

Tevoqa FFA hands out hort, floriculture awards

By JOANNE SPAHR

BROWNSTOWN, Pa. — What do you do when you have a vo-tech chapter that needs a name, but you don't want to give it just any old name? You scramble the word "vo-tech", add an extra syllable for a flourish, and you come up with "Tevoqa". At least that's what the Future Farmers of America chapter at Brownstown Vo-Tech did, and they've used the results ever since.

That chapter, comprised of juniors and seniors interested in horticulture and floriculture from six schools around Lancaster County, held its annual awards banquet last Tuesday evening.

J. Richard Wood, coordinator for Brownstown Vo-Tech, noted that although many of the students from the chapter were not "farm bred" they have an interest in a form of agriculture and, therefore, take part in the FFA.

Since the chapter is comprised of both horticulture and floriculture students, two sets of awards were handed out during the evening. The two star greenhands were: Millie Becker, Ephrata, a junior at Ephrata Area High School and chaplain of the morning classes, and William Alberte, Reinholds, a junior at Cocalico High School as

well as the chaplain for the afternoon classes. The floriculture star chapter farmer went to Charlene Miller, Ephrata R3, a senior at Cocalico High School and president of the afternoon group; and Darryl Weidman, Lititz, a junior at Warwick High School. Darryl is also the morning group's president.

Both Darryl and Bill also took foundation awards for excelling in special areas of horticulture. Bill received the forestry proficiency award, and Darryl earned the ag sales and service honor for starting his own leathercraft business.

In floriculture, the foundation ornamental horticulture awards went to four young ladies. Normally, only two awards are given, but this year, the chapter members displayed such excellence that the amount was doubled.

The four floriculture winners were: Felicia Gardner, a junior at Garden Spot High school from Narvon R1; Caroline Becker, Lititz, a junior at Warwick High School; Colleen Nolt, East Earl R2, a junior at Garden Spot High School, and Cathy Bowers, Lancaster, a junior at Manheim Township High School.

Both a floriculture and horticulture student received the Lancaster

County Banker's Award. Those students were Cindy Shreiner, Lititz R1, for floriculture, and Frederick Christman, Lancaster, for horticulture. The county banker's award goes to the outstanding senior in the chapter.

Other Tevoqa chapter members honored during the evening were: Kris Hanley, Kim Sanders, Patti Ream, James Slater, Judy Brenner, Cornelia Eden, Sherry Fritz, Tammy Eckert, Deb Richardson, Floretta Retallack, and Deb Finefrock. These students received greenhand degrees.

Chapter farmer degrees went to Rowena Shumate, Diannalea Nolt, Tina Angle, and Linda Rodgers.



The star degree winners of the Tevoqa FFA chapter are: (left to right) Charlene Miller, star farmer of the floriculture group; William

Alberte Reinholds, star greenhand for horticulture; and Darryl Weidman, Lititz, star chapter farmer for horticulture.

Now is the season for artichokes

NEWARK, Del. — April is the peak season for artichokes, says Extension food and nutrition specialist Marguerite Krackhardt. They are often available year-round, but prices will be more moderate in season.

Chose artichokes that are firm and fresh-looking, advises Ms. Krackhardt. A few brown spots on the leaves won't matter. Wash them thoroughly and pull off any coarse outer leaves.

Cook the artichokes in lightly-salted boiling water for 30 or 40 minutes, turning occasionally to assure uniform cooking. Add a little salad oil and lemon juice to the cooking water. They are done when a leaf pulls out easily. Drain upside down.

Artichokes may be served hot or cold, with a sauce. Some people like lemon-butter, but you may wish to try Hollandaise, sour cream, or mayonnaise. Provide each person with an individual dish of sauce.

Tackle your artichoke one leaf at a time. Pull off a leaf, dip its fleshy base into the sauce, and scrape off the meaty part with your teeth. Eat only the meaty part and put aside the rest.

The closer you get to the center of the artichoke, the meatier the leaves will be. Finally you'll come to the core-like center called the choke. Cut it out carefully and don't eat it. The choke is well-named.

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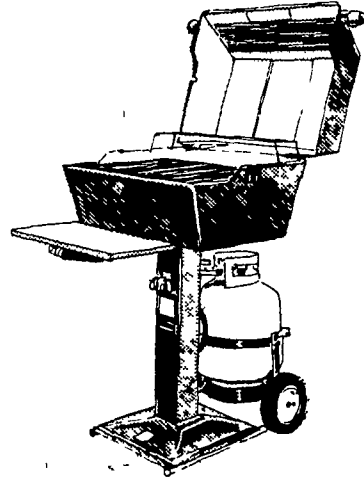
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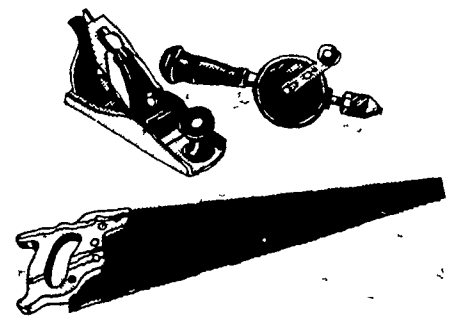
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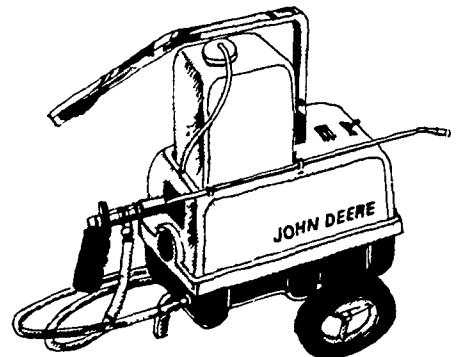
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