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tees, including Food For American, citrus sale, fall hoagie sale, AG Day breakfast, and several fair mini-exhibit committees. She participated in the Southeast Pennsylvania Wildlife contest, creed speaking contest, and extemporaneous public speaking. She placed second in senior public speaking and 7th in regional senior public speaking. She has attended various conferences and won the wildlife proficiency award.

Rebecca completed wildlife projects and work at a deli. She plans on college, and received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Melissa Gearhart

Columbia-Montour AVTS member Melissa Gearhart plans to seek state FFA office and then attend Luzerne County Community College.



Melissa, 18, is the daughter of Maryann and William Gearhart. She serves as chapter treasurer and also served as secretary.

Melissa has served on the following committees: hayride, skating party, and BOAC. She completed projects in floral design and greenhouse. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Raymond Gige

Son of Gary and Tammy Gige, Raymond, 18, Knoxville, enjoys "traveling to different places and meeting new people."



Raymond, four-year Cowanesque FFA member, serves as county vice president and chapter president. He served as chapter reporter and on various committees, including alumni, public relations, leadership, citrus, and banquet.

Raymond, who plans to study veterinary science and manage a flock of sheep, has completed a variety of projects in sheep production, beef finishing, and pig

finishing. He has received the Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, sheep proficiency, and diversified livestock proficiency awards, in addition to his Greenhand, chapter, and county honors.

Stacy L. Goetz

Stacy Goetz, 17, daughter of Charles and Cynthia Goetz, enjoys "the new learning experiences and relationships with others" through FFA membership, she noted.



Stacy, four-year Conococheague FFA member, is chapter president and has served as secretary and treasurer. She plans to major in biology and animal sciences in college.

Stacy has served on several committees, including leadership, community service, public relations, and others. She completed projects in dairy production and received several awards, including gold in public speaking and in dairy judging.

She received her Star Greenhand and chapter honors.

Shawn Gorley

"I like agriculture and I like learning about it — FFA lets me have both," wrote two-year Wilmington Area FFA member Shawn Gorley.



Shawn, 18, is the son of Jim and Karen Miller, Edinburg. He has served on the banquet committee and completed work experience projects in cow milking. He participated in small gas engines and spring roundup events.

Shawn plans to attend Utah State University and major in dairy herd management. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Rebecca Griswold

Seventeen-year-old Greenwood FFA member Rebecca Griswold enjoys "the

people and the leadership opportunities" as an FFA member.

Rebecca, daughter of David and Kelley Griswold, Millerstown, is chapter president and has served as vice president and reporter. She also served on the PALS and banquet committees.

Rebecca, who plans to attend college, was employed as a lifeguard. She received awards in leadership, scholarship, and public speaking. She received her Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

Ryan Groff

Four-year Manheim FFA member Ryan Groff enjoys the following about FFA: the advisors, the people, and the fun contests, he noted.



Ryan is the son of Richard and Rachel Groff, Manheim. The chapter vice president, he has also served as chaplain. He built a grooming shoot in welding class and participated in the county small gas engines contest and placed second in the county in the chapter driving contest.

Ryan plans "farming, mechanics, auctioneer — I don't know," he wrote. He received his Red Rose and chapter degrees.

Alicia Gross

"Meeting new people and making great friends who have the same agricultural interests" forms the core of what four-year Tulpehocken FFA member Alicia Gross enjoys about FFA.



Alicia, 17, is the daughter of David and Marilyn Gross of Hamburg. The chapter vice president, she has also served as reporter and chaplain.

Alicia, who plans to go to college and eventually marry a farmer, she noted, has served on the leadership, recreation, and sales committees. She completed projects in dairy production and received awards in dairy judging. She received her chapter and Greenhand degrees.

Paul Haines Jr.

"Getting to know other people and doing a lot of fun activities" round out the reasons four-year Mifflinburg FFA member Paul Haines Jr. enjoys FFA.

Paul, 18, son of Paul and Brenda Haines, Mifflinburg, plans to get a job after he graduates from high school and possibly attend college one year later, he wrote.

The chapter sentinel has served on various committees, including chapter chicken barbecue, was co-chair of the summer tour committee, and was committee chairman of FFA Week.

Paul has completed market swine projects all four years of his FFA involvement. He was awarded first place in the 1996 Pennsylvania Agronomy Team, was a member of the 1996 National Crops Team, and picked up Union County West End Fair swine show awards from 1995-1997. In addition, Paul has won first place with the county Envirothon team in 1996. He won SAE awards, the chapter scholarship award, and the chapter proficiency award for swine production. He has received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Amy Hale

Four-year Cloister FFA member Amy Hale enjoys everything about FFA, she wrote, "because I feel that it helps to prepare you for the working (real) world by doing a hands-on type of learning."



Amy, 17, is the daughter of Mary Hale, Stevens. She has served as chapter historian and photographer. She plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill next fall to major in wildlife management.

Amy has also served on the financial and ag awareness committees. She has been involved with work experience and home improvement projects. In addition, she has received awards in horse judging and a bronze in the state record book contest. She received her Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

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