

197 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degree At Farm Show

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Scott C. Byers

Immediate plans for Scott C. Byers include running for state officer and, later, to finish college with a degree in the field of engineering. Scott, 17, son of Lloyd and Sue Byers, Liverpool, Perry County, chairs the FFA safety committee. Projects include market hogs and market steers. Scott has received his chapter and area degrees. He indicated that he received a proficiency award for beef production and has won many awards through showing animals and judging contests.



Matt Charles

Championship horse awards have been some of the accomplishments of four-year Manor FFA member Matt Charles. As part of his roping enterprise, he indicated that he competes at rodeos all over the East Coast. He has earned several championship belt buckles — some worth as much as \$700 — as a team roping member. In the summer of 1993, Matt indicated he qualified to compete in the high school national finals in Gillette, Wyo. "This rodeo has the most contestants of any rodeo in the world," noted Matt. Matt intends to compete in finals at Pocatello, Idaho in March.



Some time back, Matt, 18, son of Jim and Charlotte Charles, purchased a thoroughbred horse that had not been ridden for three years and needed a lot of training. He spent \$850 plus an additional \$100 on blacksmith, wormer, and feed. He worked with the horse to improve the reining skills, and, after attending an artificial breeding course, went out two years ago to breed his own horses. He plans on breeding horses for at least several years after high school.

Matt indicated he wants to keep working with a breeder service company for the next several years and to keep roping at rodeos.

Matthew S. Christ

Matthew Christ plans to attend college to major in environmental science "and then work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture." Matthew, 17, son of Robert and Judith Christ, Mifflinburg, Union County, is a four-year Mifflinburg FFA member. He has served as chapter chaplain, SUN Area FFA chaplain, and assistant sentinel. He has completed various swine finishing, sheep finishing, and beef finishing projects and served on the livestock, conservation, and executive committees. Also, Matthew has competed in a wide array of contests, including conservation public speaking, Pennsylvania Pork Bowl Team (first place), Susquehanna Valley Envirothon, extemporaneous public speaking, swine and sheep shows for the West End Fair, and other contests.



Jeremy D. Clark

Plans for four-year Cowanesque FFA member Jeremy Clark include continuing education beyond high school. Jeremy, 18, son of Steven Clark and Linda Brown, Westfield, Tioga County, has served on various committees, including citrus sales and conservation district tree sales. He was the program of work chairman and participated in state livestock judging. Jeremy has been awarded fruit and vegetable proficiency honors in addition to placement in ag production proficiency. He obtained the Star Chapter Agribusiness Award.



Aaron Daniel Corle

Owning his own farm and attending college to major in ag engineering or animal science form the plans for four-year Chestnut Ridge FFA member Aaron Corle. Aaron, 17, son of Daniel and Iona Corle, Osterburg, Bedford County, has served as chapter chaplain and vice president and serves as chapter president. Aaron has also served on various committees, including fund raising, Food For America, and also completed various poultry production and swine finishing projects. He has been honored with a gold medal in livestock judging during FFA Week, and won a silver in 1993 in livestock judging. He was awarded a gold for chapter record keeping from 1991-1994. In addition, Aaron has obtained his Star Chapter and Star Greenhand degrees and has participated at KILE and at county and dairy judging contests.



Lucas William Criswell

Mifflinburg FFA member Lucas Criswell has served as chapter president, SUN Area reporter, and president of the executive committee. Lucas, 18, son of William and Deborah Criswell, Lewisburg, Union County, has completed various projects, including corn grain production (four years), on-farm work experience (two years), and swine finishing (one year). He has also served on the safety, cider, citrus, tree planting, and executive committees. Also, Lucas has participated in many contests, including the West End Fair livestock judging, Beaver Fair forestry skills, West End Fair Swine Show and livestock sale, tractor driving, land judging, public speaking, and forestry contests. He has



received a silver in the chapter procedure contest at the state level and won a bronze award in the state agronomy contest. He has also won a chapter proficiency award for feed grains and the Star Greenhand.

Kevin T. Croyle

Kevin Croyle, four-year Chestnut Ridge FFA member, has plans to be a farm manager or truck driver. Kevin, 17, son of Thomas and Carol Croyle, Schellsburg, Bedford County, has served as chapter sentinel and is chapter vice president. Kevin has completed a beef finishing project from 1991-1994 and has served on the Food For America and apple butter fund raising committees. He has been awarded the Greenhand and Chapter degrees. In addition, he has received a chapter gold project book award and the chapter beef proficiency award. In 1993 and 1994, Kevin received recognition for best chapter record keeping from the Agway of Curryville.



James H. Cunningham

Plans for James H. Cunningham, four-year Central Columbia FFA member, include attending college to take up a career in wildlife management. James, 18, son of James and Jane Cunningham, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, has served on the citrus sales, Bloomsburg Fair, beef jerky sales, leadership, and recreation committees. James has participated in various contests, including wildlife, agronomy, meat judging, aquatics, and ag mechanics. He has received his Chapter Agribusiness Award and the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees.



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