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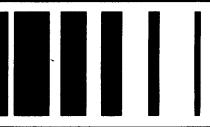


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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Back row, left to right, Gavin Grim (Mertztown), outstanding project book (tie), senior fitter and showman, county trio exhibitor; Shannon Wetzel (Kempton), reserve intermediate showman (tie), reserve intermediate fitter; Jason Wisser (New Tripoli), best rate of gain, reserve intermediate showman (tie); Jason Grim (Mertztown), outstanding project book (tie), champion steer exhibitor, intermediate fitter and showman, county trio exhibitor. Front row: Tim Eschbach (New Tripoli), first year fitter and showman; Jeremy Wisser (New Tripoli), reserve first year fitter and showman; Crystal Wetzel (Kempton), junior fitter and showman, county trio exhibitor.







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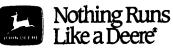
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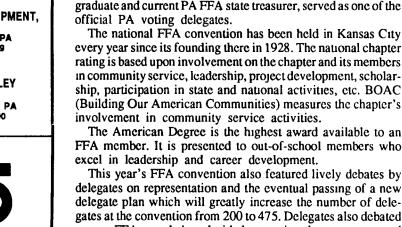


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who received the American Degree. Eric Marshall, 1990 TVHS graduate and current PA FFA state treasurer, served as one of the

The national FFA convention has been held in Kansas City every year since its founding there in 1928. The national chapter rating is based upon involvement on the chapter and its members in community service, leadership, project development, scholarship, participation in state and national activities, etc. BOAC

Twin Valley **Receives National Awards** Again this year, the Twin Valley FFA chapter received awards at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The chapter received a silver medal in the national chapter rating contest. This places the Twin Valley Chapter among the top

300 chapters in the United States. The chapter also received a bronze award in the BOAC competition for community

Accepting the awards were chapter President Keith McGo-

wan, and treasurer Kim Hubert, as well as chapter members

Brian Putt and Mike Kurtz. Also attending the national FFA con-

vention was chapter advisor Ronald Frederick, and Ann Kline

involvement in community service activities.

The American Degree is the highest award available to an FFA member. It is presented to out-of-school members who

This year's FFA convention also featured lively debates by delegates on representation and the eventual passing of a new delegate plan which will greatly increase the number of delegates at the convention from 200 to 475. Delegates also debated a new FFA creed, but decided to revise the existing creed instead.

Other issues facing the delegates were designed to move the FFA away from production agriculture. The over 24,000 FFA members and guests who attended the convention also heard dynamic speakers such as Joe Clark, the ex-high school principal from New Jersey.

Hess and Marshall Win Area FFA Contests

Erica Hess, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hess of Plowville, and Ryan Marshall, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Readinger of Reinholds, were recent winners of area FFA contests held at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

Erica, a senior FFA member at Twin Valley, won first place in pleasure horse with Heather Dougherty placed sixth, Jason Mantz placed eighth, Brian McGowan ninth.

Others that competed were Ray Diamond, Marcie Baker, Ben Dodd, John Parsons and Andy Parsons. Twin Valley also had the first place team. This contest required participants to place three classes of horses, identify tack, and take a written test on horse

Ryan placed first in the dairy foods contest with Dave Setly placing third. Twin Valley also had the second place team.

Contestants had to identify off-flavors in milk samples, score milk samples, identify cheeses, complete California mastitus tests on milk samples, identify problems in milking equipment, and take a written test on milk quality and marketing.

Andy Mast and Tom Bernard competed in the area agronomy contest. These contestants had to identify weed and crop plants, judge hay and forage samples, complete a soil test form and interpret soil test results, and take a written test on production of agronomic crops.

Keith McGowan competed in the area agricultural mechanics contest. Keith had to take a written test as well as demonstrate the ability to perform agricultural mechanics skills.