

# Grassland FFA recognizes outstanding members

By JOAN LIESAU  
**BLUE BALL** — "Too often we fail to help others because we are busy. We say 'go ask someone else', but as FFA members we are the someone else." These words were spoken by Pennsylvania's Eastern Region FFA Vice President Daniel Witwer at the Garden Spot High School, Grassland FFA Chapter's annual banquet on March 16 at the Blue Ball Fire Hall. Over 250 people were in attendance. One Leola youth, Brian Hess, gained much recognition for his accomplishments as an FFA

member. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hess, Brian was named the Outstanding Senior and FFA member of his chapter. He was also awarded the Grassland Star Farmer Award and was a Foundation Award winner in the area of swine production. Mr. Raymond Baxter of Blue Ball National Bank presented Brian with the coveted Dekalb Achievement Award. Last year, Brian was named the Star Agribusinessman of Lancaster County. He works on a dairy farm owned by Robert Book of Leola. Brian



Brian Hess



Earl Good, left, and Ralph Griffith were among the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree winners at the Grassland FFA Chapter banquet held recently.

has been the recipient of many Foundation Awards for his on-farm work, swine proficiency, and farm mechanics ability. According to Brian's agricultural teacher, Clifford Day, Brian has raised top quality hogs, showing them at several shows. Brian has also sold his hogs to other members, who have done well with them on the farm as well as at shows. Second Vice President and County FFA delegate Chris Herr was named the Star Red Rose Farmer. Chris has raised and shown many outstanding sheep, along with raising top quality hogs. His current project includes a steer. The son of Dr. Robert and Betty Herr, Narvon R2, Chris is also very active within school. Gerald Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Martin, Blue Ball, was awarded the Star Red Rose Agribusinessman.

Gerald works for Shady Maple Farmers Market in East Earl. His work experience includes everything from stocking the shelves to harvesting produce. He is also an active member carrying many projects. Barbara Herr, daughter of Dr. Robert and Betty Herr, Narvon R2, was cited as the Star Chapter Farmer. Barbara is an outstanding shepherdess, showing breeding and market sheep at most of the top shows. She also does well with her hogs and is very active in the chapters committee work. Barbara was also the recipient of the sheep production and soil and water management Foundation Awards. She placed fifth in the FFA land judging contest held at Penn State. Charles Zimmerman, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, Blue Ball, received two honors at the banquet. He was named Star Chapter Farmer Agribusinessman and Agricultural Sales and Service Foundation Award winner. Charles has worked for J.B. Zimmerman Hardware store. He has also won medals for his County record books. Charles was selected for his outstanding off-farm work experience. David Mull received the Star Greenhand Production award for his market hogs and activities. David is the ninth grade FFA president. He also raised about 100 hogs this past year. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mull, Churchtown. Another winner of the Star

Greenhand Production award was Dennis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Weaver, New Holland. Dennis is the ninth grade FFA secretary. He has raised hogs, and veal calves. He also participated in the creed and public speaking contests. Kevin Zimmerman, silver medal winner in poultry judging at Penn State last Summer, was the recipient of the poultry production Foundation Award. Kevin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Zimmerman, Denver, also placed fourth in the Eastern States Exposition poultry judging contest. Working for New Holland

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