

Grassland Environmental FFA holds banquet

BLUE BALL — The Grassland Environmental FFA honored the achievements of its outstanding members Thursday, April 1, at the chapter's annual parent-member banquet in the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

The banquet was attended by some 220 members, parents and friends of the Garden Spot High School chapter.

Among the award winners were the four "star" honorees, who were selected as the top participants in the chapter program during the past year.

The Star Greenhand Awards went to Julie Hess, agribusiness; and Kevin Martin, agricultural production.

Their counterparts at the Star Chapter Degree Award level were Mike Weaver, agricultural resources; and Lamar King, agribusiness.

In addition to the presentation of awards to recognize achievement in specific areas, The Greenhand, Chapter and Keystone Degrees were conferred on qualifying members of the chapter.

Attending from the Pennsylvania FFA Association was Doug Hershberger, of the Solanco Chapter, state president.

Foundation awards were received by chapter members who

displayed top proficiency in a number of agricultural areas. These include:

Ninth graders — Gina Black, poultry marketing; Brian Hurst, sheep production; Kevin Martin, diversified livestock production

Tenth graders — Lamar King, forestry management; Julie Pry, horse management.

Eleventh graders — John Sweigart Jr., fish and wildlife management; Maria Lorah, outdoor recreation; Julie Hollinger, placement in agribusiness.

Twelfth graders — D. Craig Fox, agricultural processing; Pam Hoffman, agricultural sales; Lowell Graybill, swine production.

Alumni — Doug Dosch, nursery operations.

Several special chapter awards were also presented.

Mike Kunkle was named the chapter's Champion Hunter and Steve Shirk was named Champion Trapper.

State record book contest winners were Maria Lorah, a silver medal in directed laboratory experience and a bronze in sheep production, and Pam Hoffman, a bronze for a horse production project.



Among special award winners at banquet of Grassland Environmental FFA are, from the left, Mike Weaver, second in Southeast Division Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Mike

Kunkle, champion hunter; Lamar King, second in State Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Steve Shirk, champion trapper; and John Sweigart, first in Division competition.

Ted Fox, District Game Protector, presented awards on behalf of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Recipients included Lamar King, a second at the state level for wildlife habitat improvement; John Sweigart Jr., first; and Mike Weaver, second, in the Southeast Division in the same competition. King was also honored as the first-place winner in the Lancaster County Wildlife Contest.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to nine persons who cooperated with the chapter in various ways. These include June Unruh, of the Garden Spot High School secretarial staff; Helen Good, Guidance Dept. secretary; Dr. and Mrs. C. Darrell Lane, owners of the Nature Center site; Gladys Kring, president of the Brecknock Women's Club; Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension director; Ron Martin, vocational agriculture student teacher; Dick Anglestein, Lancaster Farming; and Matt Schnader, alumni supporter.

Honorary Chapter Degrees were awarded to Ted Fox, District Game Protector; William Houck,



Star Greenhand award winners from Grassland Environmental FFA, shown with chapter president John Sweigart, center, are Julie Hess, agribusiness; and Kevin Martin, ag production.

of the Beartown Sportsman Club; and Mr. and Mrs. John Sweigart Sr., parents of the chapter president.

Eugene Bowman, area

naturalist, narrated a slide presentation of scenic locations in the Lancaster and surrounding region, stressing the variety of wildlife and plant life.—DA



Appearing with Doug Hershberger, State FFA Association president, right, are Grassland Environmental FFA Star Chapter Degree award winners, Mike Weaver, left, and Lamar King, agribusiness.

Owen J. Roberts FFA presents awards

POTTSTOWN — the 27th annual Future Farmers of America banquet of The Owen J. Roberts High School was held March 25 in the high school cafeteria with approximately 300 people, including FFA members and families, faculty, administration, and other members of the community attending.

Steven March, Chapter President, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank March, Jr., of Rt. 1, Glenmoore, PA, was awarded the Neal R. Burtner Award, which is awarded by the Young Farmers of Owen J. Roberts in honor of former Agriculture teacher, Neal R. Burtner. He was also awarded the State FFA Degree Award.

