

## Stars head honorees at Hamburg FFA banquet

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HAMBURG — Three "stars" glowed among the cluster of "lights" at the Hamburg Chapter FFA awards banquet Thursday evening May 3, at the Shartlesville Grange Hall, Shartlesville.

Honored for the enthusiasm and proficiency that they have shown in their projects, Harold Dietrich, R1 Hamburg; Pamela Mengel, Strausstown; and Randy Long, Mohrsville, exhibited the ag know-how that is in abundance in this chapter, and were honored with the Star Awards.

"He's been outstanding in almost every phase of the program," Advisor, Lyn Van Tassel stated about Harold Dietrich. Harold was presented with the Star Chapter Farmer award by Van Tassel. Currently serving as the president of the chapter, 17-year-old Harold is the son of Harold and Diane Dietrich. He works with Holsteins, Jerseys, and Ayrshires on his parent's dairy farm. Harold also enjoys raising and showing his breeding swine, and also carries projects in corn production.

The Star Greenhand award went to Pamela Mengel, the 14-year-old daughter of Leroy and Juan Mengel, Strausstown. Saying that "it's a toss-up between animals and flowers," Pam's projects have resulted in proficiency honors in floriculture, and home and farmstead improvement. Working with mums, her goals include expanding her buying and selling business and doing a better job in marketing her product.

"Pam has shown the type of attitude that I would like to see in FFA members throughout the state," Van Tassel stated. She is currently working with dairy animals and looks forward to the

upcoming year in FFA.

Randy Long took the Star Agribusinessman honors. The 17-year-old senior is the son of Leroy and Jean Reichert, Mohrsville. Working on his family's operation of diversified livestock, Randy exhibited "the type of responsibility that I would like to see in every FFA member," Van Tassel stated. Randy received Foundation awards in agricultural processing, and diversified livestock production. After graduation he plans to enlist in the Marine Corps, and work to someday achieve a farm of his own.

"The chapter has expanded into many areas the members were afraid to enter before," Van Tassel stated. For this achievement, foundation awards were presented to the following:

Agricultural Electrification, Michael Carter, Shoemakersville; Agricultural Mechanics, Harold Dietrich, Hamburg; Agricultural Processing, Randy Long, Mohrsville; Agricultural Sales and Service, Pam Mengel, Strausstown; Beef Production, Greg Stricker, Bernville; Crop Production, Todd Lonergan, Hamburg; Dairy Production, Carol Dreisbach, Hamburg.

Diversified Livestock Production, Randy Long, Mohrsville; Fish and Wildlife Management, Dirk Reidenhour, Hamburg; Floriculture, Pam Mengel; Forest Management, James Andorker, Shartlesville; Home/Farmstead Improvement, Pam Mengel, Elwood Delong, Shartlesville; Horse Proficiency, Elwood Delong; Outdoor Recreation - Philip Burkhardt, Hamburg; Placement in Ag production, Harold Dietrich; Poultry Production, Scott Williams, Mohrsville; Soil and Water



Three stars of the Hamburg FFA Chapter are, from the left, Pamela Mengel, Randy Long and Harold Dietrich.

Management, Michael Carter; Swine Production, Greg Stricker.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the ag advisory board consisting of Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, R2, Hamburg; and Mrs. Ernest Miller, R2 Hamburg; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dreisbach, R3 Hamburg; Allan Rohrbach, Shoemakersville; and Roy Hoppes, R2 Hamburg; the faculty, Lenox Reid, principal; Harry Fisher, and Walter Schlitz; and parents, including, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Naftzinger, R1 Hamburg; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seidel, R2 Hamburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Dietrich, R1 Hamburg; and Van Mar Feeds, Shoemakersville, Peters Brothers Meats, Lenhartsville, and Shartlesville Grange.

Honorary Memberships were bestowed on Donald Reinert, Kutztown FFA advisor, and Paul

Barnhart, retired Hamburg FFA advisor.

A special gift was presented to George Weirich, retiring history teacher from the Hamburg District.

### Cedar Crest FFA elects

LEBANON — On April 30, the Cedar Crest FFA held its officer election for 1984-1985. The newly elected officers are:

President, Gary Krall; vice president, Ed Zuck; secretary, Brenda Peiffer; treasurer, Lisa Houser; reporter, Ann Lansberry; sentinel, Brian Boyer; chaplin,

Tonya Johnson; parliamentarian, Gale Hitz; asst. secretary, Brenda Miller; asst. treasurer, Jenny Embich.

The County FFA officer delegates are Gary Krall and Ed Zuck. They will represent Cedar Crest in the Lebanon County FFA.

