Scholarship Committee Ready For Farm Show

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"Our young people are really what is important to every one of us," said Tom Moyer, vice chairman of the youth scholarship committee.

Moyer, supervisor of procurement logistics for Hatfield Quality Meats in Hatfield, is impressed with the quality of applicants this year. And those applicants can someday make a difference in the ag industry.

Moyer noted that last year, the committee presented a scholarship award to each student by the nonprofit Farm Show Scholarship Foundation.

Last year, the committee awarded $2,000 scholarships to 24 Pennsylvania youth that are pursuing post-secondary education.

Since its inception in 1993, 154 individuals have received $235,500 from the foundation, money derived from membership in the foundation and public and private fund-raising efforts.

Fred Rudy, Dauphin County extension educator, noted a committee meeting was conducted Monday to finalize the preparation of the annual youth livestock sale in the Sales Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m.

For the scholarship event, "I know what's in the bank account and it's pretty healthy," said Rudy. "Anybody can donate. We are a 5013C."

Anybody can join for $30 per year.

Gary Dean, Purina Mills development manager from Strasburg and scholarship board member, noted the committee is trying to get more donations and membership. Memberships are $30 for standard membership, $300 for Ambassador's Club, and $500 for corporations, though the foundation accepts donations in any increments for the fund.

A benefit dinner is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 29 at the downtown Hilton in Harrisburg. The scholarships will be presented there.

"The more ways we can generate interest in youth projects, the more scholarships we can provide and the higher they will be," said Dean.

A foundation breakfast will be conducted before the livestock sale. The sale and scholarship announcements are scheduled in the Sales (Small) Arena in the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

According to Tom Moyer, committee chair, the committee reviews applications every year. The applications look at five different areas:

1. Academic information, including high school and college of choice.

2. 4-H and FFA involvement, in addition to community leadership.

3. Farm Show involvement, including contest participation. Interest in showing the four species, including swine, sheep, beef, and goats, is important.

4. Applicants must submit a narrative essay about their involvement in 4-H, FFA, and community work. They must describe the benefits and experience they have received from livestock projects. They must explain their contributions to the industry or society in general, and list their goals and aspirations.

5. Quality references. The applicants must have three people write reference letters. Those letters can come from ag instructors, teachers, pastors, or even siblings. "An older brother or sister can write about the candidate's involvement and what it means," according to Moyer.

The applications are reviewed early in December. This month, the committee met for two days in the boardroom at Capital Associates, Harrisburg.

Those involved include Fred Rudy, sale chairman; Paula Vitz, senior associate, Capital Associates, membership and funding chair; Mike Firestine, Fulton/Lebanon Valley Bank, treasurer; Joan Grim, Sysco Foods, chair of the special events committee; Bill Henning, Penn State, chair of the show committee; Charles Itle, Farm Show (retired), secretary; Dennis Wolff, secretary of agriculture, foundation board chair; and Moyer, vice chair, foundation board.

"Our young people give back to the community," said Moyer. "If everybody did that, things would be just fine in this world."

Those who wish to be members or donate should contact Paula Vitz, Capital Associates, at (717) 234-5350.

2004 ARENA SCHEDULE

	1/10 SATURDAY	1/11 SUNDAY	1/12 MONDAY	1/13 TUESDAY	1/14 WEDNESDAY	1/15 THURSDAY	1/16 FRIDAY	1/17 SATURDAY
LARGE ARENA								
MORNING	10 30am Opening Ceremony		10am Large Equipment Demo	10am Large Equipment Demo	10am Large Equipment Demo	Rodeo Set up	8am Jr Beef followed by Open Beef 5pm Supreme Champion	9am PDCA Dairy Judge's School
AFTERNOON	12noon HS Rodeo	12noon State Police Mounted Drill Team 1pm Draft Hitch	1pm Equipment Demo 4pm-5pm Hitch & Drive	1pm Large Equipment Demo	1pm Large Equipment Demo	1pm-3pm Hitch & Drive		2pm-4pm Hitch & Drive
						3pm-5pm Rodeo Warm-up	5pm Rodeo Warm-up	5pm Rodeo Warm-up
EVENING	4pm 4H Drill Team 5pm HS Rodeo		6 58 pm Lottery /pm Square Dance	4 30pm Horse Pulling	6pm Pony Pulling	6 15pm Chicken Dance 7pm Circuit Finals Rodeo	7pm Circuit Finals Rodeo	7pm Circuit Finals Rodeo
EQUINE ARENA								
MORNING	8am Draft Horse Halter	9am Jr Beef Breeding followed by Jr Steers 4 45pm Gr Ch Steer	8am Open Beef Angus & Simm		10am Flag Racing	9am Team Penning	8am Dairy Cattle Show 2pm Supreme Champion	9 00am-4 00pm Equine Demo
AFTERNOON	12noon Supreme Champion 1 30pm Draft Horse Cart			4pm-6pm Hitch & Drive	4pm-6pm Hitch & Drive	12 Noon Team Penning	3 30pm-5 30pm Hitch & Drive	
EVENING			4pm FFA	6pm Flag Racing		4pm Polka Dance Competition 8 15 Chicken Dance	Rodeo Warm-up 5 30pm-6 30pm Equine Demo 6 30pm-8 30pm	Rodeo Warm-up 5 30pm-6 30pm
SMALL/SALE ARENA								
MORNING (Friday Swine Judging)	9 30am Supreme Champion 10am Brad Gill Sale	8am Open Dairy Goats followed by Jr Meat Breeding Goats	8am Jr Swine	9am Sale of Champions 10 00 am Scholarship 10 30am Jr Livestock Sale	Cow Parade	Cow Parade	8am Open Sheep	8am Open Sheep
AFTERNOON			2 15pm Grand Champion Jr Swine					3pm Supreme Champion
EVENING	4p n J Mkt Goats 6pm Mkt Lambs		6pm 4-H/FFA PSU Youth Social		4 00PM Sheep to Shawl 8pm Auction	6 15pm Chicken Dance	5pm Jr Breeding Sheep	
BANQUET HALL								
MORNING		10am Church Service	10 00 am Equip Seminars	7am Scholarship Breakfast & Equip Sem 7 am Farm Equipment Exhibitor breakfast Banquet Hall VIP Room	Equip Seminars	Government Day PDA		
						Seminars 10 00 12 00 1 00 3 00		
AFTERNOON			1 00 pm Equip Seminars	1 00 pm Equip Seminars	1 00 pm Equip Seminars	Government Day PDA		
EVENING					5 30pm Bid Calling Contest		Hereford Banquet	

