Blue Mountain FFA opens banquet season

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SCHUYLKILL HAVEN - The Blue Mountain Chapter of the Future Farmers of America celebrated it's members achievements Thursday evening, Feb. 23, at the annual awards banquet.

Brian Krepps, McKeansburg, was awarded the Star Greenhand plaque. The son of Russell and Barbara Krepps, 14-year-old Brian began his agricultural projects in January. Hoping to continue on to computers, Brian is currently looking for work experience on nearby farms. "He helped with all our activities," stated advisor, Charles Heim. "He came out and did everything for us.'

Saying that Paul Laubenstein, Freidensburg, has the most potential, Heim awarded him with the Star Chapter Farmer honors. Sixteen-year-old Paul is the son of Paul and Teresa Laubenstein. He currently works on a dairy farm. His goal is to travel to Montana and become an outfitter and guide.

"I want to become a dairy farmer," stated Rich Fryer who won



Plaque winners at the Blue Mountain FFA awards night include, from the left, Floyd Seltzer, Brian Krepps, Tom Fidler, Rich Fryer and Paul Laubenstein.

the plaque in Ag Production. The honors in Dairy Production went to Tom Fidler, who hopes to remain on his home dairy farm.

Floyd Seltzer, Schuylkıll Haven, won honors in Diversified Livestock and was also awarded Production Credit County

Award. Hoping to run for state office in the future, 17-year-old Floyd currently works with goats, pigs, and beans.

Other winners include:

County project book winners — Jeff Shoener Tom Ritchie Lester Hartrantt Tom Fidler Robert Umbrell Jr Rich Fryer Ronald Fidler Paul Laubenute — Mike Schrack and Flyyd Seltzer

State project book contest — Floyd Seltzer Jeff

Schoener and Tom Fidler
FFA Week contest pins — Jeff Shoener public
speaking Floyd Seltzer land judging Ronald
Fidler livestock judging Howard Harig livestock

Foundation Awards — Brian Kreps recreation Mark Killian beef production Nelson Moyer dairy production Dave Snyder and Jim Wosochlo public speaking Lester Hartranft home improvement Jay Fenninger landscape and turf management

Star Greenhand honors of Blue Mountain FFA go to Brian Krepps, left; while Paul Laubenstein is Star Chapter Farmer.

ADA to discuss dairy bill

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recently enacted national dairy bill will be a key topic for discussion during the 24th Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council at the Hotel Syracuse on March 13, beginning

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The at 10:00 a.m. Over 350 farmers and industry leaders are expected to attend in order to review their farmer funded and directed milk promotion program.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Our Keys to the Future" focusing on advertising and promotion as a key solution to today's dairy surplus. Featured will be the new milk advertising theme, "Milk's Got More."

James P. Camerlo, Chairman of the United Dairy Industry Association, will be the keynote speaker during the evening

The morning program will contain the main business meeting, providing an overview of ADA/DC's 1984 promotion program. The luncheon address entitled "Technology in the Dairy Industry" will be delivered by David Call, Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University.

The afternoon will focus on Dairy Council's nutrition education program. Highlighted will be A. Elizabeth Sloan, Ph.D., Director of the Good Housekeeping Institute. Her talk, entitled "The Consumer Speaks," will focus on today's food issues and marketing trends.

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