## Lower Dauphin FFA honors top chapter members

HUMMELSTOWN — The 24th Annual Parent-Member Banquet of the Lower Dauphin Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was held on April 17 in the Senior High School cafeteria with 275 members and guests present.

Freshman Larry Peyton opened the awards ceremonies with the presentation of the FFA Creed. Lee D. Savidge, chapter advisor, presented the Star Greenhand Awards to Sharon Huntzberger and Tammy Baker. Tammy is on the parliamentary procedure team and participated in the County Creed contest. Sharon will serve as next year's chapter secretary and won a gold medal with her project book in the state contest this year, as well as the Regional Production Credit Award for outstanding record keeping.

Mrs. Cynthia L. Shaffer, chapter

advisor, presented Ed Huntzberger with the Star Chapter Farmer Award. Ed, a senior and Keystone Degree winner this year, was also the Star Farmer for Dauphin County. He served as chapter treasurer, won a gold medal in the state project book contest last year, won the chapter tractor driving contest, and has swine breeding and finishing, dairy herd, and veal calves as his projects.

Dean Zeager, chapter vice president, was awarded the Star Agribusinessman Award. Dean won a gold medal in the state project book contest last year, participated in livestock judging and the forestry contests, attended the Washington Conference Program and the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. He is employed at Zeagers Lumber in

Middletown.

Foundation Awards sponsored by the National FFA Foundation were presented to the following members by Savidge: Dean Zeager, Ag Mechanics; Tim Bennett, Ag Sales and/or Service; Brian Hoerner, Beef Production; Joe Halbleib, Crop Production; Todd Long, Dairy Production; Eric Fackler, Diversified Livestock Production; Cindy Baker, Floriculture; Tammy Baker, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production; Mike Whitmer, Home and Farmstead Improvement; Lydee Cassel, Horse Production; Ed Huntzberger, Placement in Ag Production; Jay Fleck, Poultry Production; Cindy Baker, Sheep Production; Sharon Huntzberger, Swine Production; and Joe Halbleib, Public Speaking.

George Sauers, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the Dekalb Award to Cindy Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baker, R1 Elizabethtown.

Tim Bennett and Kathy Hughes were recipients of the Citizenship Award. They are also seniors. Tim served as chapter student advisor, was on the livestock judging team, and in the dairy showmanship contests. He received his Keystone Degree this year. Kathy served as chapter secretary this year and is researching all the names and addresses of the Lower Dauphin FFA Alumni.

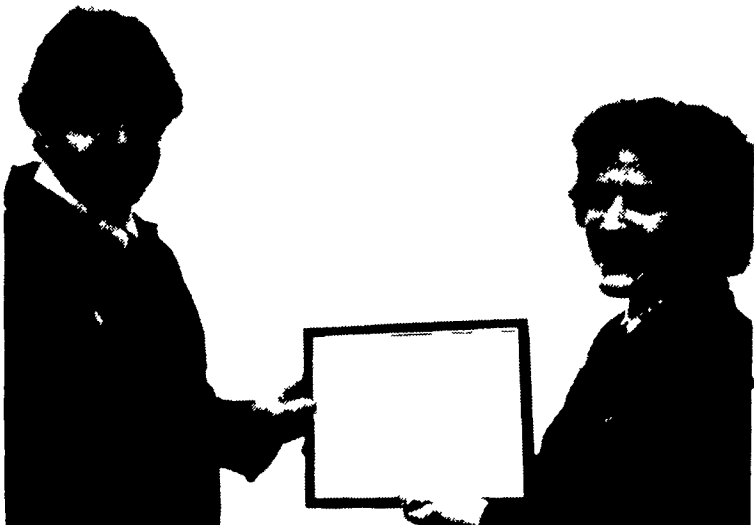
Scholarship awards went to Tammy Baker, Doug Bauder, Chris Cassel, Craig Eby, Tim Foreman, Lydee Cassel, Kathy Crist, Kathy Hughes, Ed Huntzberger, Dawn Smith, and Dean Zeager. These members made the honor roll 2 out of 3 marking periods this year.

Retiring officer plaques were presented to Cindy Baker,



Lower Dauphin FFA Star Greenhands are Tammy Baker, left daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baker of RD Elizabethtown, and Sharon Huntzberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Sherwood Huntzberger of R5 Elizabethtown.

president; Dean Zeager, vice president; Kathy Hughes, Secretary; Ed Barrick, Treasurer; Tim Bennett, Student Advisor; and Rodney Stuber, Historian.



Winners at the Lower Dauphin FFA Banquet include Tim Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett of RD Hershey, Citizenship Award Winner; and Cindy Baker, DeKalb Award Winner and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baker of RD Elizabethtown.

