

Members Honored

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BERLIN (Somerset Co.) —
The annual Somerset County FFA banquet was attended by 102 people at the community center.
Presiding over the ceremony were county FFA officers Mike Lepley, president, Meyersdale; Stephanie Singo, vice president, Rockwood; Marilee Appel filling in for Mary Williamson, secretary,

Somerset; Jeremy Hay, treasurer, Brothersvalley; and reporter David Mahler, Somerset County Area Vocational Technical School (AVTS). Chaplain was Crystal Coddington, Somerset.
Matthew Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley won first place in the creed speaking contest. In the FFA junior public speaking contest, first place went to Jason Shuller, Somerset County AVTS.

Second place went to Jeremy Schilling, Somerset County AVTS.
Conservation public speaking contest winners were David Mahler, first, Somerset County AVTS; Stephanie Singo, second, Rockwood and Jason Baughman, third, Berlin-Brothersvalley. Marty Stutzman, Bryan Sarver, and Chris Beach earned fourth, fifth, and sixth places.

In extemporaneous public speaking, Bobbi Darr, Somerset placed first; Eric Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley, second; and Rodney Hoyman, Somerset County AVTS, third. Other winners were Harry Hoover, Nathan Poorbaugh, Marilee Appel, Rick Keller and Lonnie Coughenour.
Winners in the FFA Public Speaking Contest were Melissa Vought, Meyersdale, first; Mike Lepley, second, Meyersdale; and

Jeremy Hay, third, Berlin-Brothersvalley. Other winners were Michael Griffith and Missy Place, who tied for fourth place.
The 1993 skills judging contest results in interview category were Eric Landis, Brothersvalley, first; Stephanie Singo, Rockwood and Mike Lepley, Meyersdale tied in second; Jason Tipton, Meyersdale, third; and Marilee Appel, fourth.



First place winners honored at the Somerset County FFA banquet were, front, left to right, Dave Mahler, Heath Engle, Nathan Poorbaugh, Mike Lepley, Matthew Coleman, and Steve Landis. Back, Gary St. Clair, Bobbie Darr, David Creamer, Rick Collins, Michael Griffith, Jason Baughman, and Eric Landis.

In Forestry, Richard Collins, Somerset County AVTS, was first. All winners were from Somerset County AVTS: Joe Swank, second; Ron Most, third; and Dave Creamer, Rodney Hoyman, and Rick Keller in fourth, fifth, and sixth places, respectively.

Livestock judging saw Heath Engle, Meyersdale, taking first place; Joe Tipton, Meyersdale, second; and Josh Glessner, Somerset, third. Matt Foor, Chad Hyatt, and Adam Gauntz came in fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively.

Team winners in judging small gas engines were first place, Ed Faidley and Steve Pugh, Somerset; second, Greg Cornell and Milton Snyder, Brothersvalley; and Bryan DiFebo and Nathan Poorbaugh, Meyersdale, third. Dennis May and Kenneth Roses were fourth.

Ag salesmanship winners were Michael Griffith, Brothersvalley, first; Jesse Ocker, Rockwood, second; and Keith Poorbaugh, Rockwood, third. Bryan Sarver and Larry Bittinger placed fourth and fifth.

Tractor driving contest winners were Gary St. Clair, Somerset, first; Marty Stutzman, Meyersdale, second, and Jonathan Smiley, Brothersvalley, third.

In wildlife, the winner was Dave Creamer, Somerset County AVTS, and Joe Swank, Somerset County AVTS, second. Eric Fritz, Somerset County AVTS, was third. Other winners from fourth through sixth place were Harry Hoover, Larry Laney, and Charles Johnson.

Dairy cattle judging winner was Jason Baughman from Brothersvalley. Darren Little, Brothersvalley, was second and Charles Johnson, Rockwood was third. From fourth place to sixth, winners were Valerie St. Clair, Debra Stahl, and Jeremy Bartels.

The Meyersdale FFA Chapter won both county FFA sports trophies. They were in basketball and volleyball.

Steve Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley, was the winner in having the best-kept record book in the supervised occupational experimental program. From production credit Landis received \$50 and a savings bond presented by Jeff Moser.

Cash prizes were presented by the conservation district to the conservation speaking winners named above. Presenter was Keith Largent.

The G. Floyd Dye Memorial rotating trophy for parliamentary procedure was given to the Somerset County AVTS.

A new memorial trophy was given this year in honor of the late Edward P. Shoemaker, who was the Vo-Ag teacher in Somerset. Shoemaker's untimely death was earlier this year. A poem of tribute was read by Doyle Paul, the Vo-Ag teacher from Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Paul said the Somerset County Vo-Ag teachers decided upon the rotating trophy in honor of Shoemaker. The award will be presented annually to the first place county demonstration team. The Somerset County AVTS is the first winner.

The county FFA officers each received a plaque. First place winners in agricultural skills competition received their trophies through the Paul Wicks Insurance Company.

Steve Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley, state FFA chaplain, gave an address to the guests.

The county FFA advisory committee members are Doyle Paul, John Hartman, Meyersdale; Douglas Baer, Mt. Davis; Timothy Vought, Rockwood; Cecil Lohr, Somerset; and James Harrold and Jane Schimpf, Somerset County AVTS.

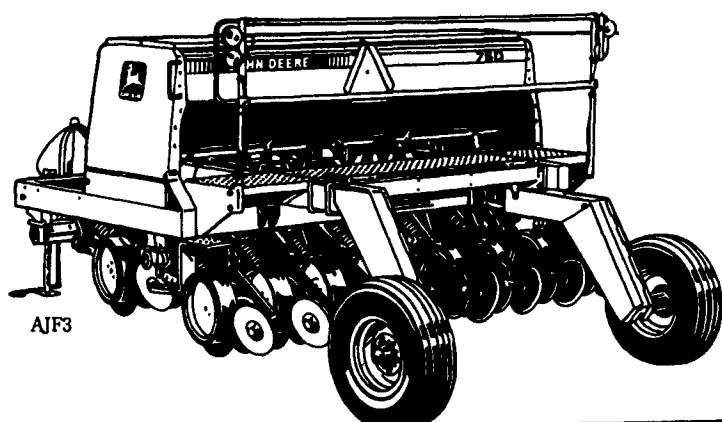


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