there, the Sportsman 700 Twin is the best all-terrain vehicle on the market.

With 20 percent more horsepower than the Sportsman 500 H.O., and an industry-leading towing capacity of 1,500 pounds, the Sportsman 700 Twin can handle most any farm chore. Its 683cc liquid-cooled, four-valve, four-stroke engine is the biggest power plant ever lowered in an ATV, making it a powerful tool for any number of tasks — from hauling feed to clearing brush, surveying fields to moving hay.

The Sportsman 700 Twin runs on tough, durable 25-inch Polaris-exclusive Goodyear Rawhide tires with deep lugs and sidewalls for outstanding traction on any terrain. It also comes standard with a speedometer, odometer, hourometer, high- and low-beam headlights, temperature lights, front and rear racks, electric start, and new in-line shifting for high- and low-gears, reverse and park.

An extensive line of Pure Polaris accessories is another reason the Sportsman 700 Twin makes an ideal farming companion. Sprayers, disc attachments, diggers, levelers, cultivators and GPS units can save valuable time and make a long day in the field a little easier.

Massey Ferguson Introduces Front Cut Mower

ATLANTA, Ga. — The new MF FC23 and MF FC33 bring a new level of serviceability and dependability to the commercial front cut mower market.

Thanks to their rugged construction, these professional grade mowers are designed to last. Whether cutting the green for a golf course, a municipality or a lawn service client, they'll do the job right. At the same time, the design of the new mowers pays special attention to ease of operation, with a mower deck that can be serviced at 90 degrees.

"Front cut mower operators are on their machines for hours at a time," says Steven Baruch, marketing manager, Massey Ferguson. "They need serviceability, dependability and comfortability. Our mowers give them all three."

The engine hood tilts for easy servicing, but it is in the 90-degree mower deck tilt that is really grabbing attention in the marketplace. Operators know that the one area they have to access the most is the mower deck. Being able to easily raise it to a right angle for servicing gives them unparalleled access and added safety, too. With the FC23 and FC33, it isn't neces-



The FC23 and FC33 front cut mowers have been designed to deliver 4WD performance with hefty 60-inch or 72-inch mower decks.

sary to crawl under the deck to take care of a plug or remove foreign material.

Heavy-duty structural supports throughout the frame design also exceed industry standards. The more rugged frame is designed to handle even the roughest ground. When it comes to dependability, these new four-wheel drive models will stand their ground under

the hood as well. The FC23 has a 22.9 hp engine with a single range hydrostatic transmission, independent PTO and an 8.2 gallon fuel tank. Including the mower deck, the unit has a total length of 116.1 inches, and a width of 44.5 inches with a 60-inch mower swath. The side discharge mower has a top speed of 8.4 mph in forward gear and 4.0 mph in reverse.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance To Acquire Agway Insurance

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies announced it has reached a definitive agreement with Agway, Inc. to acquire 100 percent of the stock of New York-based Agway Insurance Company, in a deal valued at \$21 million.

The transaction is expected to close before the end of the year, subject to New York Insurance Department approval. Agway Insurance Company is a wholly-

owned subsidiary of Agway, Inc.

"We are extremely excited at this opportunity to grow our family of insurance companies and to expand our presence to farmers and other customers outside the state of Indiana," said Farm Bureau President Don Villwock. "The similarities in corporate mission, values, product lines, and management style between our two organizations make this a great fit."

Agway CEO Don Cardarelli commented, "We are very pleased that this transaction will allow Agway Insurance Company to become part of a well-respected organization that is committed to both the insurance industry as well as to farm and rural customers. It also captures immediate value for our cooperative."

As part of the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Group,

Agway Insurance Company is expected to remain a separate entity headquartered in DeWitt, N.Y., with plans to maintain the vast majority of the current Agway Insurance employee base.

Agway Insurance Company is a New York property and casualty insurance company that offers farm and personal lines insurance products through more than 300 independent agencies in 10 states throughout rural New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Virginia.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance writes primarily auto, home, farm, and commercial property casualty coverage and offers life and annuity products to clients in the state of Indiana through its network of 465 independent agents.

Mark Farrington Accepts New Position At Blue Seal

LONDONDERRY, N.H. — Mark Farrington of Raymond, Maine has accepted the new position of leadership development manager at Blue Seal Feeds. This new position is part of an employee development and training initiative being instituted throughout the Blue Seal organization.

Farrington came to Blue Seal in 1988 in the Windham, Maine Blue Seal store. Most recently, he was the territory sales manager for Maine and eastern Canada. He holds a B.S. degree in sociology from the University of Southern Maine.

Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. is headquartered in Londonderry, N.H. and is affiliated with Kent Feeds, Inc. in the Midwestern states and Evergreen Mills, Inc. in the Southwest. Blue Seal manufacturers feed for horses, dairy cattle, livestock, poultry, pets and wild birds. The company operates nine feed mills located throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states. Blue Seal® feeds are distributed



Mark Farrington through authorized retail outlets and direct to dairy farms.

Renaissance Announces Expansion Project

ROARING SPRING (Tioga Co.) — Renaissance Nutrition, Inc., has announced a major expansion project that will add to its manufacturing and warehousing operation in Pennsylvania.

This facility, when completed, will allow the company to meet its growing sales throughout an ever-expanding market area with increased efficiency and continued quality. Construction on the new facility commenced in March 2002 with completion

anticipated in November of this year.

The company provides nutritional and farm-management consultation, along with quality products to the agricultural industry, with a team of highly qualified specialists. Up-to-date research, advanced technical methods, and related nutritional services and products are available. In addition to facility developments, Renaissance is expanding its service area to include Michigan, Wisconsin and other states in the Midwest.

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