

350 gather for Lehigh County FFA banquet

SCHNECKSVILLE — Some 350 members, parents, guests and supporters of the Lehigh County FFA gathered last Saturday night for the chapter's 11th annual awards banquet at the Lehigh County Vo-Tech School.

Following chapter tradition, the family-style meal featured student-raised products and other foodstuffs grown in Lehigh County.

Highlight of the awards presentations was the honoring of those members of the chapter who were selected as the outstanding "Star" participants during the past year's program.

Among these were:

Star Greenhands — Leslie Lazarus, agricultural production; Lori Rohrbach, floriculture; Stephen Ortiz, horticulture.

Star Chapter Farmers — Brian Dietrich, agricultural production; Dawn Bloch, floriculture; and Greg Kloss, horticulture.

Star Agribusiness — Cathy Fiske, agricultural production; and Debra Osika, floriculture.

Recipients of Foundation Awards and their areas of achievement include:

Kenneth Widrig, ag processing; Gary George, beef production; Brian Dietrich, creed contest; Jason Danweber, crop production; Brian Dietrich, dairy production; Dale Kressley, diversified

livestock; Annette Gehringer, floriculture; Nancy Kressley, vegetable production.

Also, Cathy Kozero and Cindy Clymer, horse proficiency; Ralph Wood, ornamental horticulture; Steve Ortiz, horticulture design; Dawn Bloch, public speaking; Michael Koehler, sheep production; Leslie Lazarus, swine production; Dennis Trexler, soil management; and Greg Kloss, tree and turf.

Greetings from the State FFA Association were extended by Doug Hershberger, of the Solanco Chapter, Lancaster County, state president; and Glenn Wenger, of the ELCO Chapter, Lebanon County, state vice president.

The state officers also presented Keystone Degrees to three chapter members Cheryl Bobey, Gail Schaffer and Michael Koehler. The program also featured the presentation of chapter degrees.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees to honor their support of the chapter went to William Albert, Dr. Karl Dutt, Joseph Kach, Herbert Katz, Tony Mazziotta, Donald Poh, James Snell and Joseph Smar.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by the chapter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mattern, Mr.



Top honorees among members of the Lehigh County FFA Chapter are, from the left, Gregg Kloss, secretary and Star Chapter Farmer in horticulture; Dawn Bloch, vice president and

Mrs. Eugene Kloss, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koehler, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Trexler, Mr. and Mrs.



Star Chapter Farmer in floriculture; and Brian Dietrich, president and Star Chapter Farmer in ag production.

Sterling Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pattishall, Donald Reinert, Kenneth Heimbach, Gerald Struckler, Carl Mengel, Frank Moyer, Sandra Daniels, Tom Waidelich, Robert Leby and David Dunbar.

State Rep. Donald Snyder, of the 134th District, was guest speaker.

The meal was prepared and served by the Junior Restaurant Association under Dean Ritter, foods preparation instructor at the vo-tech school.



Lehigh County FFA's Star Greenhands, who were honored at last Saturday night's banquet, include, from the left, Stephen Ortiz, horticulture; Lori Rohrbach, floriculture; and Leslie Lazarus, ag production.



Gathered around podium at Lehigh County's FFA annual awards banquet are, from the left, Doug Hershberger, State FFA Association president; Brian Dietrich, chapter president; Frederic Stillwagen, chapter advisor; and Glenn Wenger, state vice president.

Cloister FFA chapter honors top members

EPHRATA — The Cloister FFA Chapter of Ephrata Area High School held its 21st annual awards banquet on Friday, March 26, at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall. Highlight of the evening was the



Six "Stars" of the Cloister FFA include, from the left, Nevin Horning, Star Greenhand in agribusiness; Tom High, Star Chapter Farmer in ag production; Jim Zimmerman, Star Greenhand in ag production; Jeff Martin, Star Chapter Agribusinessman; Dave Smith, Star Red Rose Farmer; and Nevin Hoover, Star Red Rose Agribusinessmen.

presentation of various awards to chapter members for their outstanding achievements of the past year.

Topping this list were the six Star award winners who were selected as the leading chapter participants. They include:

Star Greenhands — J. Marvin Zimmerman, ag production; and Nevin Horning, agribusiness.

Star Chapter Farmer — Thomas High.

Star Chapter Agribusinessman — Jeffrey L. Martin.

Star Red Rose Farmer — David Smith.

Star Red Rose Agribusinessman — Nevin Hoover.

Foundation awards to recognize proficiency in specific agricultural areas were presented by advisors, Ernest Orr and Christine Adam. They include:

Galen Sauder, agricultural mechanics; Brian King, agricultural processing; Keith Martin, agricultural sales and service; James Musser, crop production; Richard Stauffer, crop production; James Bollinger, dairy production; Dwight Graybill, home improvement; Michael Garman, livestock

production; Timothy Pfautz, poultry production.

Stephen Smith, public speaking; Bruce Weaver, extemporaneous public speaking; Darryl Bollinger, sheep production; Mike Pfautz, swine production; Tammy

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National Proficiency Award winner in ag mechanics from the Cloister FFA is Ron Good.