

Berks FFA honors Greist and Imes

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KUTZTOWN — Members of the Berks County FFA Chapter, representing the six local chapters of the county gathered recently at the Kutztown Grange Hall here for their annual banquet.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of awards to members achieving success in county competition throughout the year. But perhaps the most meaningful awards presented were the County Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman Degrees.

Receiving these honors were the County President, Howard Greist of Twin Valley FFA - County Star Farmer, and the County Vice-President, Steven Imes of Oley FFA - County Star Agribusinessman.

Greist also received awards in the form of trophies for County Agronomy and first place in extemporaneous speaking in the county contest, edging out his rival, in the latter competition, Bruce Latshaw.

Imes also received a trophy for public speaking. He was first in the county contest for general speaking.

Other star awards were presented as follows: Star Chapter Farmers - Henry Noss, Conrad Weiser; Allan Rohrbach, Hamburg; Dean Bruno, Kutztown; Scott Hauseman, Oley; and Penny Bicksler, Tulpehocken.

Star Chapter Agribusinessman - Debbie Miller, Conrad Weiser; Keith Flicker, Kutztown; Barry Zeigler, Tulpehocken; and Thomas Kirk, Twin Valley.

Star Chapter Greenhands were: Scott Troutman, Conrad Weiser; Todd Miller, Hamburg; Mark Latshaw, Kutztown; Phillip LeVan, Oley; William Leshner, Tulpehocken; and Pam Trostle, Twin Valley.

Other trophy recipients included the following: small engines - team - Kutztown - Dean Bruno and Keith Flicker; individuals, Dean Bruno. Salesmanship - Henry Noss, Conrad Weiser; Interview - Larry Shrawder, Kutztown; Land Judging - 1. Larry Grumbine, Tulpehocken; 2. Ernest Gelsinger, Conrad Weiser; 3. David Schaeffer, Conrad Weiser; land judging team -

Conrad Weiser; forestry - David Kramer, Conrad Weiser; swine show-fitting - Henry Noss; showmanship - Scott Stoltzfus, Twin Valley; reserve champion - Marjorie Faust, Kutztown; grand champion - Tim Stoltzfus, Twin Valley.

County Greenhand contest - Joe Gingrich, Conrad Weiser; Chapter Farmer contest - Mike Mertz, Kutztown; wildlife - Martin Miller, Twin Valley; orienteering - Marc Leinbach, Conrad Weiser; corn yield - Roger Stoltzfus, Twin Valley; corn quality - George Sattazahn, Tulpehocken; corn silage - Eric Wright - Twin Valley; wheat - Ernest Gelsinger; alfalfa hay - Chris Bear, Kutztown; dairy judging - 1. Scott Hauseman, Oley; 2. Tim Kurtz, Twin Valley; 3. Steve Snyder, Twin Valley; agronomy - Gerald Haas, Kutztown; pleasure horse - Linda Robinson, Twin Valley; dairy foods - Don Kercher, Twin Valley; meats - Donna Devine, Twin Valley; agriculture mechanics - Dean Bruno; basketball - senior team, Kutztown; junior team, Conrad Weiser; volley ball - senior team, Conrad Weiser; junior team, Conrad Weiser; scrapbook - Twin Valley.

Awards for county project books went as follows: poultry - Kutztown FFA; rabbits - Marlowe Greis, Kutztown; dairy calf - Steven Kearns, Twin Valley; dairy herd - Kevin Sattazahn, Conrad Weiser; beef finishing - Ellen Kamp, Kutztown; swine breeding - Brian Schaeffer, Conrad Weiser; field corn - Brian LeVan, Oley; horses - Linda Robinson; garden - Doug Zimmerman, Conrad Weiser; swine finishing - Tim Stoltzfus; wildlife - Michael Eshenour, Oley; 2 enterprise - Mark Bruno, Kutztown; 3 enterprise - Ted Kleinsmith, Kutztown; 4 enterprise - Dean Bruno; 5 and 6 enterprise - Daryl Kunkel, Kutztown; work Experience (0-400 hours) Tom McDermott, Twin Valley; (600-1,000 hours) Deborah Miller, Conrad Weiser; 1,000-1,500 hours - Ronald Swope, Tulpehocken; 1,500-2,000 hours - Tom Kearns; Twin Valley; over 2,000 hours - Tom Kirk, Twin Valley.

Public Speaking awards, other than the two

previously mentioned included: general - 2. Deborah Miller; 3. Michael Mertz; extemporaneous - 2. Bruce Latshaw, Kutztown; 3. Richard Hershberger, Kutztown; conservation - 1. Steven Kearns, 2. Bruce Latshaw, 3. Roger Stoltzfus

The top county parliamentary procedures team was Twin Valley. Debbie Miller of Conrad Weiser was chosen as the Berks County FFA Princess, she will participate in the state FFA contest held later this year.

Honorary Degrees were bestowed upon: Kenneth Heimbach, and Stephen

Miller, vocational agriculture teachers; Duane Pysker, ASCS; and Heindel Farms, owned by George and Glenn Seidel, Robesonia, by the county officers.

Receiving letters of appreciation were; Mary Ann Rimby of Berks County Conservation District, Mr. and Mrs. David Steigerwald, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gelsinger.

Charles Suloff for Berks-Lehigh Production Credit presented awards sponsored by his association to two FFA members keeping good records. Receiving the County award was Ernest

Gelsinger, while the Regional Award was presented to Dean Bruno.

Gelsinger was cited placing second in the state land judging contest held last June at Penn State. He along with his advisor,

Stephen Miller will be participating in the national contest being held this week in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as a member of the Pennsylvania FFA land judging team. Miller is serving as the team coach.

New Holland Baby Beef Club sees slides

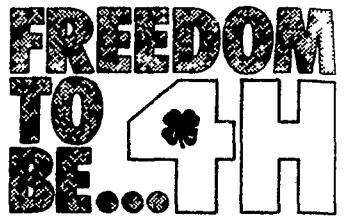
NEW HOLLAND — The New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club met last Friday at the Terre Hill Silo Co.

Roll call was answered by each member giving a report on their steer.

Speaker for the evening was Leon Weaver, a veterinarian from California who was a former 4-H member. He showed slides on California scenery and

farms.

The club's next meeting will be held Friday, May 16. Reported by Stephanie Yost.



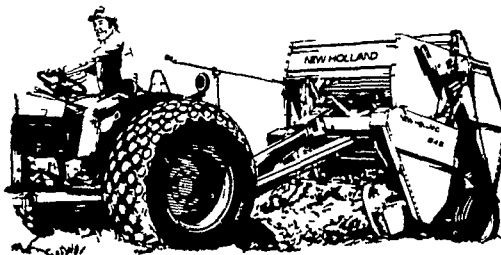
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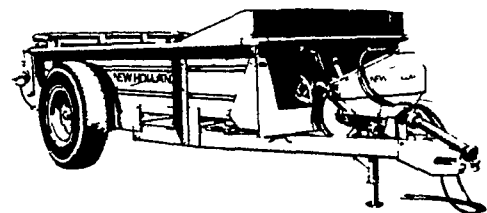
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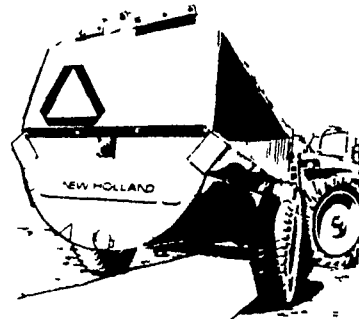
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