

# Somerset County FFA Awards Members

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**BERLIN** (Somerset Co.) — Somerset County Future Farmers of America Chapters convened here for their annual award presentations. Some 75 guests were present.

Stephanie Singo, Rockwood Chapter, received the Outstanding FFA Student award from the Somerset County Pomona Grange Number 39. Singo, 17, the first female named to the honor breaks an all-male trend spanning 32 years. Her parents are Robert and Brenda Singo, Somerset.

Placing first in the parliamentary procedure contest was the Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter, which received the Floyd Dye Memorial Trophy, a rotating award. Placing second was the Somerset Co. Area Vocational Technical School (AVTS) Chapter.

Creed speaking contest winner was Kristi Maul, Somerset FFA Chapter; second Heath Berkey, Berlin-Brothersvalley; and third, Jonathan Dickey, also Berlin-Brothersvalley Chapter.

Conservation public speaking contest found Dave Creamer, AVTS Chapter, the winner. Second was Stephanie Singo, Rockwood and third, Eric Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley. Each received a check from the Somerset Conservation District.

FFA public speaking contest winner was Melissa Vought, Meyersdale Chapter. Debbie Stahl, Somerset Chapter, was second followed by Jason Baughman, Berlin-Brothersvalley, third place. FFA junior public speaking

contest winner was Bob Tannehill, Somerset AVTS. In second place was Kip Wilt, AVTS. Third place went to Josh Koval, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Extemporaneous public speaking contest winners were first, Jeff Knotts, Meyersdale Chapter; second, Mike Griffith, Berlin-Brothersvalley; and third, Lonnie Coughenour, Berlin-Brothersvalley Chapter.

The contest for parliamentary procedure and public speaking in the FFA's Cambria-Somerset Area was held in the Berlin Brethren Church, Berlin.

Somerset County AVTS, first place demonstration team, also received the Edward P. Shoemaker Memorial Trophy.

All first place winners in the agricultural skills competition received plaques donated by the Paul Wicks Insurance Co.

Eric Landis, Berlin, placed first in interview category followed by Matthew Hay, Meyersdale, second and Lonnie Coughenour, Berlin, third.

Tractor driving skills contest winner was Jeremy Barron, Somerset. Marty Stutzman, Meyersdale, was second followed in third by Jonathan Smiley, Berlin.

In ag salesmanship, Mike Griffith, Berlin was first; Jeremy Bartels, Somerset, second; and Jason Shuller, AVTS third.

Jason Baughman, Berlin, was first in dairy cattle judging. Jeff Knotts, Meyersdale was second. Matt Shaffer, Meyersdale, was third.

Forestry first place winner was Ron Most. Joe Swank was second

and Christ Dupstadt, third. The FFA'ers are all in the Somerset AVTS FFA Chapter.

Somerset AVTS FFA Chapter also swept the top three slots in the wildlife category with Chris Dupstadt first, Rich Collins, second, and Rodney Hoyman, third.

Eric Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter, was the Somerset Co. student with the best kept SOEP record book and received a \$50 check from Pro-

duction Credit.

Meyersdale FFA Chapter received the sports trophies, winning in both basketball and volleyball.

County FFA officers also received plaques. Presidents is Marilee Appel, Somerset; vice president, Stephanie Singo, Rockwood; secretary, Eric Landis, Berlin-Brothersvalley; treasurer, Nathan Poorbaugh, Meyersdale; and reporter, David Creamer,

Somerset Co. AVTS.

Andrea Noll, Millerstown, the state FFA president, in her brief but encouraging address, said, "Trust your hopes, not your fears."

Miss Noll was accompanied by the state FFA treasurer, Grant Campbell, Lykens.

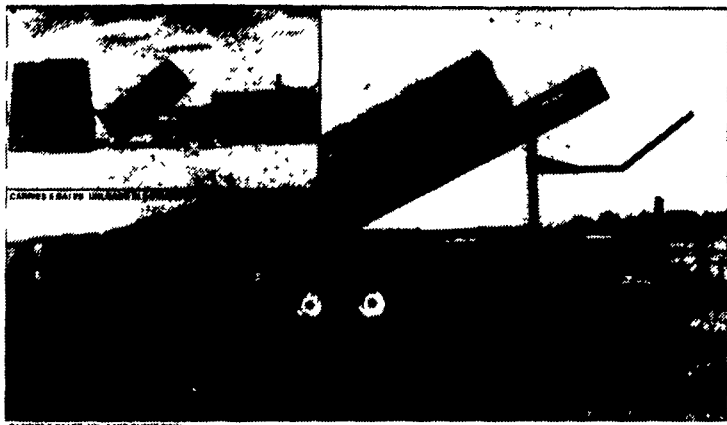
The ham dinner was prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department.



First-place winners at the Somerset Co. FFA Annual Banquet are, seated left to right, Adam Shaffer, Jon Smiley, Joshua Koval, Jonathan Dickey, Bryan Sarver, Melissa Vought, Stephanie Singo, Amy Ohler. Standing, Dave Creamer, Jason Baughman, Justin Miller, Eric Landis, Mike Griffith, Ben Shipley, Ron Most, Chris Dupstadt, Robert Tannehill and Jeff Knotts.

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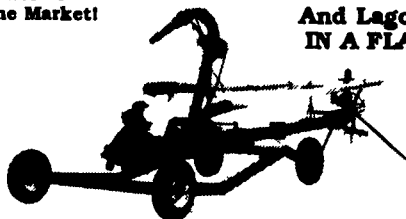
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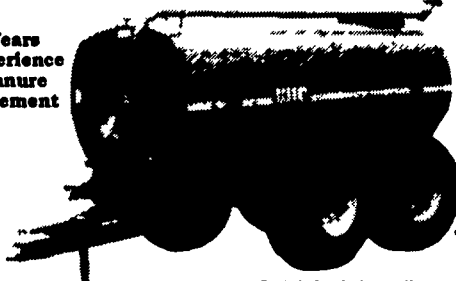
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