

# Cowanquesque Recognizes FFA'ers' Achievements

WESTFIELD (Tioga Co.) — The annual parent-member banquet of the Cowanquesque FFA Chapter was held recently at the Cowanquesque Valley High School.

A delicious stuffed chicken breast dinner was prepared and served to 100 people by the cafeteria staff of the high school. A specially decorated cake, com-

memorating the FFA, was served as a part of the meal.

The awards program was conducted in the school auditorium by the chapter officers, with Laurie Wildman presiding.

Guest speaker for the evening was Erinn Middleton, north central region vice president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. She challenged the members, parents, and guests to accept the opportunities presented to them and make things happen, in a positive way.

Greenhand certificates and pins were presented to Amy Smith, Cory Nederfield, Tina Burrell, Christina Erway, Charlene Packard, Renee Sacks, John Whitesell, George White, Tony Wolfe, Chad Smeltz, Nathan VanZile, Steven Wright, Ben Sharp, Jon Young, Dan Parker, Robert Aldrich, David Cady, Mike Burrous, Ryan Hurler, Brian Dimeler, and Rodney Sweet.

The chapter degree pins and certificates were awarded to Tom Ackley, Joshua Dibble, D.J. Stiles, Ray Ransom, Mike West, and Brian DiDomenico.

Members that had been awarded the county degree last fall were recognized for their accomplishments. They were Jeremy Clark, Tom Ackley, D.J. Stiles, and Ray Ransom.

Edward Heyler, retired vocational agriculture teacher from Cowanquesque Valley, recognized the state degree winners with the state degree golden charm and certificate. Laurie Wildman, Stacey Miles, and Coli Graves were the recipients.

Dr. Robert Jannone, superintendent of the Northern Tioga School District, awarded the chapter leadership medal to Laurie Wildman. She has been very active in the local and county FFA chapter.

Christina Erway was the recipient of the chapter scholarship meal. She has maintained the highest grade point average in all subjects since the beginning of her freshman year.

The Cowanquesque chapter had two members earn state proficiency awards this past year. The proficiency plaques were presented to Stacey Graves for diversified

livestock production and to Dennis Ackley for home and/or farmstead improvement. Michael Schwarz, high school principal, made the presentations.

The area, regional, and state star for the production agriculture phase of the state level degree for 1994 was Laurie Wildman. She was recognized and presented plaques for the regional and state level, as well as the state star pin, by Kaye Stuart, assistant to the principal. Laurie will represent Pennsylvania at the Eastern Regional State Star competition in mid-September in Springfield, Mass.

State judging medals were presented to Angie Miles, gold in land use and management; Dennis Ackley, gold in livestock judging; and a silver to Laurie Wildman for meats evaluation. These awards were earned in the state level contests last June.

Several students had been involved in contests conducted by Alfred State College last fall. Coli Graves received a certificate for



Cowanquesque FFA recently recognized several at the annual banquet. From left, Laurie Wildman, State Star Agricultural Production; Chad Smeltz, Chapter Star Greenhand; Tom Ackley, Chapter Star Farmer; and Jeremy Clark, Chapter Star Agribusinessman.



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