

Warwick FFA chapter honors top members at banquet

BRICKERVILLE — More than 100 members, parents and friends of the Warwick FFA attended the chapter's annual awards banquet on Thursday, April 15, at the Brickerville Fire Hall.

In addition to the presentation of awards to the outstanding chapter members who excelled in various phases of the vocational agriculture program during the past year, the chapter's new officers for the coming year were introduced.

The chapter's retiring president Dean Long introduced the new officers to the banquet audience. They include:

Bart Tucker, who moved up to the president's post from his assignment as chaplain during the past year; Linda Ehrgood, who is serving as vice president after last year's post as student advisor; Dean Allison and Mark Seigford, who were renamed to their offices of secretary and treasurer respectively; Dave Spoo, who continues as sentinel; and new officers Harold Eberly, reporter; Mike Pfautz, student advisor; and Dave Wenger, chaplain.

Highlighting the awards portion of the program was the naming of the recipients of the chapter's three top awards:

Dave Wenger, who will serve as chaplain during the coming year, was named Star Greenhand as the outstanding first-year member of the chapter.

The counterpart award among upper class students, Chapter Star Farmer honors, went to Todd Miller, who was chapter vice

president during the past year.

The Commonwealth National Bank award to the chapter's overall outstanding member was presented to Dean Long, the retiring president.

In addition, FFA Foundation Awards to recognize top proficiency in specific agricultural areas were presented to nine students. They include:

Dean Allison, swine production; Dave Spoo, sheep production; Bart Tucker, beef production; Linda Ehrgood, placement in ag production; Darrell Snyder, diversified livestock; Doug Roth, fish and wildlife management; Mark Seigford, public speaking; Harold Eberly, ag mechanics; and Scott Rathkey, athletics.

Three chapter members were recognized for their attainment of the Lancaster County Red Rose Degree, including Dean Allison, Darrell Snyder and Dave Spoo. Also honored were the chapter's two state-level Keystone Degree winners — Dean Long and Todd Miller.

Presiding over the awards presentations were chapter advisors, Dale Gerber and Sonia Shaner.

Welcoming remarks were given by Harold Swisher, principal of Warwick High School.

Also featured in the evening's program was a discussion of reptiles by Lloyd Gerhart, of Ephrata. His discussion included the showing of a number of live specimens of snakes, including a copperhead, cobra, rattler and python.—DA



New officers of the Warwick FFA Chapter for the coming year include, from the left, Harold Eberly, reporter; Mike Pfautz, student advisor; Mark Seigford, treasurer; Bart Tucker, president; Linda Ehrgood, vice president; Dean Allison, secretary; Dave Spoo, sentinel; and Dave Wenger, chaplain.



Proficiency award winners from the Warwick FFA are, from the left, Darrell Snyder, diversified livestock; Todd Miller, Chapter Star Farmer; Mark Seigford, public speaking; Doug Roth, fish and wildlife management; Linda Ehrgood, placement in ag production; Bart Tucker, beef production; Dave Spoo, sheep production; Dean Allison, swine production; and Harold Eberly, ag mechanics.



Top three award winners honored at the Warwick FFA banquet are, from the left, Dave Wenger, Star Greenhand; Todd Miller, Chapter Star Farmer; and Dean Long, Commonwealth National Bank Award.

Conrad Weiser FFA'ers get awards

ROBESONIA — Two members of the Conrad Weiser FFA Chapter have been named major winners in the statewide Pennsylvania FFA Proficiency Awards competition.

Chapter member Henry Noss was named the state's top proficiency winner in swine production.

Garry Degler was named a third-place winner among FFA competitors from throughout the state in agricultural mechanics.

Noss, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noss, RD, Reading, has been involved in swine projects since entering the Conrad Weiser vocational agriculture program five years ago.

He had been honored for his swine projects at both the chap-



Henry Noss

ter's 1980 and 1981 awards banquets.

Five years ago as a Greenhand, he began his swine projects with a single market hog.

Today as a graduate of the vo-ag program at Conrad Weiser High School, he manages a 150-head herd in a farrow to finish operation on the family's home farm.

Among the areas of proficiency in which he excelled in his Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program in swine production were maintenance of a complete set of records of income and expenses, an inventory of hogs and related

equipment which are student-owned, a financial statement and knowledge of economical swine production techniques.

As the top winner of the State Swine Production Proficiency Award, Noss received a check for \$100. He will be presented a plaque at the FFA Mid-Winter Convention scheduled during Farm Show Week in January.

Noss will now participate in regional competition, which is followed by competition at the national level and the eventual selection of the top proficiency winner at the National Convention at Kansas City.

As a third-place state proficiency winner, Degler also capped a five-year FFA program of participation in ag mechanics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Degler, R5 Sinking Spring.

His program included work in the ag shop while in school and supervised work experience training at home and while employed at H. and H. Porter, Robesonia. His specific areas of proficiency included the construction of a trailer and equipment shed, as well as welding and small engine repair.

He was also honored previously at the chapter level for his ag mechanics proficiency. His third-place state award included a \$25 prize.

organizations will be notified when cheese shipments arrive at regional warehouses leased by the PDA to make distribution arrangements. Groups can begin giving out the cheese as soon as they receive it.

He added, "Pennsylvania has until July 1 to request more cheese if it is needed. Participating groups have been asked to indicate how much cheese they could realistically distribute in their areas so that the Department can make this determination."

PDA slates cheese give-away for May

HARRISBURG — State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hollowell recently announced that the Bureau of Government Donated Foods has ordered 2,083,200 pounds of processed American cheese from the United States Department of Agriculture for distribution to needy families and the elderly. The cheeses should begin arriving in Pennsylvania in early May.

Eligibility for the cheese has been expanded to include all senior citizens 65 or older and disabled veterans. Individuals, couples or families whose members qualify for public assistance, food stamps or medical assistance including Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income will also be eligible to receive cheese.

Hollowell said identification

cards for these programs or proof of age will be considered as proof of eligibility. Persons who have already received cheese are eligible to receive it again.

The cheese is part of 70 million additional pounds released by USDA following the first giveaway earlier this year. USDA originally allocated 30 million pounds of cheese for the program of which Pennsylvania received about 1.6 million pounds.

Hollowell indicated that the state's role in the program is as a middleman, receiving the cheese from the federal government and transferring it to volunteer organizations for distribution in five pound blocks to the end users.

"I want to compliment the organizations that participated in the first give-away effort,"

Hollowell said. "Their cooperation helped us avoid many problems faced by distribution efforts in other areas.

"We are working with these groups to iron out problems that did occur in an effort to insure that the distribution system in Pennsylvania is smooth and efficient," he added.

Hollowell said that PDA has solicited the help of county commissioners in locating additional organizations which might be willing and able to distribute cheese.

Regional food banks in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Erie and Westmoreland will participate in the program. They will receive cheese directly from USDA, and are planning distribution over a period of four to ten weeks. Other