

## Cloister FFA pumpkin contest a 'whopping' success

EPHRATA — The Cloister FFA Chapter's pumpkin contest in the Ephrata Area School District was a "whopping" success.

Pumpkins ranging up to just about as big and heavy as some of the contestants were raised in this year's contest.

Grand prize winner with the biggest - a 50-lb. globular monster - was Kenny Zeyak, of the Lincoln Elementary School.

In all, 63 students from sixth grades throughout the Ephrata Area School District took part in the contest.

Last spring, the Cloister FFA Chapter distributed seeds and planting instructions to all fifth graders in the district. The students were encouraged to raise their pumpkins and enter two of them in the contest.

Categories of competition included the biggest pumpkin and the best shaped. Ribbons were awarded for the first through sixth placings and trophies to all first-place winners.

Winners in the six elementary schools:

**Highland Elementary**  
Heaviest — Amy Noller, 1. Shawn Lindberg, 2. Debby Good, 3. Brian Dissinger, 4. Troy Leed, 5. Vicki Gehr, 6. Best shaped — Shawn Lindberg, 1. Tracy Fishel, 2. Wendy Stover, 3. James Fishel, 4. Debby Good, 5. and Tammy Killian, 6.

**Akron Elementary**  
Heaviest - Heather Zimmerman, 1; Jennifer Hoffman, 2; Amy Roper, 3; Larry Buehler 4; Andy Ayers, 5; Scott Lintz, 6. Best Shaped — Keri Eckert, 1; Jennifer Hoffman, 2; Andy Ayers, 3; Larry Buehler, 4; Scott Lantz, 5; Amy Roper, 6.

**Clay Elementary**  
Heaviest — Lori Gibble, 1; Tracy Martin, 2; Sherry Sweigart, 3; Denise Roether, 4; Diana Zimmerman, 5; J.J. Boggs, 6. Best Shaped — Tracy Worley, 1; Sherry Sweigart, 2; Eric Usner, 3; Suzanne Horst, 4; Diana Zimmerman, 5; Tracy Zimmerman, 6.



Participants in the Cloister FFA pumpkin contest include, front row kneeling from left, Amy Noller; Laurie Gibble, Kenny Zeyak, Beth Haws and Heather Zimmerman. Standing, from the left, are James Bollinger, chapter co-chairman;

Shawn Lindberg, Tracy Worley, Amy Pinkerton, Johnnona Gonzales, Heidi Hortna, Kori Eckert and Russell Ackley, co-chairman.

**Bergstrasse Elementary**  
Heaviest — Heidi Fortny, 1; Janice Burkholder, 2; Pamela Rapchunski, 3; Katrina Gonzales, 5; Bobby Snyder, 6. Best Shaped — Heidi Fortny, 1; Pamela Rapchunski, 2; Katrina Gonzales, 3; Janice Burkholder, 5; Bobby Snyder, 6.

**Fulton Elementary**  
Heaviest — Beth Haws, 1; Carol Hollinger, 2. Best Shaped — Johanna Gonzales, 1; Carol Hollinger, 2; Beth Haws, 3.

**Lincoln Elementary**  
Heaviest — Kenny Zeyak, 1; Mike Hurst, 2; Donna Becker, 3; Rodney Good, 4; Carol Horst, 5; Jill Weaver, 6. Best Shaped — Amy Pinkerton, 1; Stacy Dickerschied, 2; Mike Horst, 3; Kevin Weaver, 4; Shawn Eberly, 5; and Eric Maxwell, 6.

### 3 Twin Valley FFA'ers enter competition

ELVERSON — Three members of the Twin Valley FFA chapter entered competition in Pennsylvania FFA Agricultural Proficiency Award Programs.

Applications were submitted last spring to the state FFA office for judging. More than 100,000 FFA members compete annually in local proficiency award programs in 22 different areas. The best local applications are then submitted to each state FFA office for state competition. State winners compete for regional honors in the four national FFA regions.

