

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

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duction, she has finished and bred beef in addition to finishing sheep as her FFA projects. In addition, she has served as chairman of the chapter banquet committee, and was a member of its food sale committee. She said she intends to pursue a college degree in physical therapy.

## Kari Oakes

Kari Oakes, 19, daughter of John and Diana Meyers, of Tyrone, has been a member of the Tyrone Area FFA chapter for the past five years and has served as its president. A member of its public relations, community service, scholarship committees, Kari has also helped with the Tyrone Harvest Festival and the Tyrone Food Bank. Her FFA projects include work experience, raising market hogs and dairy steers. A recipient of a Blair County FFA scholarship, she also has earned her star greenhand degree, and a blue and gold award. Kari was a silver medalist in the state FFA forestry contest and she participated in the FFA conservation speaking contest. She said she would like to attend the Penn State University program for wildlife technology.



## David Parker

David Parker, 17, of Lancaster, is the son of Shirley and Danny Mack, and a four-year member of the Manor FFA chapter where he has served as reporter. His projects included raising and showing hogs for local fairs and the state Farm Show. He served as chair of the chapter's Adopt-A-Highway committee, and served on its FFA Yeabook, petting zoo, banquet, and public relations committees. He participated in FFA Week activities, and attended the national FFA convention, the FFA Leadership Conference, and helped with all major fundraisers. He also competed locally in the FFA junior prepared public speaking contest, extemporaneous public speaking, salesmanship and agricultural mechanics contests. In other activities, he played two years of varsity football, was involved in high school fall plays and spring musicals, and helped coach a year of midget football, while also working. David said he would like to pursue a college degree in agribusiness and eventually own and operate an agricultural supply store.



## Megan Poist

Megan Poist, 17, daughter of Francis and Roberta Poist, of New Oxford, is the president of the New Oxford FFA chapter. Chapter sentinel last year, she has also earned her star greenhand and star chapter farmer degrees, finished fifth in the state for junior prepared public speaking and was first regionally in a parliamentary procedure contest. Megan has earned proficiency awards in public speaking and agricultural sales-and-service, and she has served as chair of her chapter's executive committee. A member of the chapter for three years, Megan has served on its Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-Lake, and Food For America committees, while her FFA project has been work experience. She said she intends to pursue a degree at Penn State University.



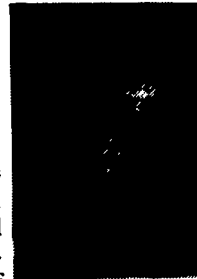
## Simon Poglein

Simon Poglein, 17, son of Barb and Barry Poglein, of New Florence, has served as secretary of the United FFA chapter and earned his greenhand degree. A member of the chapter's Food For America committee, he also competes on its parliamentary procedure team, demonstration team, in landscape competitions, and in conservation speaking. A four-year member of FFA, Simon said he intends to pursue a degree in cinematography.



## Douglas Reinert

Douglas Reinert, 18, of Halifax, has served as secretary and student advisor for the Halifax Area FFA chapter, during his three years as a member, earning greenhand and chapter degrees. The son of William and Karen Reinert, Douglas had swine, beef and lamb finishing projects as well as a swine breeding project. He was chair of the chapter's banquet committee, while also serving on its citrus, swine,



recreational, advisory, safety, seed, fruit sale, Farm Show, FFA banquet, FFA Blue Rock Shoot committees and participated in judging at Gratz Fair, in land judging and in FFA questions contests. He showed the champion lamb at the Gratz Fair, the reserve champion hog, was champion beef showman, and showed the reserve champion. He also received FFA proficiency awards, and award for outstanding sheep farming, and was honored for having the high daily rate of gain for beef and swine. Douglas said he intends to continue his education at Millersville University with an interest in studying physics and computer engineering.

## Kendall Reiff

Kendall Reiff, 17, son of Sam and Elva Reiff, New Holland, has been a member of the Hans Herr FFA chapter for three years, serving as vice president and earning his chapter and county (Red Rose) degrees. He was a member of the first place state livestock team in 1993, and earned a bronze medal for his role on the livestock judging team in national competition in 1993. Kendall also participated in the state dairy judging contest this year, and was champion showman at the Denver Community Fair. This year he also served



on the chapter's Executive Committee and worked with his own market lamb projects. He has also been on the chapter's Fruit Sale Committee, and he also has a work experience project operating a pellet mill for Agway. He said he wants a career as an automobile mechanic.

