

Huber addresses Lampeter-Strasburg's Garden Spot FFA

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LAMPETER — Lancaster County Commissioner James Huber paid tribute to the role that FFA is playing now and will play in the future in farmland preservation at the Parent and Member Banquet of the Garden Spot Chapter of Lampeter-Strasburg High School Thursday, March 15, at the Lampeter Fire Hall.

"You, more than any other group, will determine if we preserve farmland and agriculture in Lancaster County," Huber told the Future Farmers, who gathered for their annual awards program.

Huber also paid tribute to

chapter advisor Dick Yencer who was instrumental in having an FFA'er named to the county's Ag Preserve Board.

Huber, who holds an Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree, called on the FFA chapter members to remain dedicated to the soil and farming.

Among the chapter's top award winners were Karen Shertzer, who was named Star Chapter Farmer, and Mike Hall, this year's Star Greenhand.

Other major award winners were Don Welk, proficiency winner in crop production who also received the DeKalb Award; and



Stars of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School are Mike Hall, Star Greenhand; and Karen Shertzer, Star Chapter Farmer.



Among top award winners at the annual banquet of the Garden Spot FFA at Lampeter are Don Welk, crop production proficiency winner and recipient of DeKalb Award; and Michelle Dean, beef production proficiency winner and recipient of the Lancaster County Banker's Award.

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Other award winners: Greenhand Degrees — Matt Aukamp, Rick Breneman, Robert Brubaker, Dave Crinnion, Deen Daveler, Scott Denlinger, Darryl Rohrer, Mike Shertzer, Melissa Swearer, Michelle Swearer and Ron Wenger.

Chapter Farmer Degrees — Steve Erb, Dwight Leaman and Mike Mills.

County Red Rose Degrees — Barry Harnish, Michelle Dean, Carl Landis and Don Welk.

Keystone Degrees — Jay Garber and Joe Rohrer.

Citations for Service — Janet Miller and John Kreider.

Citrus Sales Awards — Freshmen Dave Crinnion, first, and

Mike Hall; Upper Classmen, Don Welk, first with 258 cases; and Mike Mills.

Last year's Chapter Sweetheart Donna Rohrer passed her crown to Karen Shertzer.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Don Welk and Parke Lefever.

Little Dutchmen FFA Honored at Banquet

BY JACK HUBLEY

ANNVILLE — It was a "four-star" night at the Little Dutchmen FFA's 24th Annual Parent-Member Banquet held at Anville-Cleona High School on March 15.

With Susan Elliot and Daniel Brandt sharing this year's Star Greenhand Award, other chapter stars were Star Farmer Karl Brandt, and Star Agribusinessman Todd Fies.

Both Star Greenhands were County Creed winners this year with Susan Elliot placing second, and Brandt earning fourth place. Miss Elliot was also recipient of the ninth grade scholarship award.

Star Farmer Karl Brandt, this year's sentinel for the Parliamentary Procedure Team, was one of three selected to receive the Keystone Farmer Degree and was honored for Proficiency in dairy production.

By evening's end it was apparent that Chapter president Todd Fies would need more than two hands to carry the numerous plaques, pins, and trophies awarded to him for an outstanding year of FFA service.

The recipient of the DeKalb Award, Fies also was selected as a Keystone Farmer, and received two Proficiency Awards in the areas of crop production, and soil and water. The senior was also honored for Chapter Leadership, and received both the 12th grade and top over-all Scholarship Awards.

During the president's opening remarks, Fies presented a floral arrangement to his parents in recognition of their support during their son's busy FFA career.

Following the banquet held in the high school cafeteria, FFA members along with more than 190 parents and friends adjourned to the auditorium for the balance of the program. Preceding the awards ceremony was a slide show of chapter activities during the past year, and guest speaker Duane Herr, Southcentral Region vice-president, who spoke on the importance of setting goals for achievement.



FFA Stars at the Little Dutchmen banquet were (left) Todd Fies, Star Agribusinessman; Karl Brandt, Star Farmer.



Honored as Little Dutchmen FFA Star Greenhands at the March 15, banquet were Daniel Brandt and Susan Elliot.



Recipient of the State and National Proficiency Awards at the Little Dutchman FFA banquet was Daryl Balmer.

This year's recipient of the National Proficiency Award was Daryl Balmer, who also took State honors and received the Proficiency Award for public speaking.

Other Proficiency Award winners include: Troy Moyer, extemporaneous speaking; Steve Reigel, soil and water management; Andrew Baer, placement in ag production; Dale Lahr, home improvement; and Wayne Smith and Ken Fernsler for fruit and/or vegetable production.

Other Proficiency awards went to Steve Reigel for diversified

livestock; Tim Elliot and Tom Inman, crop production; Frank Shuey and David Wenger, ag mechanics; Kimberly Moyer, swine production; Paul Longenecker, fish and/or wildlife; Tim Elliot, poultry production; and Lynn Schwenk, dairy/beef.

Robert Kreider won the Chapter's American Farmer Degree, and Scholarship Award recipients not already mentioned were Dale Balmer for 10th grade, and 11th grade winner Steve Reigel.

Sharing Chapter Leadership honors with Todd Fies was Tom

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