



# FRANKLIN COUNTY

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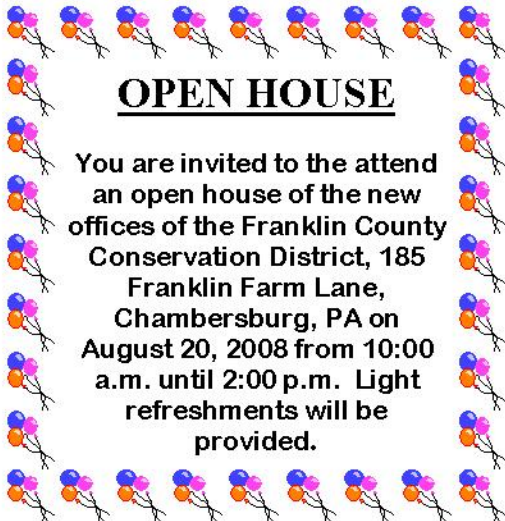
## 2008 ENVIROTHON WINNERS

WAYNESBORO GOLD, a team from the Waynesboro Area Senior High School, took first place for Franklin County at the Franklin/Fulton Envirothon held at Cowans Gap State Park on April 22. Team members are Kyle Phillips, Laura Fawks, Sarah Brown, Lucas Franki, and Autumn Phillips. Kathy Seiler is the team's advisor. Fifteen teams from Franklin County schools (James Buchanan, Chambersburg, Fannett-Metal, Waynesboro, and Faust) competed in the event.

The team and their advisor is shown at the left holding a t-shirt with the Adams Electric Company and Valley Quarries, Inc. logos on it. Adams Electric and Valley Quarries are the co-sponsors of the event in Franklin County. Each Franklin County participant received a t-shirt.

The Waynesboro team earned the right to compete in the Pennsylvania Envirothon held on May 19-20 at Penn State University, Main Campus. Sixty-six teams from Pennsylvania participated in this event and the Waynesboro team finished in 14th place.

## WAY TO GO WAYNESBORO GOLD!!!



## OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend an open house of the new offices of the Franklin County Conservation District, 185 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA on August 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

## AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

For over 50 years, the Franklin County Conservation District has been actively assisting landowners in conserving one of the county's most valuable assets - its soils.

Over the years, our assistance depends on funds from County and State governments and donations from local citizens and businesses.

Help us achieve our goals by sending a contribution to the Franklin County Conservation District, 185 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Upon receipt of your check (made payable to FCCD), a certificate will be mailed to you.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS**

## DISTRICT STAFF

Ernest Tarner, Manager  
717-264-5499, extension 105  
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Assistant Manager  
717-264-5499, extension 103  
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## DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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Andrew Fitz, Director  
Dennis Musser, Director  
Samuel Worley, Director

**SECOND ANNUAL FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On Friday, May 30, 2008, the Franklin County Conservation District hosted a golf tournament at the Whitetail Golf Resort in Mercersburg, PA to raise money for the environmental education fund. The tournament attracted 123 golfers and 21 sponsors from the surrounding counties. The event started with the golfers being treated to a hot dog lunch and/or a boxed lunch. After lunch, the golfers hit the links for a beautiful afternoon of golf along the mountain side. After the round, a chicken and rib dinner was served under the pavilion at the course and the activities were concluded by the awards presentation. Since the turnout was so good, we were able to offer two flites for the tournament, with each flite having a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team.

Overall, \$2500 was raised for the environmental education fund. This money will be used to fund scholarships for students from local high schools. On behalf of the golf tournament committee, we would like to thank all of the sponsors, players and Whitetail Golf Resort for making the tournament a huge success. Also, thanks to the other staff of the district for helping us with the many jobs that needed completed the day of the tournament.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** - Scott Metzger, Mary Ann Shaffer, and Andy Stottlemyer

**PLAN DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The State Conservation Commission also recently announced that there is money available once again for the Plan Development Incentive Program (PDIP). All existing CAOs and Volunteers are eligible for cost share funding to update their Act 6 nutrient management plans to Act 38 nutrient management plan standards. Please contact your plan writer or David Stoner at the Franklin County Conservation District for applications or more information. Dave can be reached at 717-264-5499 or [davestoner@embarqmail.com](mailto:davestoner@embarqmail.com).

**REAP**

The State Conservation Commission recently announced that they will be accepting applications for the REAP program starting August 4, 2008. The REAP program offers tax credits for PA income taxes for farmers who install conservation BMPs or for certain purchases such as no-till equipment. The state is providing \$10 million in tax credits for fiscal year '08-'09. Eligible applicants may receive between 50% and 75% of project costs as state tax credits for up to \$150,000 per agricultural operation. The amount of tax credit available to a recipient is dependent on the type of BMP implements.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us/REAP](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/REAP). Contact Mary Bender, SCC REAP Administrator, at 717-787-8821 or [mabender@state.pa.us](mailto:mabender@state.pa.us).

**CHLOROPHYLL METER**

The Franklin County Conservation District recently purchased a chlorophyll meter that we will be lending to farmers. The meter is another tool you can use to decide on the amount of Nitrogen needed for corn production. The meter can be used on corn fields that received manure prior to planting and no more than 15 lbs. of starter N. The corn needs to be at the 6 leaf stage for taking meter readings. Please check with the District for more information. This is a good tool to use in an effort to cut fertilizer costs. It's late for the '08 season but keep it in mind for next year's crop.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**AVAILABLE**

The Franklin County Conservation District has established an Environmental College Scholarship Program to support agricultural and environmental education students residing in Franklin County. Profits from the annual golf tournament (see article above) have enable the Conservation District to offer scholarships for the upcoming school year.

Applications can be obtained by call the District office Monday through Friday (7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at 717-264-5499 OR you can print your own application forms and support materials from the District's website at: [www.franklinccd.org](http://www.franklinccd.org) and then click on scholarships.

Deadline for application is September 1, 2008. Return completed application to:

Franklin County Conservation District  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
185 Franklin Farm Lane  
Chambersburg, PA 17202

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