## Celeste Ricards

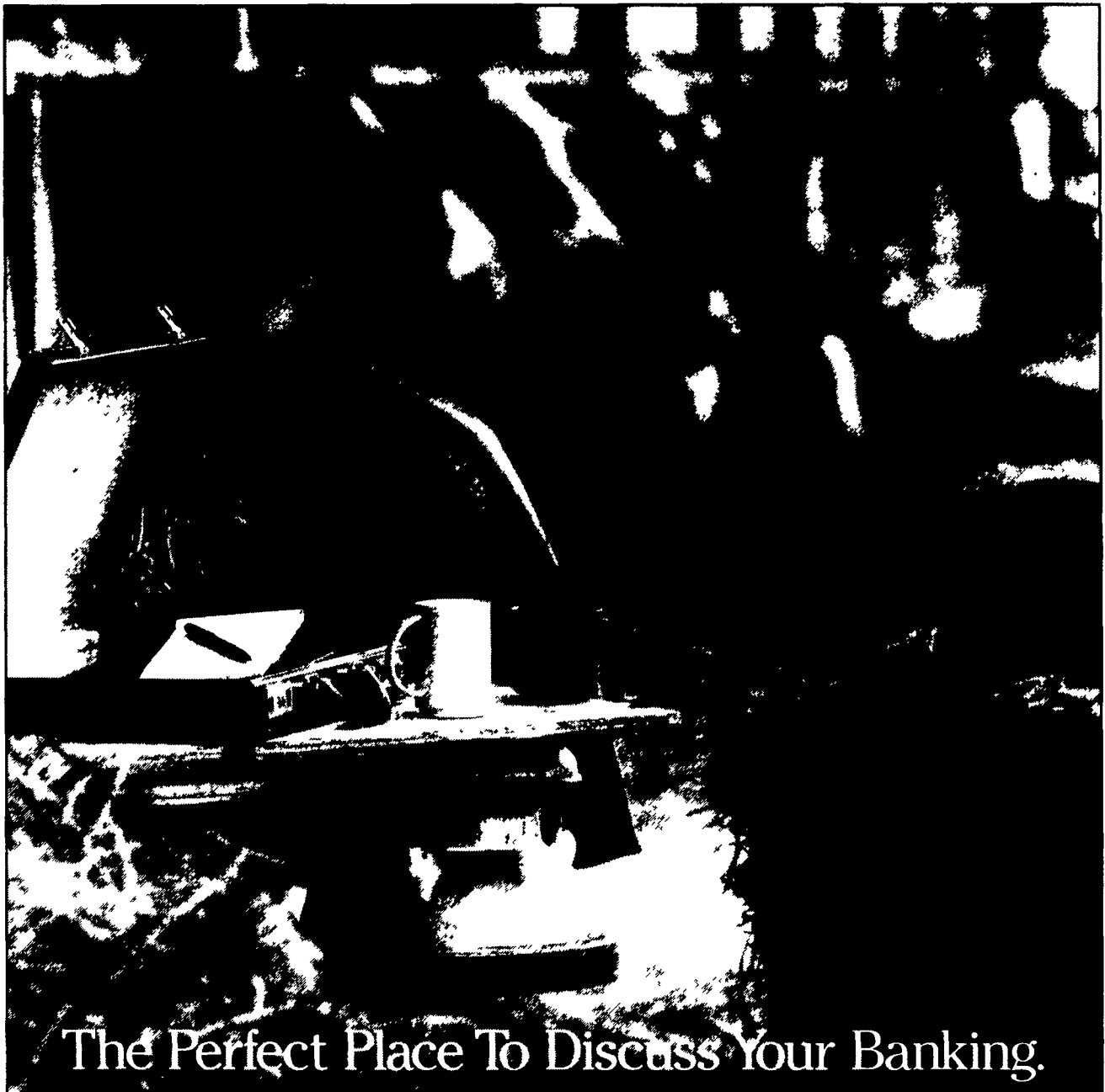
Celeste Ricards, 18, of Wemerville, is the daughter of Carol Forster and Barry Ricards, and has been a four-year member of Conrad Weiser FFA chapter, having served as its sentinel, vice president, and reporter. She has earned her greenhand and chapter degrees and works for a florist and a dairy farm. Co-chairperson of the chapter's processed meats committee, she also served as chairperson of its leadership committee, as well as being involved with SAE.



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