

## Annual Little Dutchmen FFA banquet is held

LEBANON — Awards for outstanding activities of Little Dutchmen FFA members during the past year were awarded at the chapter's annual banquet held in the cafeteria of Annville-Cleona High School on Thursday, March 26.

Among the top recipients of awards were Todd Fies, Star Greenhand; Jeff Reigel, Star Chapter Farmer; and Kerry Morton, Star Agribusinessman.

The Chapter Leadership Award went to Henry Martin and the Chapter Scholarship to Jeff Reigel, who also won the DeKalb Award.

Foundation award recipients to recognize proficiency in various areas of activity include Dawn Dohner and Mel Keller, sheep production; Brian Tshudy, crop production; Jeff Reigel, poultry

production; Ginger Sowers, horse production; Sam Howard, Daryl Balmer and Kerry Morton, placement in ag production; Henry Martin, home improvement; Brian Sell, beef production; Daryl Balmer, dairy production; Don Baer, fruit production; Beth Young, ag mechanics; Jean Morton, swine production; Jeff Reigel, soil and water production; Kerry Morton and Brian McFeaters, wildlife.

State Project Book Contest gold winners Melodye Keller, sheep breeding; Dawn Dohner, sheep breeding; Ed Hostetter, veal; Robert Kreider, poultry; Daryl Balmer, work experience; Donald Baer, tree fruits; Gary Mase, dairy herd; David Bomgardner, dairy herd; Henry Martin, home improvement; Robert Kreider,

two enterprise; Daryl Balmer, two enterprise.

Silver awards Brian Sell, veal, and Jeff Reigel, poultry.

Bronze awards Sam Howard, work experience; Brian Sell, work experience; and Stuart Lemon, tasks and skills.

Greenhand contest winners included Todd Fies and Tim Teahl, tied for first; and Rodney Shuey, eighth. Placements in the Creed Contest were Todd Fies, second; and Daryl Heller, sixth.

County project book contest winners: Blue ribbons — Daryl Balmer, work experience; Bob Kreider, two enterprise; Daryl Balmer, two enterprise; Jean Morton, swine marketing; Dawn Dohner, sheep breeding; Brian Hartman, garden; Brian Sell, veal; Ed Hostetter, veal; Henry Martin, home improvement; Jeff Reigel, poultry; Don Baer, tree fruits; and Jeff Reigel, soybeans.

County red ribbons — Brian McFeaters, work experience; Kerry Morton, work experience; Sam Howard, work experience; Stuart Lemon, tasks and skills; Beth Young, tasks and skills.

County white ribbons — Brian Sell and Steve Hostetter, work experience; Brian Tshudy, two

enterprise; Wendy Meyer, market hogs; Kerry Morton, trapping. Melodye Keller, horses; Ginger Sowers, horses; and Jim Graves, home improvement.

The Kiwanis calf was awarded to Ed Hostetter and the chapter market hog to Daryl Heller.

Keystone Farmer Degree recipients were Kerry Morton and Jeff Reigel.

Other awards winners included Henry Martin, the Eleanor Witmeyer Leadership Award; Steve Hostetter, Chapter Trap Shoot, Donald Baer, Bologna sales and citrus sales; Jean Morton, state chorus award; Stuart Lemon, state band award; Jay Bomgardner, the American Farmer Degree; and Ed Hostetter, the chapter tractor driving award.

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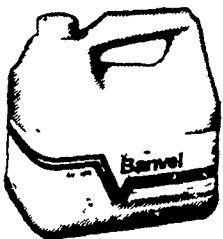
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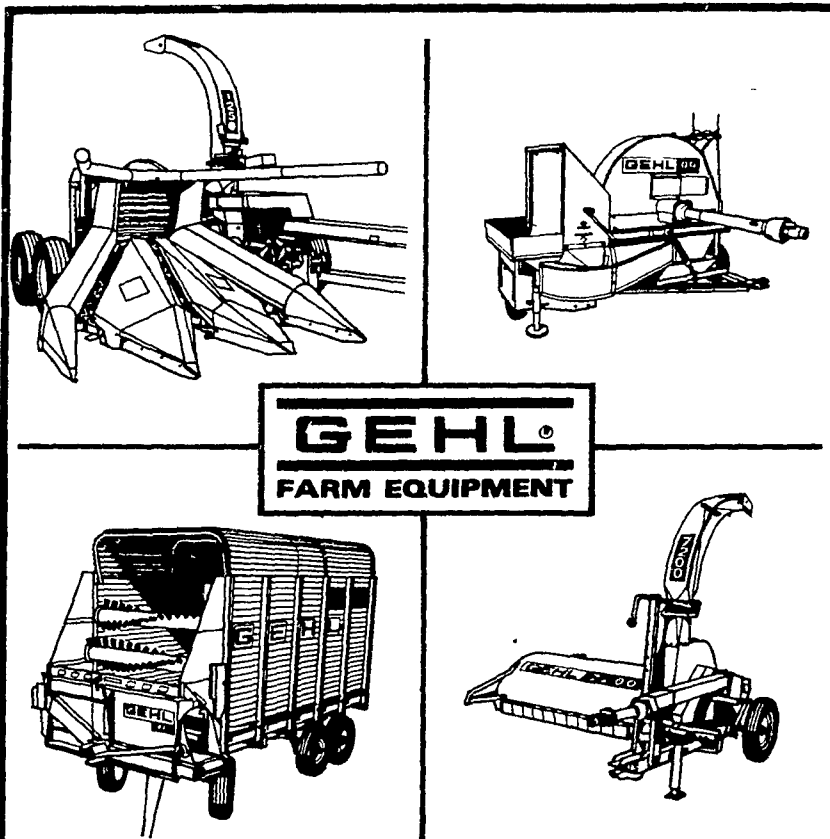
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