

Twin Valley FFA honors top members with awards

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ELVERSON — A trio of "FFA stars" at Twin Valley headed the list of chapter members who were honored for their achievements and accomplishments at the 19th annual parent member awards banquet on Friday, March 2, at the high school.

Star honors went to:

Star Chapter Greenhand — Kevin Stoltzfus, son of Gerald and Darlene Stoltzfus, R2 Elverson. He was the second-place winner in the Berks County FFA creed speaking contest.

Star Chapter Agribusinessman — Joe Nonnemacher, son of Henry and Judith Nonnemacher, R1 Mohnton. Chapter treasurer, he also was the recipient of the Foundation award in nursery production.

Star Chapter Farmer — Kevin Griest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Griest Jr., R1 Honeybrook. Among his achievements were Foundation medals in the areas of ag mechanics, forest management and extemporaneous public

speaking.

More than 150 parents, members and supporters of the Twin Valley Chapter attended the banquet held in the high school cafeteria.

Among other Foundation award winners for proficiency in specific areas were:

Dwight Houck, ag electrification and home improvement; Butch Himes, ag processing; Glenn Stoltzfus, crop and dairy production and outdoor recreation; Lori Ortiz, diversified livestock; Tammy Lush, fish and wildlife management; Connie Reed and Ann Kline, floriculture; Beth Morgan, fruit and vegetable production, soil and water management.

Also, Pam Waltman, horse production; Chris Coblentz, placement in ag production; Rod Stoltzfus, placement in ag production and safety; Mike Devine, poultry production; Gail Raser, sheep production; Al Cox, swine production; Mary McMullen, turf and landscape; and Bill Kirk, public speaking.

Certificates of appreciation were



Trio of "Stars" honored at the Twin Valley FFA banquet include, from the left, Kevin Stoltzfus, Star Chapter Greenhand; Joe Nonnemacher, Star Chapter Agribusinessman; and Kevin Griest, Star Chapter Farmer.



American Farmer Tom Kirk holds plaque presented to him at Twin Valley FFA banquet.

presented to Marie Cutman, administrative assistant to the Twin Valley School District superintendent; Jeff Simmons, operator of the school audio-visual and duplication center; David Mast, who provided the ground and planted and harvested the chapter's corn test plot; Harvey Eshleman, bus contractor and local farmer; and William F. Marberger, superintendent of the school district.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees were conferred upon parents of Keystone Farmers, including Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. John Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. William Aulenbach. Honorary degrees also went to Oliver Mast, who helped with the corn test plot; Debbie Mountz, who donated a quilt as a raffle prize; William X Ash, former business manager and acting superintendent; and Renee Frederick, chaperone.

Featured speaker at the banquet was Carolyn Witmer, president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

Keystone Degree winners who were honored included Lisa Yoder, Brenda Werner, Mary McMullen, Bill Kirk, Kevin Griest and Duane Aulenbach.

The chapter's American Farmer Degree recipient, Tom Kirk, was also honored with a plaque.

Kevin Griest and Tom Kirk presented plaques to their parents for their special support and to

honor having two sons receiving the Keystone Degree.

Also honored were Pumpkin Contest award winners, retiring chapter officers, county, area and state contest winners.

Twenty-eight first-year winners received their Greenhand pins and chapter farmer pins went to sixteen members.

A special BOAC certificate was presented by the chapter to the Hay Creek Historical Association for the development work at Joanna Furnace.



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59 Red Rose Degrees granted

LANCASTER — Lancaster County's Red Rose Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has announced the recipients of the county Red Rose Degree, as well as the selection of this year's county "Stars."

Star Red Rose Farmer is Fritz Frey of the Solanco FFA Chapter and the Star Red Rose Agribusinessman is Ken Nolt of the Manheim FFA Chapter.

Red Rose Degree recipients from the various chapters include:

Elizabethtown
Greg Musser, Kenneth Ruhl, Brian Putt and Dan Hartzler.

Ephrata
Dale Bollinger, Clair Weaver, Dean Saylor, Kevin Horst, Jim Zimmerman, Mike Bollinger, Steve T. Fox, Brian F. Leatherly, Daniel E. Ressler and Nevin Horning.

Manheim
Mark Metzler, Matthew Pflieger, Russell Zellers, John

Hornberger, Doug Ebersole, Jan Waltz and Ken Nolt.

Warwick
Jim Houser.

Solanco
Fritz Frey, Kristina Esben-shade, Tracy Landis, Lester Davis Jr. and Ken Trout.

Grassland
Dave Fisher, Nelson Horning, Marlin Mast, Wade Martin, Michael Weaver, Julie R. Dry, Jim High, Jodi Lynn Carman, Brent Horst, Tom Stoltzfus, Ray Schlouch, Lisa Heft, Vince Cebular and Margaret Herr.

Lampeter-Strasburg
Barry Harnish, Michelle Dean, Earl Landis and Don Welk.

Penn Manor
Brian Herr, Jeff Kreider, Rodney Witmer, Dean Ober, J. Scott Charles, Deb Martin, Duane Lefever, Doug Farmer, Michael Apple, Anthony Musser, Ken Shertzler, Isaac Eshboc, Paul Wissler and Brian Hess.

National FFA officers visit



A visit of National FFA officers to Pennsylvania included a few stops in Lancaster County on March 1.

Among the stops were Sperry New Holland, Victor F. Weaver, Inc., Favorite Food Craft, Inc. and Grant Heilman, photography.

In photo, the FFA group is shown with representatives of Favorite Food Craft, R1 New Holland. From the left are Bill Caraway, National Secretary, of New Mexico; Carolyn Witmer, state president, and Ron Martin, Eastern Regional state vice president, hosts for the visits; Ralph Bitler, Customer Service, and Frank Kirkpatrick, plant manager at Favorite; Rhonda Scheulen, National Central Region Vice President; James Tugend, Star Farmer of America; and Douglas E. Butler, assistant executive director of the FFA Foundation.