

# Pequea Valley FFA presents chapter awards at banquet

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**INTERCOURSE** — Parents, friends and supporters of the Pequea Valley FFA gathered Thursday, April 26, at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant, Intercourse, for the chapter's annual awards banquet.

Postponed from March 29 due to the spring snowstorm, the banquet featured the presentation of awards to those chapter members who excelled in various activities during the past year.

Leading the list of award winners were the chapter's three "stars." They include Mike Raum, Star Greenhand; Michael Hershey, Star Chapter Farmer; and Ed McQueen, Star Chapter Agribusinessman.

Proficiency award winners in their various categories included Frank Hartley, extemporaneous public speaking; Ron Groff, swine

production; Jerry Feister, ag mechanics and ag electrification; Steve Hershey, dairy production; Lennie Martin Jr., placement in ag production; Bill Blank, fish and wildlife production; Ed McQueen, ag sales and service; Bryan Stoltzfus, beef production; Brian Sweigart, public speaking; Todd Harnish, horse production; and Blaine Stoltzfus, diversified livestock production.

Two of the major activities of the chapter during the year are the Fall Harvest Safety Program and the annual sale of citrus fruits.

The top three participants in the safety program, which included contacts at 102 farms and 52 places of business and the distribution of 1800 stickers for machinery and 700 safety reminder cards, were Steve Hershey, first; Lennie Martin Jr., second; and Wes Cramer, third.

In citrus sales, Martin was the leader with 113.5 cases, followed



Proficiency award winners from Pequea Valley FFA chapter include, from the left seated, Ron Groff, swine production; Brian Sweigart, public speaking; Lennie Martin Jr., placement in ag production; Ed McQueen, ag sales and service; standing, Jerry Feister, ag mechanics; Todd Harnish, horse production; Bryan Stoltzfus, beef production; Blaine Stoltzfus, diversified livestock; Bill Blank, fish and wildlife production; and Steve Hershey, dairy production.



Other award winners from Pequea Valley FFA Chapter are, seated from the left, Todd Denlinger, second in citrus sales; Lennie Martin Jr., first in citrus sales and second in Fall Harvest Safety Program; Alvin Myers, third in citrus; standing, Wes Cramer, third in safety and Steve Hershey, first in safety.

closely by Todd Denlinger with 111 cases. In third place was Alvin Myers with 70.5 cases.

Receiving their first-year Greenhand Degrees were Travis Raum, Candi Kauffman, Mark McCauley, Brian Stoneburner, Mike Raum, Daryl Denlinger, Todd Denlinger, Bill Blank, Rod Sheaffer, Danny Walls, Ray Geiter, Ken Rottman, Paul Beegle, Dean Riehl, Allen Myers, Chad Houck, George Vogt, Don Lucas, Jeff Hershey and Steve Hershey.

Chapter Farmer Degrees went to Michael Hershey, Renee Bass, Brian Simes, Brian Sweigart, Jay Marks, Bryan Stoltzfus, Lennie Martin Jr., Greg Kauffman, Jerry Feister and Todd Harnish.

The award presentations were made by Clair Witwer, chapter advisor.

Chapter officers handled the opening and closing ceremonies, with Bill Blank offering the Invocation and Frank Hartley introducing the guests.



Pequea Valley FFA "stars" honored at annual banquet include, from the left, Ed McQueen, Star Chapter Agribusinessman; Mike Raum, Star Greenhand; and Michael Hershey, Star Chapter Farmer.

## Warren Hills FFA holds banquet

WASHINGTON, N.J. — The Warren Hills N.J. annual FFA banquet was held April 14, at the Washington Municipal Hall.

Greenhand awards were presented by Tim Yurkovitch to first year members in FFA. There was a total of 14 greenhands. Star Greenhand Award was presented by Krista Watters to Tina Santini for being the "most involved" first-year member.

Chapter Farmer Awards were presented by Rich Yurkovitch. This degree was given to 12 second-year members in FFA. Jay Steele presented the Star Chapter Farmer Award to Tim Yurkovitch for being the "most involved" second-year member.

