

Penn Manor FFA holds banquet

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MILLERSVILLE — Merv Keagy finished his senior year with Penn Manor FFA last Thursday night in much the same manner that many greenhands probably dream of finishing theirs — standing behind the podium receiving awards instead of seated in the crowded audience.

Merv's several trips to the podium that night resulted in the following awards bearing his name: Senior Scholarship; Outstanding Senior Management; Student Recognition; a Foundation award in crop production; and a gold honor in Record Book competition at the state level. Merv also was named the teen of the week and the student of the month.

Dorothy Meyer, also a senior student, won the Most Improved Senior award, the Outstanding Contributor award, a student recognition award, and a silver honor for Record Book competition at the state level.

More than 490 FFA members, teachers and parents attended the evening banquet which awarded 26 Greenhand awards, 13 Red Rose awards, and 33 Chapter awards.

Danelle Hess, a Penn Manor freshman, won the coveted Star Greenhand award, as Brian Hess, sophomore, and Tammy Barley, earned the Star Chapter and the Star Red Rose award, respectively.

An Outstanding Patronage award went to Willow Valley Farms for their support of the Penn Manor FFA program. W.E. Kreider Meats also was honored.

The chapter's chain animals were awarded to Krystal Kreider, chain market lamb; Trasee Aument and Emily Bachman, chain steer; John Burkholder, Ken Shertzer, and Troy Musser, chain dairy calf; Scott Charles, Jere Hoover and Rodney Nissly, chain gilt; and Scott Martin and Jere Hoover, chain capons.

Other senior awards were given to: Jeff Gerlach, outstanding livestock; Merv Keagy, outstanding farming program; Jeff Gerlach, outstanding work experience; Tanya Green, outstanding crop production; Steve Main, DeKalb award; Dave Shoff, mechanics award; and Mike Appel, Charles award sponsored by Charles Poultry.

High salesmen awards were given to Jon Price, senior member, and Tracy Best, freshman.

The hunting contest winners were Brian Herr, senior member, and Randy Wissler, freshman.

Honorary chapter farmer awards were given to Mrs. Don Reish, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barley, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burkholder, Mrs. Lois Rissler, and Roy Slaymaker.



Steve Main, retiring Penn Manor FFA chapter president, poses here with the awards he won last Thursday night for a Foundation Award in livestock production and for the coveted DeKalb Award.



Brian Hess, sophomore and Danelle Hess, freshman, won the Star Chapter and the Star Greenhand awards.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Main received the Honorary Red Rose degree. Honorary Keystone Degree recipients were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shertzer, Mrs. Doris Meisenheltzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Charles.

Foundation awards were won by Jeff Kreidere, ag sales and service; Brian Hess, beef production; Mike Acord, fish and wildlife management; Steve Main, livestock production; Dave Shoff, ag mechanics; Stacy Ressler,

farm and home improvement; Deb Martin, sheep production; Dan White, ornamental horticulture; Steve Nissly, poultry production; Missy Greider, public speaking; Steve Shuman, fruit and vegetable production; Jay Funk, dairy production; and Tanya Green, placement in ag occupation.

Record book honors include: Steve Main, silver; John Wiker, silver; Karen Kemer, bronze; Brian Ressler, bronze; and Brian Hess, bronze.



New officers for the Penn Manor FFA program include, from front left, Colleen Spahr, reporter; Steve Nissly, president; Greg Ebersole, sentinel; John Burkholder, chaplain; Tammy Barley, secretary; Jere Hoover, corresponding secretary; back row: Jeff Barley, parliamentarian; Junior Eckman, advisor; Brian Herr, treasurer; Brian Hess, executive vice president; Mike Acord, vice president; Beth Snyder, historian.

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