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December
8-11, 2021



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is to educate and promote the agricultural industry.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Sanner

As the world continues to struggle with many issues, it becomes very evident that those of us involved in agriculture are vital to global existence. Many things are changing, including agriculture. But one constant remains... that we need to continue to feed the world.



Continued education is vital to keep up with all of these changes. The Young Farmers Association, whether it be on the national, state or local level, can, and will, play a role in keeping us up to date on any issues involving agriculture. Local chapters run great programs... get out and attend these. In December the NYFEA national institute is being hosted by the Indiana Young Farmers and our state winter conference is February 1st through the

3rd in York County. Not only are the programs great, but the camaraderie between farmers is also where you learn a lot. Come out and see for yourself.

I have recently been in discussion with Penn State Extension regarding working toward a joint relationship with our organization. It was a goal of mine when I first became your state president. The purpose of this would be to promote their activities and for them to provide guidance to our chapters, especially those struggling after being cut from school district funding and/or support. Stay tuned for more information regarding this partnership.

I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make OUR organization better, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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BETSY HUBER RECEIVES AG LEADERSHIP AWARD

On Thursday, October 14, PYFA Executive Secretary **Betsy Huber** was honored by the Penn State Agricultural Council with the 2021 Leadership Award. The award is given annually in three categories to acknowledge individuals, organizations and events that successfully advance agriculture in Pennsylvania.

The recipients receive a Penn State Nittany Lion statuette, and their names are engraved on a permanent display on the University Park campus.

Huber, a native of Chester County born and raised on a dairy farm, is the President of the National Grange. She previously served on the Penn State Board of Trustees and received trustee emerita status in 2017. She was a district aide to former state Rep. Arthur D. Hershey from 1992-2002.

Huber has held numerous leadership positions within the agriculture community, including serving on the boards of Pennsylvania Farm Link; the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agricultural Advisory Board, which she chaired in 2007; the Pennsylvania State Council of

Farm Organizations, which she led as president from 2011-12; and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Fertilizer Advisory Committee. She served as President of the Pennsylvania State Grange 2002-10 and on the National Grange board of directors from 2006-

14. She was elected the first female National Grange President in 2015.

Currently she is a member of the Federal Communications Commission Broadband for Precision Agriculture working group on Deployment, and a former member of the FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. She also serves on the board of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research, and the Safety for Youth in Agriculture project.

The Penn State Agricultural Council is an independent association of more than 90 orga-

nizations representing Pennsylvania's agricultural or related interests. The council advises Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and advocates for agricultural education and research to both legislative policymakers and agricultural leaders.

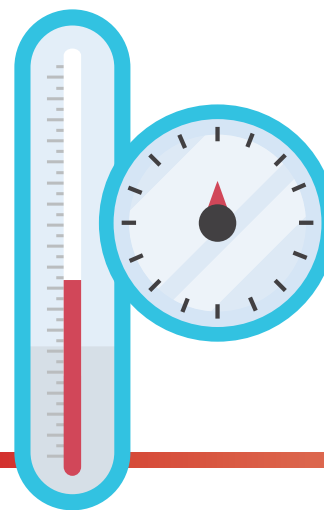


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THERMOSTAT VS. THERMOMETER

BY AUSTIN LARGE, FORMER TEXAS FFA ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reprinted from the *Texas Agriculture Education Magazine*

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is aimed at Ag teachers but can apply as well to us as Young Farmers and YF Advisors.

"People are either thermometers or thermostats. They will merely reflect the climate around them, or they will set it. Leaders develop values and principles to live by and set the pace for others."

[Habitues, vol.1, by Tim Elmore, 2010]

What a concept, to be a thermostat rather than just a thermometer. When you recognize that you as a teacher and FFA advisor can set the climate around you, it changes how you approach situations and deal with setbacks. Too often, we are all guilty of just reflecting the climate/culture around us. We mirror the attitudes and dispositions of those above us on the campus food chain, and it has a negative impact on both our students and programs. As you begin this new school year, my challenge is to be the thermostat on your campus and in your program. Be the individual that sets the tone and establishes high expectations for success.

THE WALDORF PRINCIPLE

"The way to the top with people is by serving them extravagantly and sacrificially. A simple clerk did this to Mr. Waldorf, and the rich tycoon returned to make that clerk his first hotel manager in New York. People expect good service from leaders. They are surprised when we serve sacrificially."

[Ibid. vol.2, 2007]

This image tells the story of Mr. Waldorf Astor and his wife being served

extravagantly and sacrificially by George C. Boldt. Mr. Waldorf and his wife were found themselves stuck in a storm in Philadelphia, and they attempted to get a hotel room at the hotel where Mr. Boldt was the desk clerk. Although the hotel was sold out, Mr. Boldt offered his personal room to the Waldorf's because he could not allow them to go back out in the rain in search of other accommodations. A few years later, Mr. Waldorf opened the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City and asked Mr. Boldt to be his first manager.

