

Blue Mountain FFA holds awards banquet

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ORWIGSBURG — "Don't look into the valley, look for your next goal," Bruck Latshaw, State FFA Chaplain, told the gathered FFA members and parents.

His remark summed up the attitudes of the FFA'ers at the Blue Mountain FFA Awards Banquet on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the high school in Orwigsburg.

Taking top honors of the evening was Jeff Shoener who was named Chapter Star Farmer. Transferring from Pine Grove in order to participate in the FFA program at Blue Mountain, this junior exemplified the qualities essential for the award.

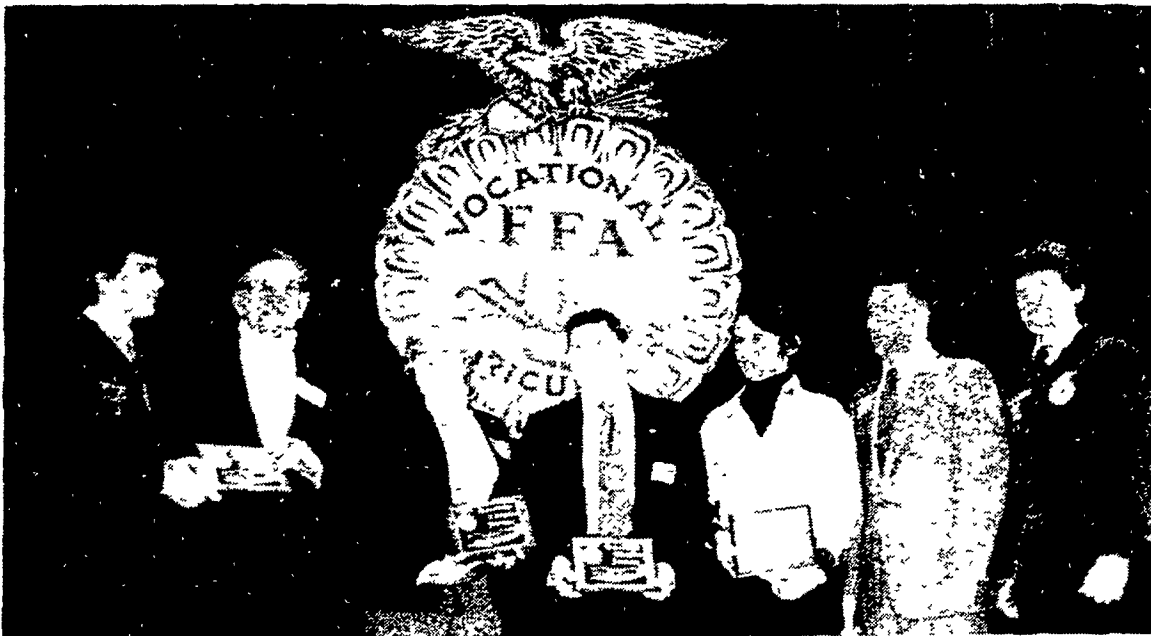
"Jeff had the best attitude, served on the most committees, and gave the most of himself," according to advisor, Charles Heim. Jeff also received a plaque for the first-place Foundation Award in crop production.

Two seniors who previously had received the Keystone Farmer

award in Harrisburg, were again honored for their achievements. Karl Heffner, and Kevin Brown, representing the 2½% of the total state membership to achieve the Keystone degree, received gold pins. Karl, president of the chapter, "helped hold the group together and pulled us in one direction," stated Heim. Karl received 2nd place on the county level for his 5 enterprises in dairy. Kevin, with aspirations of becoming a game warden, was awarded the bronze pin for the state award in Wildlife Management.

Continuing the program, Heim introduced a pair of brothers who appear to "go to bed with the battery charger on." Tom Fidler, described as "always beaming with energy," by Heim, received the Foundation Award in Agricultural Mechanics. Tom is also Chaplain of the Chapter. His brother, "the other battery charger," Ron Fidler, was

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Honorary Chapter members honored by the Blue Mountain FFA at annual banquet include, from the left, Karl Heffner, chapter president; Paul Snyder, member of the local ag advisory board; Mrs. Charles Heim, Carl Brown, Dave Hunsinger, Conservation District; Ralph Heffner, and Bruce Latshaw, State Chaplain.

Pa. FFA lists state project contest winners

HARRISBURG — Lancaster County FFA members were edged by Somerset in the number of Gold Medals, but garnered the highest number of total medals in the 1983 State Project Book Contest.

In the number of gold medals, Somerset FFA'ers received 14; while Lancaster was just behind in the runnerup spot with 13. Lebanon FFA'ers were third with 10.

In total medals — gold, silver and bronze — Lancaster captured the most with 41. Lebanon moved up to the runnerup spot in total medals with 39 and Somerset was third with 32.

A total of 998 books were entered in the contest and judged.

