

# Twin Valley FFA celebrates 25th anniversary

ELVERSON — Members of the Twin Valley FFA celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their chapter at their recent parent-member banquet. Over 250 members, parents guests, and former members joined in the festivities. Chapter secretary Denis Shantz and treasurer Chris Coblentz presented certificates of appreciation to Mark Kraybill, local farmer who employees Chris and who has supported the chapter in many other ways; Jane Haque, secretary to the high school guidance staff; and Ruth Ann Shade, editor of the Twin County Shoppers News for the excellent

news coverage she has given the chapter. A certificate of appreciation also went to Jeff Stoltzfus, who did his student teaching at Twin Valley in 1984.

Denis Ambler, Eastern Regional vice-president of the Pennsylvania FFA, presented a short inspirational speech on her FFA experiences.

Chapter officers presented honorary chapter degrees to Dr. William Marburger, superintendent of the Twin Valley School District; John Abrams, food services director for the Twin Valley School District; Mildred

Nelson, secretary to Mr. Dombay; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nonnemaker, parents of Keystone degree recipient Joseph Nonnemaker; and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coblentz, parents of keystone degree recipient Chris Coblentz.

Daryl Schafer, student teacher at Twin Valley, presented foundation awards to members. Foundation awards are for excellence in a given area. The following members received awards: Kevin Stoltzfus for safety; Gail Raser for prepared public speaking and agricultural processing; Rod Stoltzfus for extemporaneous speaking and feed grain production; Kevin Griest for forage production; Butch Harrison for beef production; Fran Bottner for turf and landscape production and home improvement; Sue Burkhart for swine production; Ann Kline for sheep production; Denis Shantz for sheep production; Mary McMullen for outdoor recreation; Chris Coblentz for dairy production, soil and water management, and agricultural electrification; Joe Nonnemaker for agricultural mechanics; Rick Kimball for agricultural sales and services; Mike Reppert for agricultural processing; Bob Bell for diversified livestock production; Kim Brossman for horse production; Joel Welsh for horse production; Rich Geedey for soil and water

management

Kevin Stoltzfus and Rich Geedey presented pins to greenhands and chapter farmers for the current school year. Receiving greenhand pins were Sue Burkhart, Bob Bell, Kristin DiMauro, Bob Arney, Joel Welsh, Mike Reppert, Amey Gaydosh, Kim Brossman, Rich Slonaker, Butch Harrison, Tom Morgan, Joel Welsh, Dan Baldwin, Dru Baldwin, Cliff Wiegand, Mike Reiff, Bob Geedey. A greenhand is a first year FFA member.

Chapter farmer degree recipients were John Foreman, Kevin Stoltzfus, Pam Waltman, Denise Shantz, Rick Kimball, John Keenan, Scott Burnett, Fran Bottner, and Ann Kline.

Harvey Smith, area vocational consultant, presented trophies to the four Keystone Degree winners - Joseph Nonnemaker, Glenn Stoltzfus, Rod Stoltzfus, and Chris Coblentz. Beth Morgan and John Foreman then presented a special BOAC award to Debbie Printz, volunteer coordinator at Zerbe Sisters, who has worked with FFA members for the past three years. FFA Advisor Ron Frederick presented trophies and pins to winners of county and area FFA contests.

Chris Coblentz was recognized for winning the Pa. All American Dairy Judging Forum. Rod Stoltzfus received a trophy for having won the livestock judging

contests at the Allentown and Reading Fairs. Ann Kline was recognized for winning the Junior Dairy Judging Contest at the Kutztown fair. Bob Bell received a trophy for chapter scholarship.

County project book contest trophies were presented to Chris Coblentz, Denise Shantz, Beth Morgan, Kevin Stoltzfus, Tim McEwen, Rod Stoltzfus, and Scott Burnett. Pins for the state project book contest were presented to Beth Morgan, who won the first place Gold Medal in the home garden category; Chris Coblentz, who received a silver medal for his work experience book; and Rod Stoltzfus, who received a bronze medal for his work experience book.

