

2020 PYFA WINTER CONFERENCE

CEDAR CREST YOUNG FARMERS

The 60th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association was held February 4-6, 2020, at the Hampton Inn, Manheim, hosted by the Cedar Crest Young Farmers.

Following the PYFA state board meeting Tuesday morning, attendees left for tours. **Talview Dairy Farm** was the first stop. Talview dairy is owned by Brent and Stacy Copenhaver in Annville, PA. They own 250 acres and milk 250 cows in a double 12 parlor.



Rapid 911 Response



911 Rapid Response opened in 2006. They supply our heroes with the equipment they need. They also build custom vehicles above customers' expectations. In addition they offer public safety equipment to keep people safe during emergency calls. Their showroom contains emergency equipment, police gear, EMS supplies, traffic safety supplies and much more.



Mount Hope Winery

Over the course of two centuries, Mount Hope Estate and Winery, has grown from a private residence to a flourishing historic estate featuring spectacular entertainment. Outdoor festivals, indoor theater, a Victorian wine shop and on-site brewery and winery provide something for everyone 365 days of the year.



In late 2016, Mount Hope began repurposing an existing barn located approximately 300 feet from the current Wine Shop into a new winery. The barn was originally built in the 1800's and rebuilt in 1908 after a fire. The ground floor of the new winery provides 9,250 square feet of workable space. The new

winery's equipment brings total capacity to 40,000 gallons.

By utilizing this piece of the Estate's history, Mount Hope Estate brings its amenities together with the brewery next door, the Divine Swine In & Out BBQ across the street, the Wine Shop, Victorian Mansion and Anchor & Mermaid Tavern all within comfortable walking distance for estate visitors.

The Tuesday evening banquet was held at the Cedar Crest High School in conjunction with the Cedar Crest YF annual awards banquet. Members enjoyed a delicious meal and great musical entertainment.

Wednesday morning past state officers and advisors met, followed by the annual delegates meeting. Officers elected for the next year were President Ken Sanner, Kutztown, Past President Lizzie Bailey, Shippensburg; President Elect Becky Nas, Gettysburg; Secretary- vacant; Treasurer Ed Zug, Solanco, Public Relations Jennifer Balmer, Cedar Crest; Membership Debbie Zug, Solanco; Eastern VP- vacant; Northern VP Michelle Dietrich, Mifflinburg; Southcentral VP Jason Rentzel, Gettysburg; Western VP Keith Weimer, Rockwood; Executive Secretary Betsy Huber, Solanco. Delegates voted to hold the 2021 winter conference at the Wyndham Garden Inn, York, February 2-4, 2021.



Afternoon workshops were:

Planting Green: What to Do and What Not to Do – Dr. Heidi Reed

The Environmental and Economic Benefits of Manure Incorporation – Leon Ressler

Clues to economic high yields in corn and soybeans – Del Voight

The spouses tour on Wednesday featured a local favorite, Patches Family Creamery, where they sampled lots of farm fresh products, even ice cream, and viewed through the large windows how the processing takes place.

They then toured Wertz Candies. The Wertz family has been making candy in much the same way since the company was founded in 1931. They have a wide selection of chocolates, caramel, fudge, and caramel corn.



The last stop was the Cottage Boutique. The Cottage Boutique is newly owned and has local artisan-created vintage and up-cycled home decor, furniture, jewelry, pottery and hand sewn gifts featuring modern farmhouse and bohemian styles.



The Awards Banquet Wednesday evening was held at the Lebanon Expo Center. State Representative Frank Ryan presented a citation to Cedar Crest for hosting this year's conference. The following awards were presented:

Outstanding Community Service – Dale Maulfair, Cedar Crest



Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30 – Andy Martin, Cedar Crest

Outstanding Agri-Business Person – Glenn Wenger, Wengers of Myerstown



Honorary Young Farmer – Don Hoover, Binkley & Hurst



Outstanding Young Farmer Advisor – Jennifer Balmer, Cedar



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Richard Hoppes Award – Dan & Laurel Wilkinson, Gettysburg



The evening closed with a lively auction and many door prizes.

Thursday featured more tours, to PA Natural Chicks, a privately held company in Lebanon, PA where over 1.5 million birds are hatched per week.



The second stop was Kanati Elite Taxidermy Studio, located in Bethel PA, specializing in high-end taxidermy bringing the wildlife to life with their unique crafting and artistic abilities.

Creating themed and vibrant habitats, their team will construct scenery unique to your trophy's natural environment.

Using the latest developments and proprietary processes Kanati Studio can replicate many wildlife species that look just as good as the real thing.

