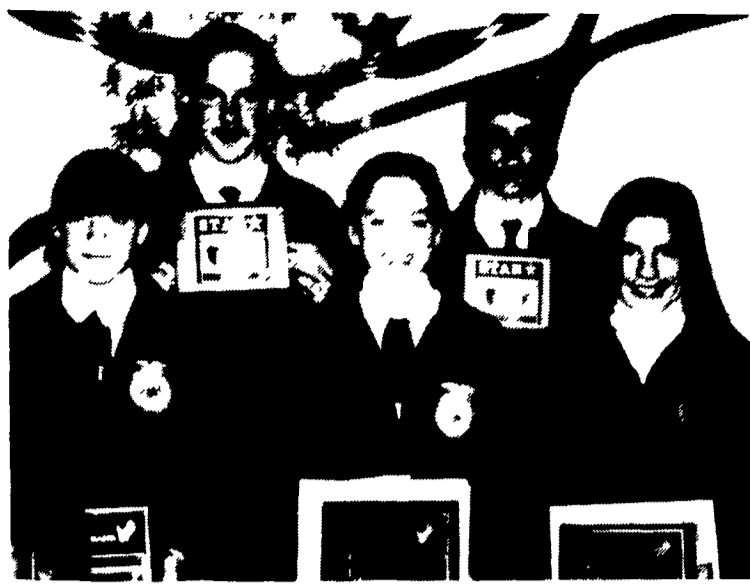


# HAPPENINGS



Front, from left to right, Natalie Beckwith, Tara Plewa, and Melissa Makris. Back, Andy Mast and Ryan Marshall.

**Twin Valley FFA**  
The 33rd annual awards banquet of the Twin Valley FFA was held on March 31. More than 150 members, parents, and guests attended this annual function.

Litz then presented checks to Berks County record book contest winners: Pleasure horse records, first Tracey Putt and second Julie Wilson; on-farm work records - first Steve Harrop; Home Improvement - first Mike Reed; Rabbits - first Marcie Baker and second Missy Tyson; Poultry - first Sarah Mantz and second Michelle Powell; Aquaculture - first Ben Dodd; Wildlife - second Jason Hess; Pets - first Heather Dougherty and second Amanda Scott; Swine - first Ryan Marshall and second Marcie Baker; Crops - first Brian McGowan; Bees - first Ryan Marshall; Skills and Tasks - first Jason Brooks and second Brian McGowan; Off-Farm Work Records - first Ryan Marshall and second Haether Dougherty.

Ronald Frederick, FFA Adviser, presented state record book awards to Ryan Marshall - gold

medals in swine finishing, beekeeping and work experience. Silver medals to Tiffany King - dog breeding, Steve Harrop - work experience, Robert Sauder - wildlife, Heather Dougherty - small animals, Carla Kurtz - work experience; Ben Dodd - aquaculture; and Becky Kurtz - small animals. Bronze awards were presented to: Amanda Scott for small animal records; Andrew Mast for dairy herd records; Andrew Parsons for swine finishing and shop experience records; Ann Haag for pet records; Brian McGowan for

field corn, swine finishing, work experience and shop experience records; Chad Steffy for wildlife; Ned Gardner for wildlife; Jason Hess for Wildlife; Jason Mantz for work experience; Marcie Baker for swine finishing and rabbits; Matt Kurtz for work records; Missy Tyson for work records; Michelle Jacobs for pet records; Michelle Powell for poultry records; Tara Plewa for wildlife records; and Tracey Putt for pleasure horse and work records.

Robert Prall from the Pennsylvania Game Commission then

presented a check to Robert Sauder as the wildlife conservation record winner for the southeastern division of the Game Commission. David Stutzman presented a check to Ryan Marshall as the Berks County Farm Credit record book winner.

Heather Dougherty and Tracey Putt presented greenhand pins to Tom Dalton, Sandra Calvert, Ann Marie Haag, Heidi Rissel, Tracey Schildt, Rachel Stouch, Cory Walter, Megan McBride, Kyle Ripka, Lee Whitmoyer, Jeff Doran, John Errington, Chris Horton, Jeff Kupp, Tom Lakeman, Greg Lund, Richard Seidel, Richard Wood, Daniel Wunderlich, Renee Baum, Natalie Beckwith, Ramona Graziul, Nathan Messner, Beth Pecht, Tavia Rapak, Kim Solowski, Jason Tolley, Meri Brennan, Kira Davis, Robert Davis III, Justin Fisher, Becky Kurtz, Jason Losey, Melissa Makris, Harry Moore, Jared Moyer, Adrienne Neff, Danni Niblick, Crystal Peterson, Tara Plewa, Brandy Ream, Rose Samojeden, Amanda Test, Mike Wilson, Joe Wertz, David Hall, Jr., Nikki Kurtz.

Andy Mast and Jason Mantz represented chapter pins to Cheyney Arters, Steve Harrop, Matt Kurtz, Mike Reed, Andy Risbon, Michelle Jacobs, Tiffany King,

Carla Kurtz, Maggie Pavlesich, Amanda Scott, Julie Wilson, Michelle Powell, Chad Steffy, Michelle Steve, Sarah Mantz, Larry Medaglia. Dennis Krauss presented pins to the 1992 Keystone Degree winners - Andrew Mast, Jason Mantz, Ryan Marshall, Ned Gardner and Robert Sauder. County FFA President Ryan Marshall and Vice-President presented plaques to winners of county FFA contests: wildlife - third - Jason Hess, fourth Robert Sauder, and fifth Chad Steffy; Forestry - second Robert Sauder, third Ned Gardner and fourth Jason Brooks; Pleasure Horse Judging - second Nathan Messner and third Tracey Putt; Greg Lund for third in the greenhand contest; Heather Dougherty for first place in land judging; Ryan Marshall for first in sales and Carla for second in the chapter contest.