Finally, each regional winner travels to Kansas City, Missouri to compete for national honors. Twenty-seven companies provide awards to those individuals who earn state and national competitions.

Twin Valley was represented in Pa. competition by Linda Robinson, of R3 Elverson, who submitted a horse proficiency application. A 1980 Twin Valley graduate, she is currently attending Williamsport Community College where she is studying floriculture. Linda has had Arabian horses as her FFA project and was also the 1980 winner of the Pennsylvania FFA Pleasure Horse Judging contest.

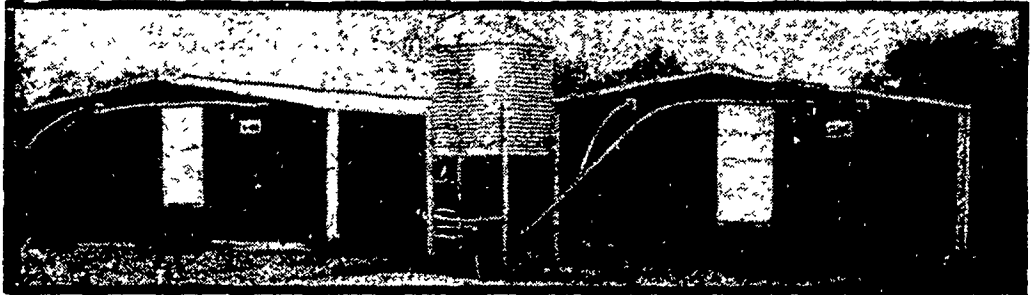
Howard Griest III submitted applications in two areas - agricultural mechanics and crop production. Howard, of R1, Honey Brook, served as chapter

President for two years and Berks County FFA President. He has had field corn, small grain, and hay projects as well as dairy and beef cattle. Howard, also a 1980 Twin Valley graduate, has rebuilt and repaired several tractors and pieces of farm equipment as well as done wiring and concrete work. He received second place in the Pa. FFA small gasoline engines contest in 1978.

Tom Kirk, also a 1980 Twin Valley graduate, submitted an application in agricultural processing. Tom, of R1, Honey Brook, is employed in the meat cutting and processing phase of his family's business. Tom has participated in state meat judging competition as well as having been a member of the Pa. FFA band.



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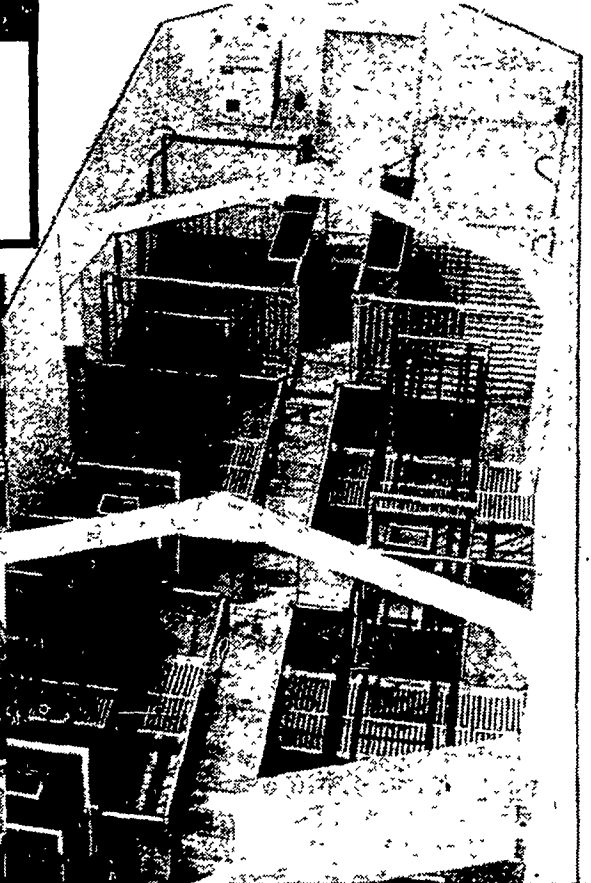
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