

# 228 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degrees

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The son of Ron and Cheryl Oellig, Jason has been involved in sheep production and work experience projects. His activities include being involved with the chapter's SAE, conduct of meetings, parliamentary procedure, savings, bologna and citrus committees and competing in a farm management contest and livestock judging. In addition to the offices held, he lists achievements as receiving the Greenhand, Chapter, and County degrees. He said his plans are to pursue an associates degree in accounting.

### Wade A. Payne

Wade Payne, 17, son of Alan and Judy Payne, Knoxville, is a three-year member of the Cowanesque FFA Chapter and has served as the county chaplain and chapter student advisor. He has earned Greenhand and Chapter degrees and won two state proficiency awards. He has been a member of the national FFA Week committee, Jog-a-thon, banquet, float, citrus sales, and community service committees, and has competed in the county salesmanship, forestry, land judging, dairy judging, livestock judging, and county record book contests. He has been a member of the chapter parliamentary team and participated in state dairy judging, state record book contests, state agricultural mechanics contest, the All American Jr. Dairyman contest, Alfred State Dairy Judging, Farm City Day activities, and his school shop club. He said his options appear to be to find a job in the Tioga County area or join the military.

### Amanda Peak

Though only a member for two years, Amanda Peak, 18, Carlisle, has served as 1991-1992 president of the Cumberland Valley FFA. The daughter of Donald and Harriet Peak, Amanda has raised market hogs and works on a local dairy farm for FFA projects. She served on the 1992 state nominating committee and has served on her chapter's citrus sale, executive, BOAC, spring trip, scrapbook, banquet, public speaking, and numerous committees. She lists her achievements, in addition to serving as president, as earning her Greenhand, Chapter Farmer, and Area degrees; taking second place individual at the 1991 All American dairy judging contest; taking fifth in state-level extemporaneous speaking; and she received several



other area and regional awards for public speaking. Amanda has also received an academic scholarship to Delaware Valley College as a freshman studying agronomy. She said she plans to get a job dealing with crop production.

### Catherine Pirrung

Catherine Pirrung, 17, daughter of Gerald and Constance Pirrung, Ulysses, is a six-year member of Headwaters FFA Chapter, counting two years as a junior member. She has served as its reporter, secretary, and vice president and has been the chapter delegate to the national convention. Catherine has also earned Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Agribusinessman degrees. Her activities include serving as chair of the BAOC, citrus, and safety committees. She has continued a dairy heifer and dairy herd project and showed at area, district, and state shows. The FFA'er has also tested her skills at county and area dairy judging contests and was named master fitter and showman at the county and district shows. She is a member of the chapter's parliamentary team and attended three leadership conferences — the Fall Leadership, State Legislative, and Made For Excellence. He plan is to study dairy science and agribusiness at Delaware Valley or Alfred State College.



### Amos Purcell

Amos Purcell, 18, Gillett, is student advisor for Troy FFA Chapter and has worked on a dairy cow project for the past three years. The son of Frank and Marilyn Purcell, Amos had served as his chapter's president and has earned the Greenhand, Chapter, and County Farmer degrees. He also won a S.T. Davey award. Amos has served on the chapter's BOAC, citrus sales, and program of work committees and competed in dairy judging, livestock judging, tractor driving, speech, land judging, dairy foods, and forestry contests. He

said that after high school he wants to try to work for his own dairy farm.

### Becky Pyles

Becky Pyles, 17, daughter of Larry and Ann Pyles, Annville, is secretary of the Little Dutchman FFA Chapter at Annville-Cleona High School. She has worked on a dairy farm and raised dairy heifers for FFA projects, and has served on citrus, banquet, and leadership committees on local, state, and regional levels. In addition to serving on leadership, Becky has earned a number of awards, with horse judging, land judging, dairy showing, fitting, project book, and received a proficiency award in agricultural sales and service. She said she intends to find a future in farming, either with horses or dairy cattle. She would also like to stay with the local volunteer fire company.



