

**Solanco FFA Holds Annual Awards Banquet**

The Solanco Chapter of the FFA recently held its annual awards banquet honoring several chapter members for their achievements in the many areas of agriculture.

Five chapter members received Star awards during the evening ceremony. Star Greenhand went to Andrea Kreider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kreider, Quarryville. Scott Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner, Quarryville, was named the Star Chapter Member. Star Red Rose in Agribusiness was presented to Mark Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fry, Sr., of Holtwood; and Star Red Rose in Agriculture Production went to Tim Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craig, Nottingham. Matt Welk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Welk, Peach Bottom, was named Star Keystone Farmer.

The Octorara Watershed Association was the recipient of the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Officials at the Octorara Watershed helped the Solanco FFA with the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) project as well as the Adopt-A-Stream project. They also helped with the coordination of the

Stream Bank Stabilization Project which they did on the north bank of the Octorara.

Receiving Greenhand Degrees, which are presented to the first year FFA members in Agricultural Education, are Jamie Adams, Amos Barr III, Mike Blounts, Jennifer Burkhart, Rene Chambers, Naomi Cowart, Joe Devonshire, Jason Geiger, Brian Henry, Tracy Hershock, Steve Hess, Nate Hoover, Ann Keefer, Tom Kegel, Andrea Kreider, Josh Kreider, Diane Landis, Bobby Lefever, Clint Metz, Lorie Morris, Joe Niewiadomski, Todd Pell, Jennifer Reves, Jennifer Riley, Connie Stanley, Daryl Supplee, Jeremy Tomlinson, William Trout, Gary Welk, Robert Wimer, Joy Young, Andy Young, and Kristin Zoerman.

All first year FFA members who were in attendance at the FFA banquet also received a free t-shirt which was designed by FFA member Jill Harnish.

Chapter Degrees are awarded to second year members who received the Greenhand Degree and completed a project book. The recipients are: Donnie Ammerman, Billy Bare, Bill Davis, Matthew Fry, Paul Hill, Jason Jones, John Kiser, Steve Martinez, Billie Jo McCauley, Andrew Mor-

ison, Shawn Perry, Dave Roland, Matthew Strickler, Scott Wagner, and Dave Young.

Red Rose Degrees are presented by the Lancaster County Red Rose FFA to 8 percent of the total county FFA membership. It is awarded to third year members who have submitted an application to be considered for this degree. Recipients are Jamie Welk, Tom Herr, Brad Linton, Mark Fry, and Tim Craig.

Keystone Farmer Degrees were presented to four Solanco FFA members. They are the highest degree awarded by the State FFA organization. Applicants are judged on leadership, involvement in county organizations and activities, their project program, and FFA activities. Recipients of this award are Matt Welk, Jill Harnish, Jody England, and Rodney Althoff.

Proficiency awards are awarded by the National FFA to chapter members who show proficiency in certain project program areas. The following are Proficiency Award Winners in their respective categories: Agricultural Mechanics - Tim Craig; Beef Production - Jim Landis; Dairy Production - Sheri Bollinger; Diversified Crop Production - Scott Wagner; Diversified Livestock Production - Jill Harnish; Feed Grain Production -

Kris Wilkinson; Forage Production - Scott Wagner; Placement in Agriculture Production - Mark Fry; Sheep Production - Scott Wagner; Soil and Water Management - Sheri Bollinger; Public Speaking - Joy Young, Jennifer Reyes, and Andrea Kreider; and Swine Production - Jody England.

Corn Production Awards were presented in two categories; grain and silage. The Grain Production Award, sponsored by A.L. Herr & Brothers, Inc., was presented to the top three students with the highest yields. First place was Kris Wilkinson (182.8 bushels/acre); second place went to Matt Mellinger (175.2 bushels/acre); and third place was Emily Zug (169.6 bushels/acre).

The Silage Production Award is sponsored by Powl's Feed Service. First place went to Jamie Welk (28.3 tons); second place was Scott Wagner (26 tons); and third place went to Brian Zug (25.7 tons).

Recipients of other awards include:

- Farm Women No. 20 Award, which is given to an outstanding FFA member, went to Sheri Bollinger.
- The Paul Risk Associates, Inc. award is presented to a student who has exhibited initiative in making the most of the oppor-



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tunities available to him. Rodney Althoff was the recipient.