Michael Jankowski, Chapter Vice-President, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jankowski, of Rt. 2, Blackhorse Lane, Chester Springs, was awarded the Star Chapter Farmer Award and bronze medal for his State Production Project Book.

David March, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. March, of Rt. 401 Finney Rd., Glenmoore, was awarded the Star Chapter Greenhand Award and the High Citrus Salesman Award.

Lane S. Keen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane Keen, Sr. of Rt. 1, Glenmoore, was awarded the American Farmer Degree Award.

April Plumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Plumley, of Rt. 1, Pottstown, was awarded the State

FFA Degree Award and the Dairy Trophy Award

Eric Mienzenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mienzenger, of 1207 Township Lane Rd., Phoenixville, was awarded the State FFA Degree Award and a gold medal for Working for Experience Project.

Thomas Roth, Chapter Treasurer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roth, of Star Route, Pottstown, was awarded the State FFA Degree Award and the FFA National Foundation Medal for Public Speaking.

Joel Sweinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar Sweinhart, of 1493 St. Peters Rd., Pottstown, was awarded the Vegetable Gardening Trophy Award and a silver medal for his State Production Project Book.

Carl Walters, son of Mrs. Janice Walters, of Spring City, was awarded the Working for Experience Award (off farm).

Ken Adams, Chapter Chaplain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams, of Rt. 1, Elliswoods Rd., Pottstown, was awarded the Working for Experience Award (on farm) and a bronze medal for his Working for Experience Project.

Darrell Guest, chapter Sentinel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Guest, of Rt. 2, Pottstown, was awarded the Corn Trophy Award, First Place.

Todd Berry, Chapter Advisor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry, of Grove Road, Elverson, was

awarded the Corn Trophy Award, Second Place

Kathy Madden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Madden, of Rt. 2, Hottecker Rd., Phoenixville, was awarded the Horse Trophy Award

Chris Soltys, Chapter Secretary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Soltys, Jr., of 876 New Schuykill Rd., Spring City, was awarded the Swine Trophy Award and a silver medal for her State Production Project Book

Leslie Scholfield, Chapter

Reporter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Schofield of 1175 Sheephill Rd., Pottstown, was awarded the Dairy Trophy Award

James Mowerer, son of Mr. Richard Mowerer, of Rt. 42 Lake Drive, Spring City, was awarded the FFA National Foundation Medal for Diversified Livestock Production and a silver medal for his State Production Project Book.

Steven Petry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Petry, of New Town Square was awarded the FFA

National Foundation Medal for Agriculture Mechanics.

Todd Bitler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans Bitler, of Rt. 1, Elverson, was awarded a bronze medal for his Working for Experience Project.

The awards presentations were made by Chester Raught, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Owen J. Roberts High School and Ms. Elaine Bluestein, student Agriculture teacher.

Kutztown wins contest

KUTZTOWN — Kutztown FFA Chapter continued its domination of the Berks County FFA Parliamentary Procedure contest.

Members of the first-place Kutztown team are President Mark Latshaw, Vice President Richard Savidge, Secretary Beata Shaffer, Treasurer David Rice, Reporter Micheal Mertz, Sentinel Steve Mertz, Chaplain Heidi Springer and Junior Advisor Andy Zollers.

Placing second was the Conrad Weiser Team of President Scott Troutman, Vice President Brian Schaffer, Secretary Troy Cox, Treasurer Charles Nolt, Reporter Paulene Noss, Sentinel Mike Miller, Chaplain John Stauffer and Junior Advisor Ronald Nolt.

In third place was the Twin

Valley team of President Scott Stoltzfus, Vice President Brenda Werner, Secretary David Noyes, Treasurer Bertha Zerr, Reporter Lisa Yoder, Sentinel William Kirk, Chaplain Kevin Griest, and Junior Advisor Diane Stoltzfus.

Judges for the contest were Robert Kramer, from F.M. Brown feeds; Ernest Orr, vocational

agriculture teacher at Ephrata High School; and Jeff Stoltzfus, Eastern regional vice-president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. The first two teams in the country contest will advance to tri-county competition — the next step on the road to the state contest



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