

FFA HAPPENINGS

Mifflinburg FFA
 Teacher Michael Sanders of Mifflinburg RD 1 and Buffalo Valley Shopping Center owners Dr. and Mrs. Charles Fasano were honored by Mifflinburg FFA members during their 62nd annual parent-member banquet at Mif-

flinburg Area High School.

Sanders, who taught agriculture education at the high school during the first semester, was awarded an honorary chapter farmer degree. He has worked with students both in the classroom and on several projects and activities.

The Fasanos and Buffalo Valley Shopping Center received a citation for supporting FFA members starting livestock projects. The Center purchases FFA members' animals at the Union County West End Fair, sells them, and uses the proceeds for a livestock fund to help members with beginning project expenses.

Alan Kaler and Robert Sauers, Mifflinburg Area High School graduates, were recognized for receiving the American FFA Degree, the highest achievement degree granted by the national FFA.

Senior Deanna Kuhns was recognized as the FFA State Star Farmer, and graduate Kevin Rishel was recognized as the north central region Star Agribusinessman. Kuhns, Rishel, and senior Joshua Ruhl were honored as recipients of the Keystone Degree, the highest achievement degree given by the Pennsylvania FFA.

Graduate Douglas Boop received a state proficiency award in diversified crop production, and graduate Jason Christ received a

state proficiency award in fruit and vegetable production.

Braden Heimbach received an award from the First National Trust Bank of Beavertown as the Union County Star Farmer. LeRoy Troester Jr. received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Matthew Willow received the Star Chapter Agribusinessman award, and Lucas Criswell received the Star Greenhand award.

Chapter proficiency awards went to Howard Aikey, poultry production; Thomas Aikey, agricultural electrification; Amy Bingaman, horse proficiency; Amber Blyler, specialty animal production; Jennifer Denius, agricultural sales and/or service; Daryl Ebersole, home and/or farmstead improvement; Richard Gensel, forest management; Kimber Groff, agricultural mechanics; Barry Hauck, diversified crop production; Braden Heimbach, agricultural processing and cereal grain production; Gesila Imgrund, sheep production; Travis Joy, prepared public speaking; Deanna Kuhns, placement in agricultural production; Derrick Moyer, swine production; Danielle Rishel, extemporaneous public speaking; Eric Roush, wildlife management; Joshua Ruhl, diversified livestock production and soil and water management; LeRoy Troester Jr.,



The Manor FFA officers include, front row, left to right, Cindy Barley - Corresponding Secretary; Barry Graver - Chaplain; Angie Hershey - Secretary; Stephanie Garrett - President; and Randy Kreider - Treasurer. Back row, left to right, Darin Hess - Sentinel; Mike Hess - Student Advisor; Greg Hess - Reporter; Charles Garrett - Vice President; and Jay Hess - Executive Vice President.

FFA Leadership Contests Held

KINZERS (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County and Lancaster-Chester Area Leadership contests were held at Pequea Valley High School.

Leadership contests consist of parliamentary procedure, creed contest, and the following public speaking contests — senior prepared (6-8 minutes), junior prepared (3-5 minutes), extemporaneous (4-6 minutes), and conservation (6-8 minutes).

The Grassland Chapter at Garden Spot High School placed first in the parliamentary procedure contest with the Cloister FFA from Ephrata placing second. Judges for the contest were Harold Berkheiser, FFA advisor at the Cedar Crest High School and Clifford Horning of the Gehmans Feed Company in Denver and FFA alumni officer.

The senior prepared public speaking contest pitted 10 speakers from five schools. Placing first was Jacy Clugston from Manheim Central, followed by Heather Becker from Pequea Valley and Liz Hess from Manheim Central, third.

Serving as judges were Marlene Arnst, English teacher from Solanco High School; Gordon Hoover, FFA alumni member and dairy farmer from Gap area; and Douglas Hershberger, former FFA state president and currently a dairy farmer from the Quarryville area.

