

# Kutztown names outstanding FFA'ers, Young Farmers



Community Service award of Kutztown Young Farmers is presented by Richard Hoppes to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martin.



Neal Christman, left, and Andrew Murphy are the Star Greenhand honorees at Kutztown FFA banquet.

KUTZTOWN — The Kutztown FFA and Young Farmers honored their outstanding members on Monday, March 26, at the Kutztown Grange Hall. The large chapter attendance gave evidence that area agriculture is important.

Two Star Greenhand plaques were awarded to two ninth graders with a long list of plans for the upcoming FFA year. Andrew Murphy, R2 Kempton, was awarded Star Greenhand Production. He is planning on excelling with market hogs. Neal Christman, R1 Kutztown, was awarded Star Greenhand Agribusiness. He plans on work experience with livestock and his own garden.

Terry Wisser, chapter president, took the spotlight as he was named Star Chapter Farmer. Wisser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wisser. He has 28 animals in his swine finishing and breeding operation. Also labeled the "outstanding senior," Wisser received the Dekalb award based on leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

Star Chapter Agribusinessman went to Scott Mertz, R1, Kutztown, a senior this year who did "outstanding work," according to advisor Donald Reinert. Scholarship awards were presented to Tammy Miller, Joanne Kunkel, and Jenny Seidel. The Leadership award went to Dawn Heiter, R1 Lenhartsville, who served on over 30 committees in her FFA career.

The Kutztown Chapter of the Young Farmers honored David and Phoebe Bitler, Fleetwood, as the outstanding young farmer under 30. The Community Service award was presented to Mr. and



David and Phoebe Bitler are recipients of Outstanding Young Farmer award at Kutztown.



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Mrs. Elmer Martin, VanMar Feeds, Shoemakersville.

Proficiency awards included: Nursery Operations, Raymond Kamp, R2 Kempton; ag electrification, Ronald Zimmerman, R1 Lenhartsville; ag sales or service, Scott Mertz, R1 Kutztown; turf & landscape management,

Timothy Hartline, Bowers; dairy production, Stacey Myers, R2 Kempton; swine production, Terry Wisser, R1 Lenhartsville; diversified livestock production, Karen Rabenold, R2 Kutztown.

Poultry Production, Joanne Kunkel, R2, Kutztown; crop

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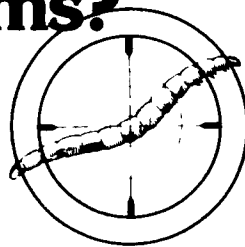
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