



Pictured are first place winners in Somerset County FFA skills judging contests. Seated from left, Sue Barron, Jeannie Ohler, Mandy Decker, Becky Ray, Brad Sanner. Standing, Justin Miller, John Porter, Desirae Hillegass, Jeremy Walters and Jonathan Dickey.

## Somerset FFA Told To Build Passion For Success

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**Somerset Co. Correspondent**  
BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — The Somerset County FFA awards banquet and installation of new officers was held on May 22, with John Porter, county president from Meyersdale, as toastmaster. Bruce Hartman from Brothersvalley, the county vice-president made the introductions.

Michael Clark, the state vice-president and guest speaker, gave an impassioned and inspirational speech from difficult personal experiences that, because he didn't give up, have brought many honors and scholarships his way. "Build your passion for success," Clark urged, "Success comes from the power of your determination."

"Success doesn't come in a Zip-lock bag, a cardboard box or a jar," Clark said. "It comes in a can, as in 'I can.'"

Berlin-Brothersvalley received the G. Floyd Dye trophy for Parliamentary Procedure and also the Edward P. Shoemaker Memorial trophy for Educational Demonstration. The chapter as well, took

the county basketball trophy while that for volleyball was won by Meyersdale FFA.

Denise McCusker, Somerset County AVTS, received the Production Credit check for the best supervised work experience record book from Pennwest Farm Credit.

In skills judging the following were recognized:

**DAIRY CATTLE:** 1. Desirae Hillegass, Brothersvalley; 2. Bruce Hartman, Brothersvalley; 3. Bill Swift, Brothersvalley.

**FORESTRY:** 1. Brad Sanner, Somerset County AVTS; 2. Brian Sanner, Somerset County AVTS; 3. Travis Boden, Somerset County AVTS.

**LIVESTOCK:** 1. Bryan Engle, Brothersvalley; 2. Jason Knotts, Meyersdale; 3. Mike Cook, Meyersdale.

**TRACTOR DRIVING:** 1. Joel Smiley, Brothersvalley; 2. David Crissinger, Meyersdale; 3. Michael Ray, Somerset.

**LAND JUDGING:** 1. Jeannie Ohler, Somerset County AVTS; 2. Denise McCusker, Somerset County AVTS; 3. Morgan Dickey, Brothersvalley.

**SMALL GAS ENGINES:** 1. Billy Deal and John Porter, Meyersdale.

**FLORICULTURE:** 1. Denise McCusker, Somerset County AVTS; 2. Angie Brant, Somerset County AVTS; 3. Tonya Most, Somerset County AVS.

**WILDLIFE:** 1. Jason Weigle, Somerset; 2. Justin Lorson, Brothersvalley; 3. Dan Ackerman, Somerset County AVTS. Awards were provided by Penna. Game Commission.

**HORSE JUDGING:** 1. Becky Ray, Somerset; 2. Mandy Decker, Somerset County

AVTS; 3. Amanda Yoder, Somerset.

**INTERVIEW:** 1. Jeremy Walters, Brothersvalley; 2. Adam Shaffer, Brothersvalley; 3. Melissa Stahl, Somerset.

Trophies for all first place winners were given by Paul Wicks Insurance Co.

Checks from the Conservation District were given to the top three conservation speakers. 1. Jeremy Walters, Brothersvalley; 2. Dan Lepley, Somerset County Vo-Tech; 3. Adam Shaffer, Brothersvalley.

In the career development events the following were FFA chapter winners:

**CREED SPEAKING:** 1. Susan Barron, Somerset; 2. Adam Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley; 3. Steven Fornwalt, Somerset County AVTS.

**FFA JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING:** 1. Matthew Emerick, Meyersdale; 2. Nathan Croner, Berlin-Brothersvalley; 3. Keith Walker, Meyersdale.

**PREPARED FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING:** 1. Desirae Hillegass, Berlin-Brothersvalley; 2. Gretchen Vought, Meyersdale; 3. Becky Ray, Somerset.

**EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING:** 1. Mandy Decker, Somerset County AVTS; 2. Jeannie Ohler, Somerset County AVTS; 3. Justin Miller, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Jonathan Dickey was the recipient of the Beef Production Award presented for the first time by the Somerset County Beef Producers.

Plaques were presented to the outgoing officers: president — John Porter, Meyersdale; vice-president — Bruce Hartman, Berlin-Brothersvalley; secretary — Justin Miller, Berlin-Brothersvalley; treasurer — David Crissinger, Meyersdale; reporter — Enc Lohr, Somerset; sentinel — Joe Darby, Somerset Vo-Tech; parliamentarian — Bill Smith, Somerset Vo-Tech; chaplain — Mike Ray, Somerset.



John Ferko, left, president of the Somerset County Beef Producers and Annette Knotts the secretary-treasurer present Jonathan Dickey with the Beef Production Award.



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