• The Ross H. Rohrer & Son Dairy Award is given to a student who has excelled in dairy production and who has contributed to the dairy industry in the local area. The recipient of this award is Matt Welk.

• The Farm Credit Record Book Award is given by the Farm Credit Association to a student who maintains quality record keeping books. Jill Harnish received this award.

• The Past Presidents Award is sponsored by the Keystone Farm Credit, ACA, Quarryville Office, and is presented to the immediate past president of the Solanco Chapter of the FFA, which was Jill Harnish.

• The Dairy Calf Award is available to 9th or 10th grade members who have made an application and went through an interview to be considered for this award. The recipient of the dairy calf is Andrea Kreider.

**Cook's Question**

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**ANSWER** — F.T.C. wanted a recipe for raisin pie with lots of "goo," with a custard base made with milk. Thanks to Bonnie Martin, Narvon, and Patti Cockell, Henderson, Md., for sending recipes.

**Raisin Custard Pie**

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 9-inch baked pie shell

Simmer raisins in water for 10 minutes; drain; set aside. Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Beat together egg yolks and milk. Stir slowly into sugar and cornstarch mixture. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in raisins. Pour into pie shell. Chill. Serve topped with whipped cream.

**Raisin Pie**

- 2 cups raisins
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon orange juice

Bring water to a boil and cook raisins 5 minutes to reconstitute. Mix together sugar and cornstarch. Add sugar mixture to raisins and cook until thickened. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients. Stir to blend. Pour into prepared pie shell. Cover with second crust and crimp together edges. Prick holes with a fork to allow steam to escape while baking. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Cool and glaze with confectioners' icing.

**Icing**

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Dash salt
- Light cream

Combine sugar and salt in a bowl, add cream, one tablespoon at a time, blending until desired consistency is obtained. Add vanilla, blend and spoon onto top crust, avoiding the edges.

**ANSWER** — Mrs. John Snyder Jr. asked what is MSG, which was requested in a recent recipe. MSG is an abbreviation for monosodium glutamate, a crystalline salt used for seasoning food. It is a flavor enhancer that does not taste salty but has the same function. Check spice racks at large grocery stores and oriental food stores if you want to purchase it

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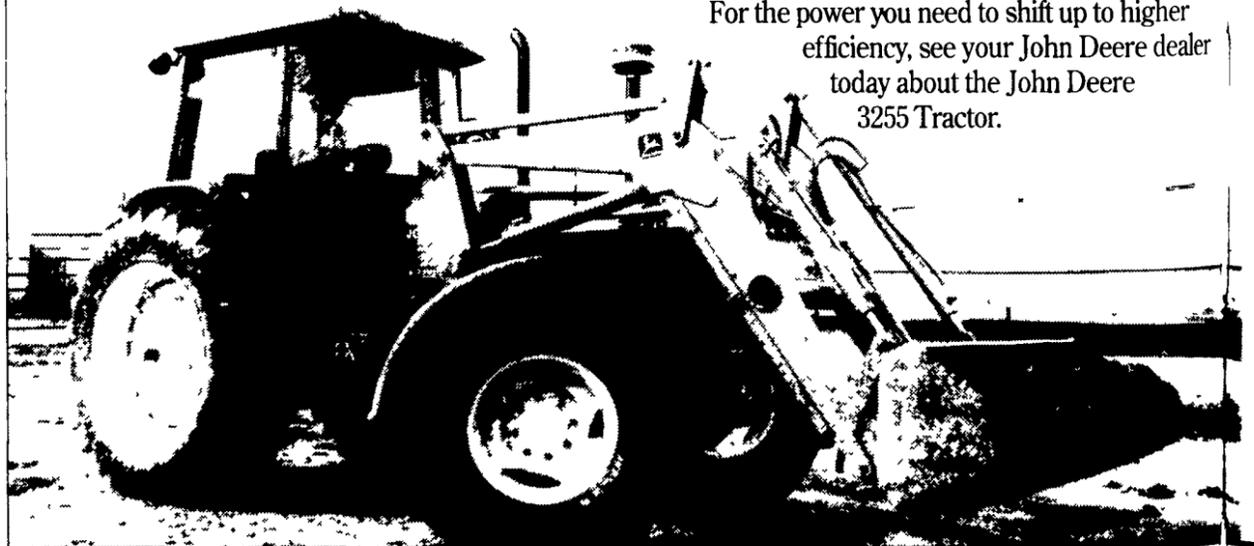
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