I love this "Habitue" because it shows how you can impact others in big and small ways. As individuals in the agricultural education profession, serving people sacrificially and extravagantly is not a new practice. I share this as a reminder that when we do our very best to serve others, our ability to impact and influence expands. I hope you enter the 2021-22 school year with the mindset of serving your students, campus, and community extravagantly and sacrificially. If you do, I am confident that those acts of service will come back to you tenfold.

THE GARDNER'S JOB

"A Gardner's primary job is to nurture the development of their plants. Likewise, good leaders center their agendas on growing team members. Leaders are to be good mentors and invest their lives in others. Their key job

is not doing programs or distributing products, but developing people." [Ibid.]

This "Habitue" feels the most appropriate to end with, not just because of the tie between gardening and agriculture, but because of the obligation we have to tend to the development of our students. It's easy to get caught up in WHAT we do and lose sight of WHY we do it. I hope as you begin a new school year, the FFA mission of "developing student potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education" is at the forefront of your mind. This should happen in the classroom, through SAE, and through involvement in the FFA for ALL students. You are each incredible gardeners, and I cannot wait to see the fruit of your labor!



EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



Greetings.

I hope fall harvest is going well and that everyone is keeping safety in the forefront of their activities. This has been another unusual year and there is not a lot to report at this time.

The Lebanon Area Fair was held with full activities and there was a pretty good turn-out from the community. Cedar Crest was able to hold their annual picnic this year.

The Manheim Area Farm Show was back to normal this year, with the Young Farmer Chapter holding a food drive during the parade. Their annual picnic was held mid-October.

I am hoping to attend any fall or winter meetings at our local chapters. Please feel free to contact me with dates and times of any upcoming events at dhawkins942@gmail.com. This will allow me to pass along all the exciting things that are going on in each of our chapters.

Happy Harvesting! **DALE HAWKINS**

PYFA Summer Board Picnic

The PYFA board and friends gathered for a meeting and pig roast at the home of Ed and Debbie Zug in Peach Bottom on Sunday, September 26th. Members enjoyed a feast of a variety of dishes and desserts, in addition to the pig roasted by Solanco member Ron Althoff. It was a beautiful day for a picnic in Southern Lancaster County and all enjoyed a tour of the Zug farm. The board discussed plans for the winter conference to be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in York on February 1-3, 2022.



The Association for Educating Agricultural Leaders

Answering the question: "Where will we find the next generation of young and beginning producers and agribusiness professionals?"

October 21, 2021

Sweetwater Sound

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The 2021 NYFEA Institute

For 54 years, NYFEA has hosted an annual gathering of people committed to answering the question "where will we find the next generation of young ag leaders and agricultural professionals."

The National Institute has served as a vehicle for encouraging the next generation by providing a marvelous environment for individual learning. More importantly, since the meeting moves from state to state, the Institute has allowed for great travel experiences.

Consider the benefits gained from an annual trip where you see different types of farms and agribusinesses. Each year the unique features of a local region have been on display. Along with the great tours, there have been visits to local restaurants, museums and entertainment venues. The tradition speaks for itself.

In 2021, the NYFEA Institute is being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana and it promises to provide equally exciting opportunities. The Institute features evening activities on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Further, there is an educational session on Saturday morning.

Overview of Potential Tour Stops on Dec. 9 and 10:

Joseph Decuis Farm "A Farm dressed in a Tuxedo" We believe in the "Farm to Fork" experience so much, we established our own farm where we raise the legendary Japanese beef — Wagyu — free range hens, Dixie Rainbow and Naked Neck chickens, Mangalitsa pigs, goats, sheep, turkeys, herbs and vegetables for our Restaurant and Emporium.

Sweetwater Sound Sweetwater Sound is **one of the industry giants** and trusted by the entire guitar community. Drop in! You'll find the region's largest selection of instruments and equipment on display, from guitars to key-boards to mics.

Peridot Inc. Vision Today. Applying the latest technology to solve the customers challenge in the most effective manner. This is achieved using engineering experience, an understanding of various manufacturing methods, and the unique ability to think creatively.

SeedRight The SeedRight story begins in Convoys, Ohio when a local farmer and inventor looked at his planter and wondered if he could do more with less. The patented BackerPlate was SeedRight's first invention. The BackerPlate, working with the existing OEM seed plates, allows for the Kinze OEM Brush Type meters to plant small grains and cover crops.