Past president Glenn Stoltzfus and junior advisor Joe Nonnemaker presented retiring officer plaques to the chapter's three senior officers - President Rod Stoltzfus, Treasurer Chris Coblentz, and Vice-President Gail Raser.

Sue Burkhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burkhart of RD 1 Mohnton, was named the star chapter greenhand. Rob Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilmer Stoltzfus of RD 2 Elverson, was named the star chapter farmer. Chris Coblentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coblentz of RD 1 Honey Brook, was named the star chapter agribusinessman.

## Camden senior named FFA member of the month

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Dennis Coyle, 18, Camden County Vocational School senior and FFA member from Gibbsboro, N.J. was recently named March Outstanding FFA Member of the Month. The outstanding FFA member of the month is selected on the basis of leadership skills, participation in FFA activities and on supervised occupational experience.

"I have learned a lot in the FFA. I have learned how to keep records, run meetings, meet people and speak publicly. All of these are necessary in my future which includes running my own business," Dennis said.

He has been involved in vocational agriculture/FFA for three years, has achieved the Chapter Farmer Degree, served as Chapter Jr. Vice-President, and is presently Chapter Vice-President.

Coyle's supervised occupational experience has grown from lawn maintenance of three residential lawns, to a landscape establish-

ment and maintenance partnership of 50 residential lawns. He is responsible for planning, planting, and maintaining shrubs, borders, lawns, and gardens.

Dennis also stays very active in the Camden Tech East FFA Chapter activities. He has participated in the State Weed Identification and Control contest, State Nursery/Landscape contest, and regional flower show. He has also participated in the Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference and Member Leadership Training Conference. Both were conducted by state FFA officers.

Dennis has also participated in several committees in his local chapter. He was chairperson of the citrus committee and candy fundraiser committee.

In May, Dennis will compete for Outstanding Member of the Year at the State FFA Convention held at Cook College, Rutgers University.

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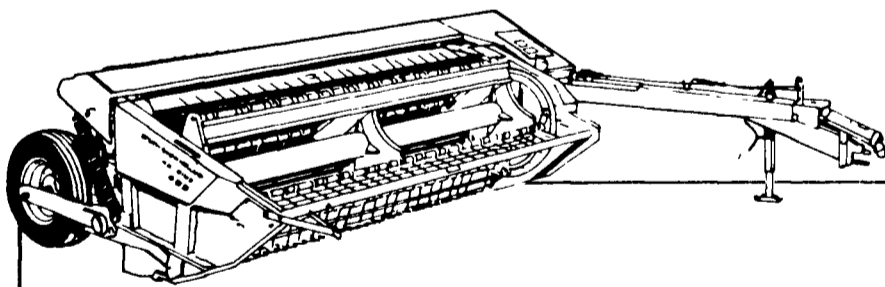
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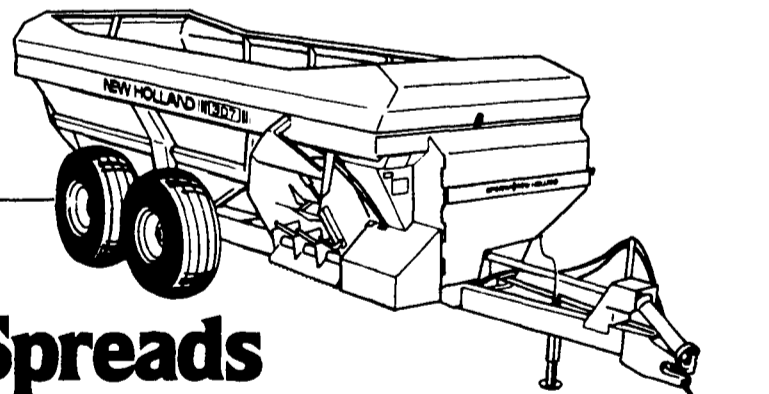
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