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PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW 2004 DEMO SCHEDULE

LARGE ARENA	Mon , Jan 12	Tues , Jan 13	Wed Jan 14
9 30 - 10 15 am	Binkley & Hurst Bros	Binkley & Hurst Bros	Binkley & Hurst Bros
	Skid Steer Scramble CASE & GEHL Skid Steer Loaders Have fun making short work of chores around the farm		
10 15 - 11:00 am	Fisher & Thompson	Fisher & Thompson	Fisher & Thompson
	Milking Parlor Demonstration by West Falia Surge		
2 00 - 2.45 pm	Hoober Equipment	Hoober Equipment	Hoober Equipment
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SEMINAR SCHEDULE
VIP LOUNGE

10 00 am — **Nutrient Management and CAFOs**
Mon , Jan 12 — Tues , Jan. 13 — Wed , Jan 14
Cedric Karper from the Department of Environmental Protection and Doug Goodlander from the State Conservation Commission will discuss Pennsylvania's Nutrient Management Program and CAFO regulations and what they are doing to help farmers better manage resouces and protect the environment

1 00 pm — **Right to Farm, Ag Security Areas and the Municipalities Planning Code**
Mon , Jan 12 — Tues., Jan 13
Attorney Gary Heim from Mette Evans and Woodside and Dr Les MacRae from the Dickinson Law School Ag Law Center will lead a discussion on these important planning and agricultural tools for local government officials

1 00 pm — **The Changing Face of Pennsylvania Agriculture**
Wed , Jan 14
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Executive Deputy Secretary Russell Redding will lead discussion on the past present and future of agriculture in Pennsylvania and how changes in the industry are being driven by changes in consumer preference and lifestyles of Pennsylvania families

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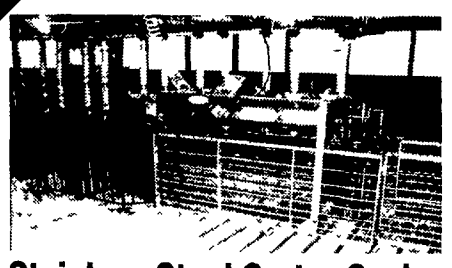

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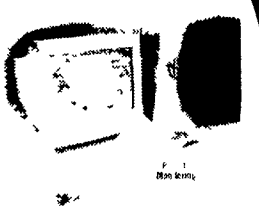

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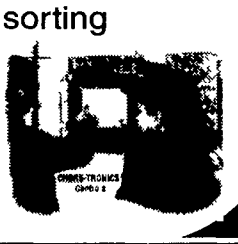

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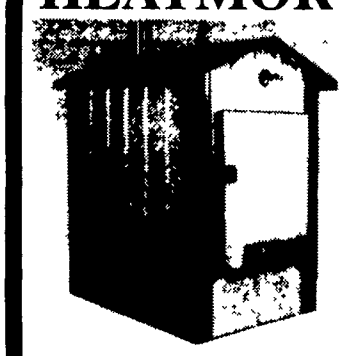

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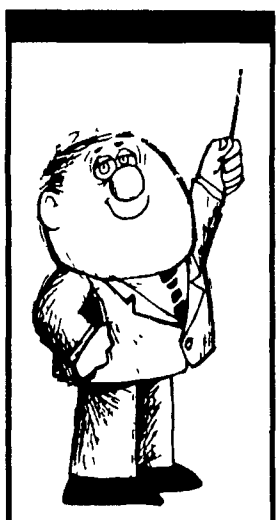

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