

FFA at 75

One Mission: Student Success

First Quarterly Ag Issues Luncheon Successful



HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Approximately 100 from the agriculture community — including farmers, industry representatives, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture employees, state FFA officers, cabinet secretaries, and legislative staff — attended the first Quarterly Ag Issues Luncheon here late last week.

At the barbecue luncheon, newly appointed FFA state officers delivered their opening ceremonies for the first time.

Eric Rubenstein, state FFA president, introduced Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff, who spoke about the record of Pennsylvania agriculture and the plan for a new Pennsylvania.

In photo, from left, are Penny Lee, director of the Governor's Office of Public Liaison; Wolff; Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen McGinty; and Steve Crawford, secretary of legislative affairs.

State Has New FFA Officer Team



STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Recently a new state FFA officer team was selected. President is Eric Rubenstein, Danville FFA, son of Doug and Linda Rubenstein, Bloomsburg. Front row, from left, Brian Oberholtzer, eastern regional vice president; Laura Grove, state sentinel; Bernadette Nace, state reporter; Amber Frank, state vice president; and Melissa Sankey, north central region vice president. Back, from left, Eric Chamberlin, state treasurer; Becky Hedges, western region vice president; Amy Kaucher, south central region vice president; Heather Sisto, state secretary; Rubenstein; and Jason Klouser, state chaplain. More about the team is scheduled in an upcoming issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

Learn About Virginia Agriculture At Virginia Tech Showcase

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech's Farm and Family Showcase will offer a convenient one-stop shop for information about agriculture, landscaping, forestry, and a variety of topics that involve families, Thursday to Saturday, Sept. 4-6, at Virginia Tech's Kentland Farm.

The annual showcase will feature activities and exhibits of interest to those in the agricultural

and forest industries as well as homeowners and landowners.

Featured information will include agricultural production, business, and technology; poultry; environmental stewardship and natural resources; livestock; pasture management; food quality and safety; chemistry; pesticides; insects; plant diseases; home landscaping, horticulture and vegetable gardening; lawn care; value-added food products; birds; and bats. There will be displays, demonstrations, and seminars.

Families may enjoy the special events which include a cornfield maze, an aquaculture exhibit, a display of award-winning 4-H projects, archery and air-rifle ranges, egg incubation, butterfly gardens, and an interactive fishing simulator.

Children can enjoy the children's activity center. At the activity center children will learn

about agriculture and foods originating in America while playing games, making and using puppets, and participating in interactive storytelling sessions. They can have their faces painted and have some fun on the toddler playground as well.

Walking and bus tours of Kentland Farm will give participants a chance to learn about the farm and its use for teaching, research, and Extension. Virginia Cooperative Extension will have a variety of displays to give visitors a chance to learn about the many educational programs offered throughout the Commonwealth.

Virginia Tech's Kentland Farm, where the event is to be conducted, is located along the New River a few miles west of the Blacksburg campus.

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