

Cliff Valentine, right, manager of the Northeastern Farm Credit ACA branch in Lewisburg, presented awards sponsored by Northeastern Farm Credit to two Mifflinburg FFA members during the FFA's annual banquet. LeRoy Troester, Jr., center, received an award for the best project record book in a 21-county region for the second consecutive year. Daryl Ebersole, left, received an award for the best project record book in Union County for the third consecutive year — a first in the history of the program.

Mifflinburg FFA

Several Mifflinburg FFA members were recognized for earning state, area and local awards during the organization's 64th annual parent-member banquet at Mifflinburg Area High School.

Recognized for receiving the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree, the highest achievement degree given by the Pennsylvania FFA, were Daryl Ebersole, Gisela Imgrund, Daniel Oberlin and LeRoy Troester, Jr.

Jayne Benner received an award as the Union County Star Farmer from the First National Trust Bank of Beavertown. Joshua Keister received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Brian Reber received the Star Agribusiness Award, and Jeremy Dorman received the Star Greenhand Award.

Joshua Keister received the SUN Area Forestry Skills Award presented by Kuhns Brothers Lumber Company. Eric Cover and Adam Heimbach were selected to receive lambs presented by Mountain View Farm to be shown at the West End Fair.

Chapter proficiency awards went to Tom Aikey, achievement in volunteerism; Jeremy Beaver, specialty animals; Matthew Christ, diversified livestock production; Lucas Criswell, feed grain production; Michael Denius, specialty crops; Ben Dietrich and Matthew Willow, turf and landscape management; Daryl Ebersole, home and farmstead improvement, and placement in agriculture production; Chad Gessner, beef production; Fred Grove, Jr., fruit and vegetable production; Joshua Keister, agriculture mechanics; Jan Krout, agriculture sales and service; Roger Kuhns, poultry production and public speaking; Derrick Moyer, swine production; Daniel Oberlin, forestry; Daniel Rishel, dairy production; Jennifer Rishel and Kimberly Zimmerman, sheep production; Jeremy Stafford, horse production; LeRoy Troester, Jr., diversified crop production, forage production and oil crop production; Michael Walter, soil and water management; and Charles Zechman, wildlife management.

State project book gold awards went to LeRoy Troester, Jr. (alfalfa, corn, dairy beef, dairy herd, soybeans, on-farm work experience); Daryl Ebersole (swine finishing, on-farm work experience); and Matthew Christ (swine finishing).

State project book silver awards went to Jayme Benner (off-farm work experience); Chad Digan (beef finishing); Bobbi Jo Hackenburg (off-farm work experience); Gisela Imgrund (sheep finishing); Daniel Oberlin (off-farm work experience); and Jennifer Rishel (sheep finishing).

State project book bronze awards went to Matthew Christ (sheep finishing); Daryl Ebersole (poultry); Lisa Ewig (wildlife); Travis Joy (off-farm work experience); Joshua Keister (on-farm work experience); Brian Zimmerman (on-farm work experience); and Kimberly Zimmerman (off-farm work experience).

Recipients of area project record book awards were gold awards, Jayme Benner, Matthew Christ, Chad Digan, Daryl Ebersole, Lisa Ewig, Fred Grove, Jr., Bobbi Jo Hackenburg, Gisela Imgrund, Travis Joy, Joshua Keister, Jennifer Rishel, LeRoy Troester, Jr., Bryan Zimmerman and Kimberly Zimmerman; silver awards, Lucas

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Award winners at the Mifflinburg FFA's annual parent-member banquet included, from left, Jeremy Dorman, who received the Star Greenhand Award; Joshua Keister, who received the Star Chapter Farmer Award; and Brian Reber, who received the Star Chapter Agribusiness Award.

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HAPPENINGS



New officers of the Mifflinburg FFA are (front, from left) Joshua Keister, treasurer; Fred Grove, Jr., reporter; Kevin Gessner, sentinel; (back, from left) Chad Digan, secretary; Lucas Criswell, president; Matthew Christ, chaplain; and Jayme Benner, vice president.

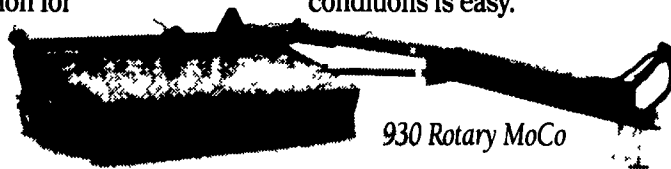
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