Rich Yurkovitch and Lee Curto presented Proficiency Awards. First place Proficiency Award winners were: Beef Proficiency, Jay Steele; Ag. Mechanics, Rich Yurkovitch; Home and farmstead improvement, Rich Yurkovitch; Forest Management, Chris Fournier; Dairy Proficiency, Mark Allen; Horse Proficiency, Sue Kuzmiskas; Poultry Proficiency, Lee Curto; Placement in Ag. production, John Whitmore; Placement in sales and service, Patty Rupell, Floriculture Proficiency, Patty Rupell.

Scholarship Awards were presented by Chris Fournier. These awards were given to Anthony Mazzarella for most improved grades and to Patty Rupell for maintaining high grades.

Public Speaking Awards were presented by Krista Watters and Lee Curto. These awards went to Tina Santini for 3-minute speaking and Lee Curto for the 6-8 minute speaking contest.

Paul Sigler presented Louis Spann a Fruit Award for being the chapters highest salesman for citrus fruit.

Laurie Smith was presented the DeKalb Award for being the chapters most outstanding senior.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — In twenty-four years Larry D. Case has gone from an FFA chapter president to the Future Farmers of America's highest, non-member office — National Advisor.

Case, 40, fills the office left by last year's retirement of Bryon F. Rawls. Thaine D. McCormick, of the United States Department of Education, served as Acting Senior Program Officer of Vocational Agriculture Education and National FFA Advisor during the interim.

Case will assume the responsibilities of Senior Education Program Specialist for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Occupations in the U.S. Department of Education and National FFA Advisor on May 29.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve young people in this capacity," said Case. Case cites vocational agriculture enrollment trends and the need to show the public how well vo-ag programs are preparing students for agricultural careers as areas he plans to study and act upon.

## National FFA advisor named

RED LION — The Red Lion Area FFA Chapter held its annual FFA Banquet on April 10 in the Senior

High School cafeteria. Awards were presented to FFA members for their outstanding accomplishments during the past year.

Edwina Johnson was named the Chapter Star Farmer as outstanding senior in the Red Lion Area FFA for the year.

Michele Bankert was selected as recipient of the DeKalb Award, which emphasizes scholarship, leadership and her farming program.

John Eaton Jr. received the Star Greenhand Award, with the Michael Spangler Memorial Award for activities in the FFA and school extra curriculums going to James Eveler.

Donald Walter and Arthur J. Glatfelter received the honorary chapter farmer award for their support in the FFA programs of the Red Lion Area Chapter.

Members honored for their placings at state contests were Michele Bankert, gold in conservation public speaking; Edwina Johnson, silver plaque, Kelly Kilgore, silver, dairy judging; James Eveler, gold in meat identification. Maurice Schwartz and Susan Boyd were recognized as state band members.

Members who received awards for state record book competition were Alan Taylor, bronze; Jerry Taylor, silver; Mike Heffner, gold; Edwina Johnson, gold. Edwina also received the Production

Credit Association record keeping award for having the best record book in York County.

National FFA Foundation awards went to Bruce Harrison, Ag Mechanics; John Eaton, Beef Production; Robert Wagner, Crop Production; Brian Bupp, Dairy Production; Jim Eveler, Fruit and Vegetable Production; Melissa Taylor, Horse Proficiency; Michele Bankert, Livestock Production; Tim Flory, Placement in Ag Processing; Wendy Flinchbaugh, Placement in Ag Production; Lester Holtzinger, Poultry Production; Ann Hutschenreuter, Public Speaking, Ed Keeny, Sheep Production; Michele Stearn, Swine Production; and Chris Clouser, Turf and Landscape.

Awards for scholarship went to Michele Bankert, Brian Bupp, Alan Taylor, Ann Hutschenreuter, James Eveler, Susan Leiphart and John Eaton.

The top salesman was Lester Holtzinger. Tim Fitzgerald and Tracey Stearn were the chapter gilt winners.

Also recognized were the 1983-84 chapter officers. The officer team members were Bruce Harrison, Parliamentarian; Melissa Taylor, Chaplain; Ed Keeney, Sentinel; Ann Hutschenreuter, Reporter; Michele Bankert, Treasurer; Wendy Flinchbaugh, Secretary; Kelly Kilgore, Vice President, and Edwina Johnson, President.

## Red Lion FFA cites top members