First-year FFA members participated in the junior public speaking contest. These speeches ranged 3-5 minutes in length. Placing first from Garden Spot was Connie Zeiset with a speech entitled "Integrated Pest Management". Placing second was Dave Parker from Penn Manor High School with a speech entitled "What the FFA Can Do For You." Third place went to Rebecca Hertzog, also from Penn Manor, with her speech, "Go For Your Goals." The extemporaneous public speaking contest had eight com-

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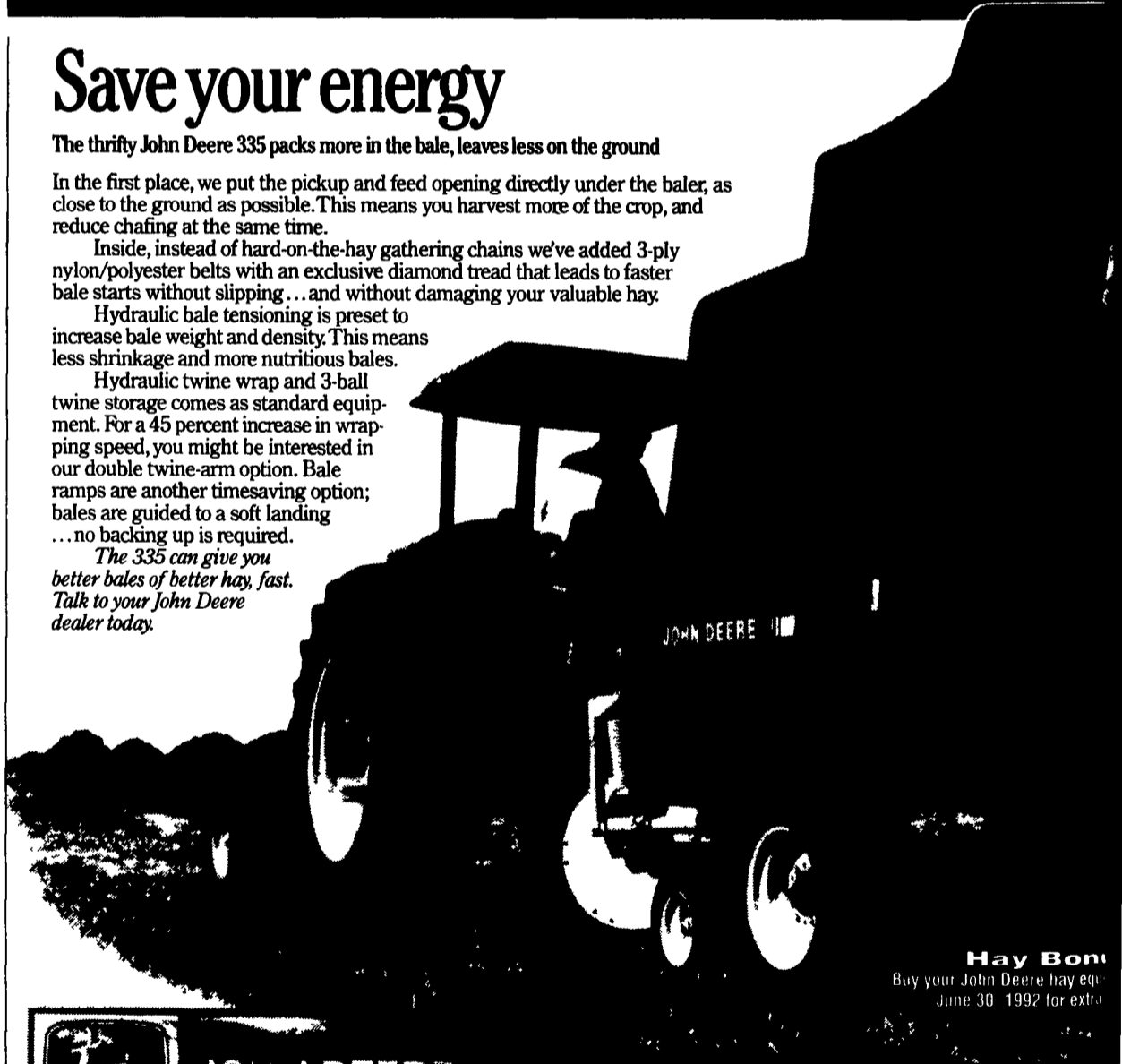
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Manor FFA Dairy Team won first place at the recent Delaware Valley College Dairy Judging Contest.