

**Ephrata Area Young Farmers – Newsletter
January 2012**

Upcoming EAYF Meetings for January 2012 thru April 2012 that have been scheduled at this time:

Jan. 17, 2012 Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Educational Meeting Location: Ephrata High School Cafeteria Pesticide Update Training – Section 1 (2 category & 2 core) Topics: PPE (personal protective equipment) and chemical residues for 1 core credit; pesticide toxicity for one core credit; crop disease review of 2011 and prevention in 2012 - 1 category credit; herbicide resistant weed update for 1 category credit Speakers: Jeff Graybill & Kay Moyer – PSU Extension
Feb. 4, 2012 Saturday	6:00 pm	Annual YF Banquet Location: Durlach & Mt Airy Fire Hall Banquet Program: Soul Purpose Singers
March 13, 2012 Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Educational Meeting Location: Ephrata High School Cafeteria Topic: Pesticide Update Training – Section 2 (2 category & 2 core) Speakers: Jeff Graybill & John Bray – PSU Extension
April 17, 2012 Tuesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Educational Meeting Location: Ephrata High School Cafeteria Topic: Storm Water Management This will be a very interesting meeting. We will provide more information in upcoming newsletters. Speaker: Jay Snyder - Environmental Resource Manager Borough of Ephrata

Notes:

Christmas Program Report

This year's annual Christmas Program was held on Dec. 20, 2011 with approximately fifty people attending. Three hundred twenty dollars were collected and donated to the Ephrata Area Social Services to help local families in need and the 2012 officers were elected (see list below). The 2012 officers will be installed at the YF banquet in February.

2012 Dues & Banquet Tickets

We would like to thank those who have already paid their 2012 dues and have purchased banquet tickets. Please pay dues as soon as possible if you haven't done so. A dues/banquet form has been enclosed (or attached by email) for your convenience, if you need it.

If you haven't made your Banquet reservations yet, please do so by January 25, 2012. You can use the enclosed dues/banquet form. No banquet tickets will be mailed. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

Banquet Program: Soul Purpose Singers. Please plan to come to the Banquet and enjoy yourself!

The following pictures were taken at the Christmas Program in the Cafeteria of Ephrata High School. Pictured below are Sarita Bollinger, Ray Bollinger's granddaughter playing the violin, and Chris Orr on the piano leading the group in singing Christmas Carols. Both Sarita and Chris are music majors at Penn State University.



PYFA Winter Conference – Feb. 7 – 9, 2012

The Pennsylvania Young Farmer Winter Conference will be held Feb. 7 – 9, 2012 in Bedford, PA. If you are willing to go and represent the Ephrata YF Chapter, please let your Advisor or an Officer know. Check the PA Young Farmers website at www.payoungfarmers.com for details or call your Advisor.

Please Note the following information on activities held at the H.S.:

In the event that the Ephrata Area School District closes school or school is dismissed early due to inclement weather, then any Young Farmer event scheduled at the High School will also be cancelled.

Remember, if you have a suggestion for meeting topics please let us know. If you have items to contribute to the newsletter, please inform your advisor by Jan. 26, 2012 for the February Newsletter.

2012 EAYF Officers

(To be installed at the Banquet)

President – Earl G. Martin – 717-733-4516

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