

Penny Bicksler sweeps Tulpehocken FFA awards

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Celebrating the 37th year of the Tulpehocken FFA, members and guests honored outstanding achievers during their annual banquet held Monday at the Bernville Grange.

Receiving a larger than anticipated share of the coveted awards was Penny Bicksler, Richland Rd. The daughter of Mr and Mrs. Ray Bicksler, Richland, Penny was presented with the Star Chapter Farmer degree, and DeKalb Award. She also received a silver medal and trophy for dairy judging accomplishments and a stick pin from the chapter. Penny is the treasurer of the Tulpehocken FFA.

Star Greenhand was

awarded to William Lesh, Bernville, while Star Chapter Agribusinessman was bestowed upon Barry Zegler, chapter president Zegler, R1 Richland, also received a plaque for being the retiring president, and a medal for placing fourth in the project book contest for 1000 to 1500 hours.

Other awards were presented as follows: Salesmanship and public speaking - Laura Miller, Bernville; Public speaking - Ray Hershey, Bethel; farm mechanics - Gary Parker, Bernville; State Project Book Gold Medals - Chris Koffman, Rehrersburg, and Ronald Swope, Bernville.

Project Book Contest Winners were: Jay Nolts, Bethel; Mark Light, Womelsdorf; Chris Kiff-

man, Mike Hoffert, Bernville; Barry Zegler, and Ron Swope.

FFA locks were presented to freshman girls by the chapter. Recipients were: Dawn Bicksler, Donna Stump, and Kelli LaFollette, all of Bernville. An FFA stick pin was also presented to Laura Miller for her services to the chapter

State Secretary, Kathy Jones, of the Philadelphia FFA Chapter, and State Eastern-Regional Vice-President Daryl Schafer addressed the local FFA members

Honorary Degrees were bestowed upon Nancy Long, Bernville; and Ed Crum, math teacher, also of Bernville. Long was the Adult advisor for the FFA float committee.



Award recipients, from left, were Gary Parker, farm mechanics; Laura Miller, public speaking and salesmanship; Ron Swope, State Project book gold medal winner; and Chris Koffman, State Project Book Gold Medal winner.



Barry Zegler, president and Star Agribusinessman, left; Penny Bicksler, Richland - Star Chapter Farmer; and William Lesh, Bernville, Star Chapter Greenhand were honored at Tulpehocken FFA.

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