Winners in the various categories with their medals and school identification include:

- Small Grain & Silage**
Gold 1 Roger Kenall Fort Cherry Silver 1 Jeff Reigel Annville Cleona, Bronze 1 Kevin Mong Waynesboro
- Floral Designs**
Gold 1 Ann Glessner Lackawanna Co AVTS Silver 1 Andrea Forry Somerset Co AVTS Bronze 1 Lori A Demming Lackawanna Co AVTS
- Dairy Calves**
Gold 1 Ben Tewksbury Wyalusing 2 Tim Armstrong Cumberland Valley Silver 1 Don Alters Penns Valley 2 Theresa Thanzuk O J Roberts Bronze 1 Kevin Ritz Kennard Dale
- Pleasure Horse**
Gold 1 Debbie Creighton Blackhawk Silver 1 Brenda Werner Twin Valley, 2 Darcey Peters Knoch Bronze 1 Tracy Cupp Monticau

- Poultry**
Gold 1 Lesley Hess Bermudian Springs Silver 1 Robert Hunsicker, Northern Lebanon, Bronze 1 Darien Kurtz Elco

- Beef Finishing**
Gold 1 Kenny Hawkins Manheim 2 Todd A Reich West Snyder 3 Lynn Kuhns Selinsgrove Silver 1 Brian Eckersley Kennard Dale 2 Ed Zuck Cedar Crest 3 Ann Kincaid Rockwood Area 4 David Groff Cedar Crest
Bronze 1 Daniel Groff Cedar Crest 2 Rodney Kocher Upper Dauphin 3 Jamila Scholl Selinsgrove

- Landscape Design**
Gold 1 Laurie Willford Derry Area
- Greenhouse**
Silver 1 Hope Hoffman, Derry Sr HS Bronze 1 Loretta Howell Derry Sr HS

- Corn Grain**
Gold 1 Karl Smith, Eastern Lebanon, 2 Duane Nicklow Rockwood, Silver John Lukcik Blairsville 2 Ann Hutschenreuter Red Lion, 3 Steve Eaton Selinsgrove Bronze 1 John Doering Derry 2 Karl W Brown Montoursville

- Veal Calves**
Silver 1 Philip Balsbaugh Eastern Lebanon Silver 1 Nevin Horning Ephrata

- Market Lambs**
Gold 1 Calvin Sleppy Penns Manor Silver 1 Kevin Marlin Garden Spot 2 Tammy Gaber Fort Leboeuf

- Five Enterprises**
Gold 1 Harry Brubaker III Northern Bedford, 2 Doug Stahl Berlin Brothersvalley 3 Ron Carter Fort Cherry 4 Jeff Zuck Cedar Crest 5 Jamie Mitchell Berlin Brothersvalley
Silver 1 Doug Smith Northern Bedford 2 Craig Ely West Green 3 Clyde Nishnick Jr Fort Cherry 4 Thomas Huff Butler AVTS 5 Eric Johnston Marion Center 6 Wayne Pheasant Central HS
Bronze 1 Richard Terrel Western Wayne, 2 Matt Thomas 3 Roger Dunn Coudersport 4 Karyn England Williamsburg

- Fruit**
Gold 1 James D Schulteis Biglerville Silver 1 Andrew Baer Annville Cleona

- Home Improvement**
Silver 1 Paula Knepp Clearfield 2 Brian Hartman Annville Cleona

- Dairy Records**
Gold 1 Jay Andrus Troy Silver Stephen Cooke Troy Bronze 1 Nathan Harkness Troy

- Forestry Technician**
Gold 1 Mike Slope Somerset Co AVTS, Silver 1 Stacy Pritts Somerset Co AVTS Bronze 1 Doug Walters Somerset Co AVTS

- Mechanics**
Gold 1 Scott Henry, Somerset Co AVTS Silver 1 Donald Little Somerset Co AVTS

- Farming Program - Greenhouse**
Gold 1 Judy Henry Monroe County AVTS, Silver 1 Nancy Hoyes Monroe County AVTS, Bronze 1 Theresa Smith Monroe County AVTS

- Beef Breeding**
Gold 1 Tom Wilson Northwestern, Silver 1 Brian Hoerner Lower Dauphin Bronze 1 John Long Annville Cleona

- Truck Crops**
Gold 1 Mark Obourn North East, Silver 1 Bill Klentz North East, 2 Jesse Rexroth Eastern

- Greenhouse Record Book**
Gold 1 Nina Cox Derry Area, 2 Erin Kestner Derry Area, Silver 1 Cindy Short, Derry Area 2 Jenny Embich Cedar Crest Bronze 1 Heidi Peiffer Cedar Crest

- Farming Programs - 7 to 10 Enterprises**
Gold 1 Lisa M Gutshall Juniata Valley, Silver 1 Charles Boshinski Western Wayne 2 Gary Brumbaugh Williamsburg Bronze 1 Carl Allen, Troy

- Junior Projects**
Gold 1 Brian Weimer Rockwood

- Miscellaneous - Skills and Task**
Gold 1 Kevin Clum Lackawanna County AVTS Silver 1 Maria L Lorah Eastern Lancaster County, Bronze 1 Judy Woihto Derry Area

