

Pequea Valley FFA holds annual awards banquet

BIRD-IN-HAND — Parents, members and supporters of the Pequea Valley FFA Chapter gathered at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant Thursday, March 25, for the chapter's annual awards banquet.

Among the top award winners honored at the banquet were Ron Groff, Star Greenhand; and Bob Buohl, Chapter Star Farmer.

"It was a very difficult selection for the Star Greenhand honor," remarked Clair Witwer, chapter advisor who presided over the awards portion of the program.

"The competition was very close among four first-year candidates."

In making the presentation, he also paid tribute to the other three

chapter members who also scored high in the Greenhand competition — Ed McQueen, Randy Groff and Blaine Stoltzfus.

Foundation awards for top proficiency in specific areas of agriculture included:

Mark Frey, ag sales and service; Eric Wanner, dairy production; Jeff Feister, diversified livestock; Brian McCauley, ornamental horticulture; Ron Groff, placement in agricultural production; Ken Skowood, sheep production; and Mike McCauley, swine production.

Awards were also presented to the top participants in two chapter activities conducted by members. Last fall, the Pequea Valley



Among proficiency award winners of the Pequea Valley FFA are, from the left, Mark Frey, ag sales and service; Eric Wanner, dairy production; Brian McCauley, ornamental

horticulture; Jeff Feister, diversified livestock; Ken Skowood, sheep production; Mike McCauley, swine production; and Ron Groff, placement in ag production.



Recipients of Star Awards at the banquet of the Pequea Valley FFA are, Bob Buohl, left, Chapter Star Farmer; and Ron Groff, Star Greenhand.

Chapter participated in a Fall Harvest Safety Promotion. Activities included the distribution of safety materials at restaurants and other places of business where farmers gather and the placement of safety stickers on machinery used for harvesting.

Among the top three chapter members who participated in the promotion were Blaine Stoltzfus, first; Craig Weaver, second, and Ed McQueen, third.

Overall, the Pequea Valley Chapter was among the top 10 FFA chapters in Pennsylvania who participated in the Fall Harvest Safety Promotion program.

The other chapter activity was the annual fund-raising sale of

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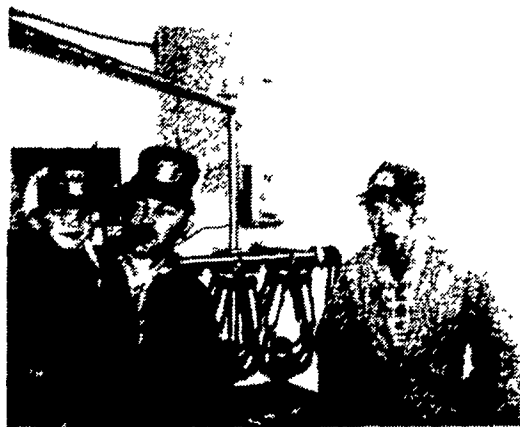


Award winners in special events conducted by Pequea Valley FFA are, from the left, Craig Weaver, second in Fall Harvest Safety and Citrus Sales; Randy Groff, first in citrus; Blaine Stoltzfus, first in safety and third in citrus; and Ed McQueen, third in safety.



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