



HAPPENINGS

E-Town FFA

The 34th annual Elizabethtown FFA awards program and banquet was held on Thursday, May 20, in the Elizabethtown Middle School Cafeteria.

Award winners are as follows:

- Dekalb Achievement Award; An award given to Tina Umbrell, a student who has shown exceptional achievement in their four years of high school.

- Greenhand Degree; A first-level FFA degree awarded to agricultural students who have done well to merit this recognition. Those receiving were Heather Oberholtzer, Jason Erb, Rebecca Espenshade, Matt Umbrell, Dawn Witmer, Scott Grissinger, Tim Appleby, Keith Pickel, Steve Shull, Shannen Garber, and Andy Germak.

- Special holiday sales awards; A special recognition given to the top six salesmen of the annual fund raiser. They are Top Salesmen Keith Pickel — \$200 savings bond, Steve Shull — \$100 savings bond, Nheel Dreher — \$50 savings bond, Andy Germak — \$50 savings bond, Peter Hoffines — \$50 savings bond, and Jason Brandt — \$50 savings bond.

- Chapter Degree; The second-level FFA degree, awarded to agricultural students who have shown continued achievement in the agricultural program. They are Gene Barton, Kyle Buchter, Lee DeShong, Andy Myers, Keith Pickel, Corey Roth, Jason Stoltzfus, Jason Wivell, Tim Appleby, Matt Mountain, and Don Good.

- Chapter Star awards; Star Greenhand was presented to Heather Oberholtzer and the Star Chapter Degree went to Tina Umbrell.

- Proficiency awards; Awards given to FFA members for exceptional accomplishments in specific agricultural programs. They are dairy production- Amy Espenshade, diversified livestock production- Peter Hoffines, wildlife management- Erik Kaminski, agricultural mechanics- Don Good, Sheep production- Jason Stoltzfus, swine production- Tina Umbrell, Horse proficiency- Tina Umbrell, fruit and/vegetable production- Lee Deshong, and public speaking- Heather Oberholtzer.

- Special state awards; These awards recognize the students who competed and did exceptionally well in contests that test knowledge and skill in a particular area of agriculture at last year's state FFA Activities Week. They were presented to Tina Umbrell - gold in livestock judging, Peter Hoffines - gold in livestock judging, Amy Espenshade - silver in meats judging, Gene Barton - silver in dairy foods judging, Andy Myers - silver in poultry judging, Lee Deshong - silver in poultry judging, Jason Brandt - bronze in dairy foods judging, Jason Wivell - bronze in dairy foods judging, and Kyle Buchter - poultry judging.

Three state FFA officers participated in the awards program: Mandy Hilbert, state president; Jacy Clugston, state secretary; and Shelly Oglie, state reporter.

- Special awards; The Honorary Degree was given to Gary Gattens for close cooperation with the agriculture department and for teaching agriculture courses for a number of years. Awards were also given to Dr. Dustin Peters, retiring high school principal, and Paul Herndon, retiring assistant high school principal.



E-Town FFA recently recognized its members. Left, Heather Oberholtzer, Star Greenhand and Tina Umbrell, Star Chapter.



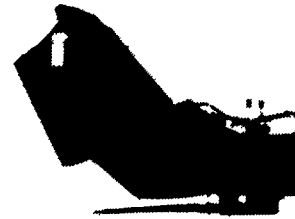
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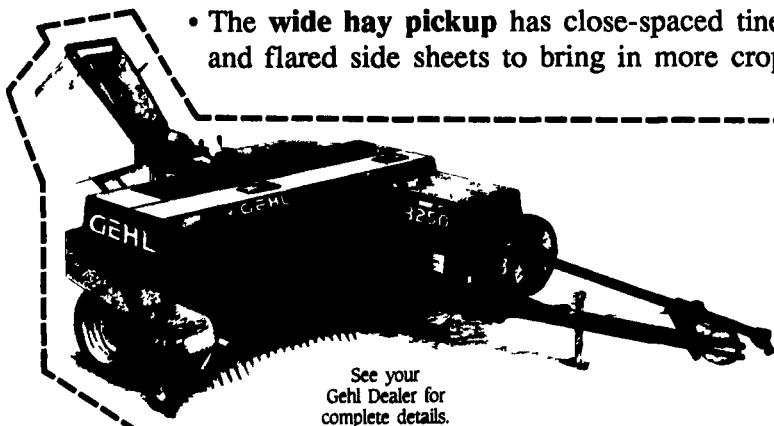
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