VarIBINE The team at Davaus has founded itself on a mission to be Driven Differently — and developing a more practical harvesting machine with improved efficiency is a part of this mission. Davaus sees an opportunity in the market to satisfy a desire of growers for a cost effective machine that utilizes proven technologies, provides a high ROI.

FERRET The Ferret provides a solution to "see into", evaluate, and gather information on your drainage life. As the first wireless devices of its kind, the advantages provided by the Ferret will be quite impactful.

Indiana Colleges We will tour Ivy Tech Fort Wayne Campus and view what their Agriculture Program has to offer. We will have faculty from Purdue's Main Campus in West Lafayette and Huntington University.

Homestead Dairy A family operation utilizing technology to grow the traditional family farm. They have 36 robotic milkers that can each milk 60 cows a day. They have gone to calf barns with automated calf milkers.

South Bend Chocolate Factory In 1991, Mark Tarnier founded the company. We now have 11 company-owned stores in North Indiana and 4 franchise locations in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The company got its start making chocolates under a license from the University of Notre Dame. It's first products were the Dornier, the Rockline and Nuts for ND.

Indiana Whiskey Charlie Florance started the Indiana Whiskey Company in 2011 with the goal of sourcing everything possible from Indiana producers. He began with the heart of the distillery - the still. Instead of buying a mass produced still, Charlie had the company's 100% copper pot still constructed by South Bend fabricators according to a design that he drafted. To this day, our grains are grown on Hoosier farms. Our labels and packaging comes from local manufacturers.

Fulton County Round Barn Museum Indiana had more round barns than any other state. At one time Indiana had about 225 round barns. Now there are fewer than 100 left in the state. Fulton County had more round barns than any other county in Indiana. Originally blessed with 17 round barns, Fulton County had 15 when we were told that this was more than any other county.

How To Register? (mail to **Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120** with check or go online to www.nyfea.org See Institute Brochure Online)

Preferred Registration date is prior to October 31. Registration remains open until the event.

HOTEL INFO—Fort Wayne Hilton — Fort Wayne, Indiana
Rate: \$112/night, if registered by November 10. Call—260-420-1100
Ask for NYFEA or National Young Farmer Institute Rate

NAMES: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

NYFEA Full Registration (all events) \$325 each # _____ @ \$325 = _____
Daily Rate: \$120/day # _____ @ \$120 = _____ Circle: W—H—F—S
NYFEA Student rate \$300 for all events (no hotel rooms)
_____ @ \$300 = _____
NYFEA Student Rate for students sharing a room w/at least two other students # _____ @ \$450 = _____
Child Registration (under age 12) # _____ @ \$150 = _____

National Young Farmer Educational Association — Box 20326 — Montgomery, AL 36120—334-546-9951—nyfea-main@nyfea.org— www.nyfea.org

2021 NYFEA Institute: December 8-11



Sunrise Soap Company

Central Market House

Agriculture & Industry Museum

Agriculture & Industry Museum

Learn about York County's vast contributions to the progress of agriculture and industry. Housed in a former factory complex, the York, PA museum features two floors with over 20 exhibits highlighting 300 years of transportation, agriculture and the development of manufacturing and industry. Visitors can view exhibits to learn about everything from rotary phones, casket making and grist mills, to ammonia compressors used to make ice in the early 1900's.

Perrydell Farm & Dairy

A photograph of a wooden barn with a red star on the roof and a circular logo featuring a cow's head.

PYFA Membership Application Form • Join us today!

Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$15 annual fee • Make check out to: PYFA

Mail this form and payment to: Debbie Zug • 390 Peters Creek Rd. • Peach Bottom PA 17563

Pennsylvania Young Farmers

2022 WINTER CONFERENCE

Hosted by the PYFA Board

February 1-3, 2022

Wyndham Garden, York, PA

FULL CONFERENCE PACKAGE (without lodging)

Regular Registration – Postmarked by Jan. 10, 2022 \$125

Late Registration – Postmarked after Jan. 10, 2022..... \$140

DAILY REGISTRATION

Tuesday, February 1

Tuesday Registration \$55

Lunch.....\$25

Dinner \$35

Wednesday, February 2

Wednesday Registration \$65

Lunch.....\$25

Dinner \$45

Thursday, February 3

Lunch..... \$25

AMOUNT DUE: (Payable to: "PYFA")..... \$

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address  Chapter

Phone Email

Mail registration form and payment to:
Ed Zug • 390 Peters Creek Road • Peach Bottom, PA 17563

HOTEL INFORMATION:

For reservations, contact Wyndham Garden York:
2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17408 • (717)846-9500
Rooms held under Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association
Rooms are \$99.00 per night King \$109.00 per night 2 double beds

Reservations must be made by January 3, 2022.



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for a Happy
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