- Miscellaneous - Animal Science**
Gold 1 Ivan Sweinhart Tri Valley Silver 1 Dana Lape Cedar Crest, Bronze 1 Karen Kammer Penn Manor

- Miscellaneous - Plant Science**
Gold 1 Gerald Weimer Rockwood 2 Henry Stehr Tri Valley, Silver 1 Jeff Reigel Annville Cleona

- Three Enterprises Farming Programs**
Gold 1 Clark R Sattazahn Tulpehocken 2 John Shaffer Berlin Brothersvalley, 3 Andy Boldy Knoch 4 Jeff Shulhart Cumberland Valley 5 Jamie Frey Solanco 6 Ed Wilkinson Gerysburg 7 Daniel White Willow Street AVTS 8 Richard Savidge Kutztown 9 Ronald Wilson Kennard Dale 10 Luke Bowzer Northern Bedford 11 Jeffrey Kennedy Knoch

- Supervised Occupational Experience - On-Farm**
Gold 1 Chuck Andler, Butler County AVTS, 2 Daryl Balmer, Annville Cleona, 3 Bill Kirk, Twin Valley, 4 James Bollinger Ephrata, 5 Richard Houser Cedar Crest 6 Bruce Heilinger, Eastern Lebanon 7 Ronald Martin Eastern Lancaster, 8 Vernon Heisey Manheim Central, 9 Melissa Mills Northern York 10 Brian Ness, New Oxford

- Supervised Occupational Experience - On-Farm**
Silver 1 B Keith McNeil Shippensburg, 2 Ron Jarvis, New Oxford, 3 J Kenneth Blank Middleburg 4 John Hostetter, Oxford 5 Arnold Davis Oxford, 6 Scott Morse Central, 7 Diane Hackman, Eastern Lebanon, 8 John Clouse, Big Spring 9 Dean Lobaugh, Biglerville, 10, Scott Phillips Wilmington Area, 11 Michael Hoffert

- Supervised Occupational Experience - On-Farm**
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Cedar Crest FFA wins book awards

LEBANON — The Lebanon County FFA Project Book Contest recently was held at Lebanon County Vo-Tech School. The judges scored the books on accuracy, completeness, neatness, and labor income.

Here are the results from Cedar Crest FFA members:

Six enterprises, Mark Patches, 1st Blue Gold; 5 enterprises, Jeff Zuck, 1st Blue Gold; 4 enterprises, Steve Wenger, 1st Blue Gold; 2 enterprises, Dwayne Gish, 2nd Blue Silver; trapping, Dave Felty, 1st Blue Gold; trapping, Perry Gernert, 2nd White Bonze.

Garden, Dave Gettel, 6th Red; rabbits, Gary Krall, 1st Blue Gold; beef finishing, Daniel Groff, 1st

Blue Gold; beef finishing, Dave Groff, 2nd Blue Silver; beef finishing, Ed Zuck, 3rd Red Bronze; horses, Ann Lansberry, 1st Blue Gold; greenhouse, Jenny Embich, 1st Blue Gold; greenhouse, Heidi Peiffer, 2nd Blue Silver.

Bantams, Dana Lape, 1st Blue Gold; on Farm 1500 hours & over, Rick Houser, 2nd Blue Silver; on Farm up to 500 hours, Jeff Zuck, 1st Blue Gold; on Farm up to 500, Scott Eckenrode, 2nd Blue Ribbon; on Farm up to 500, Dwayne Gish, 3rd Red Bronze; on Farm up to 500, Tonya Johnson, 4th White; work off Farm 1000 hours & over, Dave Ludwig, 1st Blue Gold.

Cedar Crest members received 11 first places out of 21 books.

Penn Manor unseats E-Town for Lancaster FFA meats judging title



Penn Manor FFA captured the Lancaster County Meats Judging team title last Saturday, unseating the Elizabethtown team, which had held the crown for the past two years.

Top individual scorer in the competition held at Kunzlers, Manor Street, Lancaster was Margaret Herr, of the Grassland FFA Chapter, new Holland.

Members of the Manor FFA team, in left photo, include, from the left, John Price, Keith Erb, Brian Herr, Rod Witmer, Jeff Kreider and Steve Shuman. The Manheim team was runnerup, with Grassland, third; Elizabethtown,



fourth; and Ephrata, fifth.

In right photo, Jerry Gregg, of Kunzlers, hosts for the competition, presents first-place individual plaque to Margaret Herr. Also in photo is Jeff Kreider, Penn Manor, runnerup in individual scoring. FFA'ers in subsequent order of finish include Jan Waltz, Manheim; Dan Martin, Warwick; Wade Martin, Grassland; Brian Herr, Penn Manor; John Price, Penn Manor; Dave Firestone, Warwick; Mike Weaver, Grassland; and Steve Shuman, Penn Manor.