

# 197 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degree At Farm Show

**Mike Minnich**

Mike Minnich, 18, of Lititz, is the son of Dave and Rachel Minnich, and has been a member of the Manheim FFA chapter for the past four years. Having earned his greenhand and chapter degrees, his projects have involved work experience at a feed company for three years. He served as a delegate to the national FFA convention in Kansas City, and has been involved in committees with the goal of providing coats for kids, and children's tents. He said he would like to drive truck as a career.



**Dan Musser**

Dan Musser, 18, son of Dale and Dianne Musser, of Spring Mills, served as reporter for the Penns Valley FFA chapter and earned his greenhand, chapter and county degrees. For the past four years he has been involved in a work experience FFA project, and he has represented his chapter in various area and state contests. He served as chapter delegate to a national FFA convention, and said he plans a career in agricultural sales and service.



**Virginia Nolt**

Virginia Nolt, 18, daughter of Leverage and Jolynn Nolt, of Reinholds, has served as president of the Cloister FFA for one year and as secretary for two years, also earning her greenhand, chapter and county (Red Rose) degrees. For her FFA projects, Virginia raised and showed hogs for the past four years, in addition to working as a cashier at a home-hardware retail store. She has served as chair of the chapter's cooperation and nominations committees and served on its leadership, public relations, and banquet committees. She also participated in the Ag in the Classroom programs for four years. In competition, she earned a gold medal at a state creed contest, and a silver medal at the national level for the agricultural sales contest. She also earned a proficiency award in extemporaneous speaking. Virginia said she intends to run for state office and then seek accreditation from either an agricultural college or technical school.



**Tim Negly**

Tim Negly, 18, son of Ron and Joyce Negly, of Shippensburg, has earned his greenhand and chapter farmer degrees in his four years as a member of the Big Spring FFA chapter. A member of the chapter ag expo, tractor driving, and BOAC committees, he also participated in county and state record book contests, and in dairy judging at the Pa. All-American Dairy Show. His SAE project is working with a dairy herd.



**Courtney Myers**

Courtney Myers, 18, is a four-year member of the Cloister FFA chapter and has served as its president and reporter, while working on a bean patch project for four years, a home garden one year, and a cooperative with Agway for one year. The daughter of Zoland and Georgia Myers, of Arkon, Courtney has served on the state FFA Nomination Committee, as well as her chapter's public relations and community service committees. She earned her star farmer degree in 1992 and received a DeKalb agricultural award, and a Foundation Award for special crop production. She also competed nationally as a member of a FFA-Farm Business Management team, and is currently attending business management studies at Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg.



**Matt Moore**

Matt Moore, 17, son of Stephen and Carol Moore, of Fairfield, has been a member of the Mason-Dixon FFA chapter for three years, serving as its president for the past two years and sentinel before that. His FFA projects include working with a dairy herd, and he chairs the chapter's leadership committee, while being a member of its fruit, and public relations committees. He won a state gold medal in extemporaneous speaking and earned his chapter and greenhand degrees. He said he would like to be a trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police.



**Valerie Nicholson**

Valerie Nicholson, 17, daughter of Ruth Ann and William Nicholson, of Blairsville, has served as vice president and secretary for the Derry FFA chapter, where she has been a member for the past three years. A member of the chapter's Christmas sale, Valentine's Day sale, Mother's Day sale, citrus sale, candy sale, Christmas Dance, winter activity, Harvest Fair, get-acquainted, and initiation committees, she has attended the UPJ Conference, the Penn State University fall leadership conference, student legislative leadership conference, and the national FFA convention. She also participated in the a local Railroad Days sale. She said she intends to pursue a college degree in floriculture.



**Brandee Nelson**

Brandee Nelson, 17, daughter of Kim and Fred Nelson, of Biglerville, has served as treasurer and president of the Apple City FFA chapter. A member for the past four years, she earned her greenhand, chapter and county degrees and attended the 1993-94 national convention as a state delegate, and also earned awards for proficiency in sheep and swine production. A member of the chapter's poinsetta sales, citrus sales, bulb sales, bowl-a-thon, petting zoo, FFA Week pig roast, K.I.L.E. tours, pie sale and sandwich sale committees, she has attended an AFY Leadership Conference, a business seminar for teenagers, was a state trip winner (cooperative) Adams County Rep, and judged dairy cattle and livestock at the county level. She said she intends to run for state office and then pursue a college degree in agricultural education.



**Melissa Nailor**

Melissa Nailor, 18, daughter of Donald and Susan Nailor, of Newville, has served as secretary and treasurer of the Big Spring FFA chapter, and earned her star greenhand and star chapter farmer degrees. Also the recipient of a proficiency award in beef pro-



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