Dave Henry, chairperson of the agriculture advisory committee, presented proficiency awards to Steve Harrop for Agriculture mechanics and placement in agriculture production; Brian McGowan for agriculture mechanics and placement in agriculture production; Heather Dougherty for agriculture processing and soil and water management; Marcie Baker for agriculture processing and dairy proficiency; Jason Mantz

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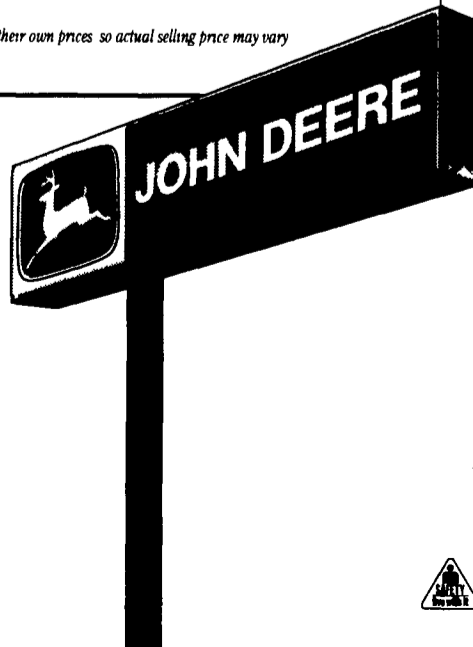
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for dairy proficiency; Cory Walter for diversified livestock; Ollie VonGerbig for diversified livestock and floriculture; Ryan Marshall for extemporaneous speaking; Chad Steffy for wildlife and forestry management; Tara Plewa and Kyle Ripka for wildlife management; Tracey Schildt and Nikki Kurtz for floriculture; Ned Gardner and Jason Brooks for forest management; Tracey Putt for fruit and vegetable proficiency; Nathan Messner, Rose Samojeden and Ramona Graziul for horse proficiency; Robert Sauder and Jason Hess for nursery proficiency; Michelle Powell and Michelle Steve for Outdoor recreation; Mike Reed for placement in agricultural production; Melissa Makris for poultry production; Jared Moyer for sheep production; Andy Mast for soil and water management; Matt Kurtz for speciality animals; Larry Medaglia and Sarah Mantz for Speciality crops and Rachel Stouch for speciality animals.

Frederick then presented a special sales award to Ryan Marshall who was the high salesperson in the citrus sale with more than \$2,000 in sales. Scholarship pins were presented to: Justin Fisher, Jennifer Hannum, Melissa Makris, Crystal Peterson, Tavia Rapak, Becky Kurtz, Danni Niblick, Jason Brooks, Heather Dougherty, Ray Dymond, Michelle Powell, Missy Tyson, Ned Gardner, Ryan Marshall, Ollie VonGerbig, Richard Wood, Megan McBride, Tara Plewa, Amanda Scott, Tracey Schildt, Natalie Beckwith, Carla Kurtz, Matt Kurtz, Cory Walter, Nikki Kurtz.

Eric Marshall presented retiring officer pins to Andy Mast, Ryan Marshall, and Jason Mantz. Cory Walter presented the FFA Creed.

Coulson, superintendent of Twin Valley School District, named the chapter stars for 1993. This year the club has three star greenhands: Natalie Beckwith, Melissa Makris, and Tara Plewa. Natalie is the daughter of Ms. Holly Beckwith of Mountaineer Village. Natalie has been involved with the Hay Creek Fall and apple festivals, the southeast Pennsylvania wildlife contest, and the Made for Excellence conference of the state FFA. Natalie has also served as the junior advisor this year. Melissa is the daughter of Margaret Fulmer of Icedale. Melissa has been very involved with the Pet Therapy programs at Tel-Hai and Hickory House. She participated in the Food for America program and the fall and apple festivals at Hay Creek. Tara Plewa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plewa of Honey Brook. Tara has participated in the Food for America programs on Christmas trees, water quality and plant foods. She attended the Made for Excellence conference and the southeastern Pennsylvania wildlife contest. She participated in the county greenhand contest and the county and state record book contests.

This year two chapter stars were named. Ryan Marshall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Readinger of Reinholds. Ryan is a tuition student at Twin Valley High school. Ryan has been involved in many activities on the county and area level. Ryan has a work experience project as well as raising market hogs to show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and a bee keeping project. Ryan serves as President of the Berks County FFA and a chapter vice-president. He participated in the county envirothon contest, won the area sales contest, and was the high salesperson in the citrus sale with over \$2,000 in sales. He received three gold medals in the state record book contest and placed first in the county extemporaneous speaking contest. He has exhibited honey at local fairs and the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mast of Elverson. As you can see by looking at the program, Andy has been very active this year, and since entering FFA. Andy's projects include dairy herd and working on a dairy farm. He served as chairperson of the corn and soybean test plots. He participates in the Pet-Therapy and Food for America Programs. He attended FFA Week at Penn State, Made for Excellence, and the county FFA leadership program. He has attended both the Pennsylvania Cooperative Institute and the American Institute of Cooperation.