### Jesse Rabert

Jesse Rabert, 17, son of Lawrence and Shirley Rabert, Kempton, has been the 1992 vice president for the Kutztown FFA Chapter and its past secretary. He has also served as county FFA treasurer. A 3-year member of FFA, he has stressed environmental pursuits. In 1990, he served on the Food For America committee, the tree planting program, window exhibit, public speaking about conservation, and attend a Fall FFA leadership conference. In 1991, he was with the chapter's program of activities, and aquaculture committees and chaired its citrus sales and flower bulb committees. He also worked on the three planting program, window exhibit, and again attended the fall leadership program. This past year, he remained active in all the previous committees but also became



involved with the Adopt-A-Highway Committee. He lists his achievements as placing well with livestock judging, wildlife contests, record book, being a member of the runnerup county envirothon team and being regional star candidate for his wildlife record book. He said he would like to continue work in conservation by studying wildlife biology at Penn State University, or enrolling in the state Game Commission's wildlife conservation school.

### Harley Ramsey

Harley Ramsey, 16, of Coudersport, son of Walter and Colleen Ramsey, has been president, treasurer, and sentinel of the Spud Growers FFA Chapter out of Coudersport High School. He has been a member of the chapter's BOAC (chaired), safety, dance, donkey basketball, FFA Week, and banquet committees and was the top fruit seller. He has also earned his star greenhand and chapter farmer degrees. He has also earned awards in forestry, tractor driving, land judging, parliamentary procedure, dairy judging and agricultural mechanics. He said his plans are to attend Penn State University for agricultural education and extension education.



### Jeff Redcay

Jeff Redcay, 19, son of Ivan and Marian Redcay, Denver, has been sentinel and second student advisor at Garden Spot High School on the Grassland FFA Chapter. Currently working at the nearby Ralph Petersheim farm, he said he plans to continue working there following his graduation. In addition to working at Petersheim's farm, his projects have included



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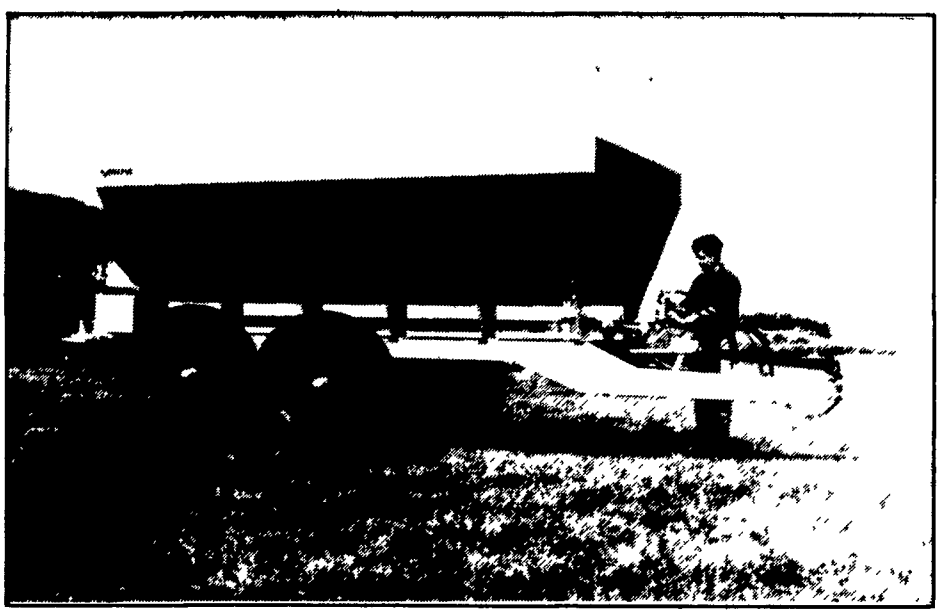
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