

# Cowaneseque Recognizes FFA'ers' Achievements

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his tractor driving skills. Certificates were presented to Tom Ackley, Laurie Wildman, Stacey Miles, and Jeremy Clark for their involvement in the stockman's contest. They also received blue ribbons for placing first team in both beef and sheep judging.

Chris Landis, loan officer of the Wellsboro Office of Northeast Farm Credit, recognized state record book contest participants. A silver medal went to Laurie Wildman for swine finishing, and

bronze medals were earned by Stacey Miles in dairy production and Tom Ackley in swine finishing.

The medals are provided by the Pennsylvania Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Laurie was named the regional Farm Credit winner and Stacey the county Farm Credit winner. Both were awarded plaques and checks for these awards.

Chapter proficiency awards were made by Wayne Irish, student teacher and Martin Heyler

and Clair Zerby, chapter advisers. The following awards were made: Star Greenhand, Chad Smeltz; Star Chapter member, Tom Ackley; Star Chapter Agribusiness member, Jeremy Clark; creed speaking, Tina Burrell; ag processing, Jimmie Leach; ag mechanics, Coli Graves and Rodney Sweet; ag sales and/or service, Ray Ransom; beef production, Tom Ackley; dairy production, Stacey Miles; sheep production, Laurie Wildman; swine production, Tom Ackley; soil and water

management, Ryan Hurler; forestry management, Duane J. Stiles and Jonathan Young; fruit and/or vegetable production, Cory Nederfield; home and farm improvement, Joshua Dibble; placement in agricultural production, Jeremy Clark and Bradley Earle; and turf and landscape management, Mike West.

Honorary chapter degrees were conferred upon Erinn Middleton, guest speaker; Wayne Irish, student teacher in agricultural education from Penn State; and Wayne

Crawford, guidance counselor at Cowanesque Valley High School.

Parents of state degree recipients were recognized and presented either the Honorary Chapter degree or a Certificate of Appreciation. The Knoxville Youth Association was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of the FFA program. Jimona Stafford, reporter for the Free Press-Courier of Westfield, was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award.



Grassland FFA members recently attended the state legislative leadership conference from left, front row, Krista Hoover, Connie Zeiset, Jackie Stick, and Megan Frederick. In back, Senator Noah Wenger, Jere Shuler, Josh Troxell, Rep. Terry Sheetz, and advisor Robert Lauffer.

### Grassland FFA Members At State Legislative Leadership Conference

Connie Zeiset, D. Josh Troxell, Krista Hoover, Megan Frederick and Jackie Stick, members of the Grassland FFA Chapter, recently attended the State Legislative Leadership Conference in Harrisburg.

The conference is designed to familiarize the FFA members with the legislative system and how it

relates to agriculture. The conference highlights included a legislative breakfast where FFA members spent time socializing with their state senators and representatives. Included was a tour of the state capitol. Also, throughout the conference, FFA members had the opportunity to visit Milton Hershey School, Milton S. Hershey Founder's Hall, and The Hershey Chocolate Factory.

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