

210 FFA Keystone Recipients Help Build The Future

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Angela Theresa Noecker

Angela Noecker, 17, daughter of Rebecca Noecker of Elizabethville, is the current secretary of the Upper Dauphin Area FFA Chapter, as well as the chapter historian since 1995. A member for four years, she also serves on the chapter's Leadership and Contest committees. Her projects include rabbit production, beef finishing, and work experience milking cows. She has earned Greenhand and Area degrees, and won a Star Greenhand as well as awards in dairy production, agribusiness, small animal care, creed speaking and specialty animal production. She said she intends to pursue a career as a veterinarian.



Rebecca Oxenreider

Rebecca Oxenreider, 18, daughter of Mark and Sharon Oxenreider of Womelsdorf, is the current secretary of the Conrad Weiser FFA Chapter, having served as its treasurer for the past year, and its reporter the previous year. She has been a member for four years and is a member of the chapter's Banquet, Adopt-A-Highway, Fall Bulbs, and Cider committees. Her projects include pleasure horse and grooming service activities. In 1996 she won second place at state competition in horse judging, and second in CDE horse judging. She has earned a Star Greenhand, Star Chapter awards and degrees. She said she plans to pursue a career as an English



teacher. "Responsibility is one of the things I like most about FFA, because it is preparing us for the world outside of school. Plus, the FFA is fun. We do lots of cool stuff," she said.

Derek Palmatier

Derek Palmatier, 17, son of Jeff and Diane Palmatier of Genesee, has been a member of the Headwater FFA Chapter for four years, serving as chairman of its Safety Committee in 1996. He has also served as a member on the chapter's Safety, Citrus Sales, and Donkey Basketball committees. For his FFA projects, he worked for three years off the farm at the Stateline Convenience Store. He has earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees, and plans to pursue a college degree in diesel mechanics. Someday he said he would like to own and operate his own garage. He said he really enjoys being in FFA. "I love to do all the classroom activities, and shop work, small gas engine repairs, and forestry and soils hands-on work," he said. "I have learned a great deal about the environment by working on projects in the environment."

Mark Paparo

Mark Paparo, 18, son of Vincent and Kay Paparo of New Holland, has served as the second corresponding secretary from 1995 to 1996 for the Grassland FFA Chapter at the Garden Spot High School. He has been a member of the chapter's Earning, Savings and Investment Committee, as well as its Public Relations, Alumni Relations, and Support Group committees. His projects include work experience at Yoder's Country Market, at Super Dog Pet Supplies, and at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant. He has won awards for processing



efficiency, a state silver award in dairy foods competition, and a state silver award for his record keeping. He said he plans to attend Pennsylvania Culinary School to pursue studies in restaurant management. "With the FFA you are getting prepared for the future with leadership activities, hands-on training, and record keeping skills," he said. "No matter what career you want to pursue, the FFA will help you achieve the stepping stones to get there."

Angela Pilara

Angela Pilara, 17, daughter of Maryann Pilara of Denver, has served as the historian for the Cloister FFA Chapter for the past year and has been a member of its Scholarship, Leadership, and Human Relations committees. In the four years, her project has been work experience, and she has won awards for nursery proficiency and scholarship. She earned her Greenhand and Chapter Farmers degrees, and intends to attend Temple University to study horticulture.



Kevin Pollock

Kevin Pollock, 17, son of David and Carolyn Pollock of Marion Center, has been a member of the Marion Center FFA Chapter for four years. The recipient of a Star Greenhand award and a tractor driving honors, he has also earned his Chapter degree. His projects include dairy production and agribusiness. He said his goal is to pursue a college degree.



Courtney Pontius

Courtney Pontius, 17, daughter of Andrew and Peggy Pontius of Loysville, is the current president of the West Perry FFA Chapter, having served the past year as its historian, and chaplain the year prior. She is also the current vice president of the CDP Area FFA. She is involved in her chapter's Greenhand, Rollerskating, Junior High, and national FFA Week committees. Her projects include working with wildlife, breeding sheep, employment, breeding rabbits, and a home garden. She has won a gold award in 1995 and 1996 in wildlife competition, and foundations in wildlife, sheep breeding, employment and public speaking. She has earned Greenhand, Chapter and CDP degrees. Courtney said she plans to pursue pre-veterinary studies at Penn State University, and then seek a doctorate in vet medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. "I enjoy going to FFA conferences the most," she said. "The reason I say this is because I like to meet new people and the conferences really allow me to do this."



Rachael Powers

Rachael Powers, 18, daughter of JoAnn and Neil Powers of Narvon, has been involved in a number of chapter projects as a member of Twin Valley FFA. A member since 1994, she has been involved with the Food For America activities, Tel-Hai Pet Therapy, Streambank planting



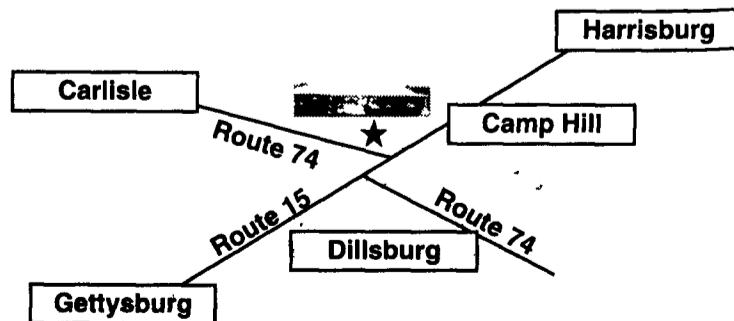
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