

Cloister FFA Honors Members

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MOUNT AIRY (Lancaster Co.)

— Last week, the Cloister FFA of Ephrata High School conducted its 37th Annual FFA Banquet here at the Mount Airy Fire Hall.

Several members and supporters of FFA were honored at the banquet.

Receiving the Greenhand Degree were Adam Bollinger, Alexander Durango, Brandon Martin, Brent Gehman, Brett Fassnacht, Gwenda Martin, Jason Hale, Justin Gehman, Mark Witmer, Phillip Bollinger, Rebeca Irons, Renee Hoover, Ryan Oberholtzer and Tim Hubbard. Each of these students submitted a record book including agreements, goals, program plans, and budgets.

Receiving the FFA Chapter Degree were Ashley Andes, Jared Horning, Brandon Martin, Brandy Good, Craig Felpel, Darren Summy, Jamie Horning, Jason Hale, Jennifer Zimmerman, Joseph Rolinski, Matt Gerhart, Melissa Fassnacht, Michelle Sweigart, Nathan Copenhaver, Robert Weaver, Sean Wike, and Tim Hubbard.

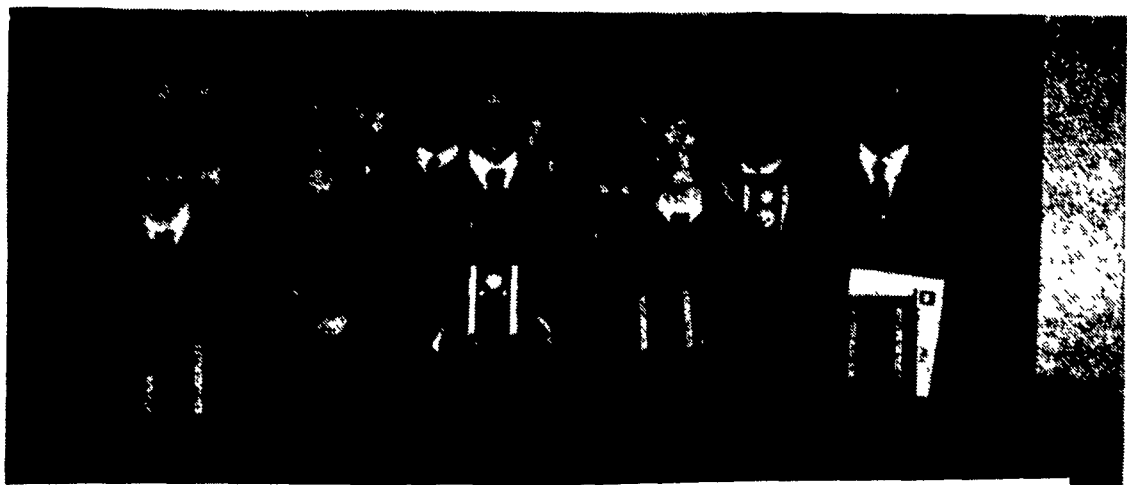
The Red Rose Degree is the county FFA degree. To obtain this degree, members must have invested at least \$300 or met the minimum of 400 hours in work

experience, received instruction in an organized class in agricultural education for two years, and have two projects of county-approved size. Reuban Hartman, Janelle Hoover, Jon Hurst, and Andy Nolt received this award.

The Keystone Degree is the highest state award that is given to members. These students have demonstrated leadership ability, have earned from their own efforts in farming and supervised agricultural experience program with \$1,000, or worked at least 300 hours. Only seniors or graduate members are eligible. The following students received certificates at the Farm Show in January and are now receiving their awards. They are Richard Bollinger, Amy Hale, Angie Pilara, Kevin Stauffer, Kendra Weaver, and Joanne Zimmerman.

The Star Awards are divided into categories. They are Star Greenhand, Star in Agribusiness, Star Chapter Farmer, Red Rose Star in Agribusiness, and Chapter Red Rose Star for Production.

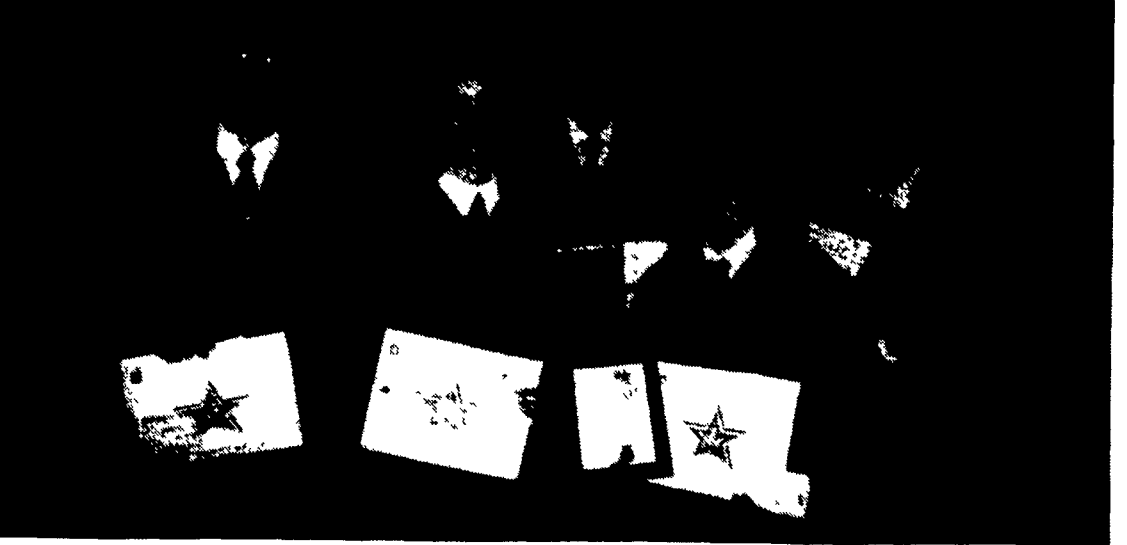
The Star Greenhand Award went to Adam Bollinger. This year's Chapter Star in Agribusiness is Robert Weaver. Jen Zimmerman was the Chapter Star Farmer and Reuben Hartman won the Chapter Red Rose Star in Agribusiness. The Chapter Red Rose Star in Production is Jenny Hoover.



Proficiency winners are, front row, from left, Jen Zimmerman, Shayna Sweigart, J. R. Groff, Angie Pilara, and Reuban Hartman. Second row, from left, Kendra Weaver, Richard Bollinger, Joanne Zimmerman, and Amy Hale. Back row, from left, Craig Felpel, Drew Srock, Andy Nolt, and Darren Summy.



The Keystone Degree is the highest state award given to members. Winning Keystone awards are, front row, from left, Joanne Zimmerman, Shayna Sweigart, and Angie Pilara. Back row, from left, Kendra Weaver, Kevin Stauffer, Richard Bollinger, and Amy Hale.



Star awards went to the following at the Cloister FFA 37th Annual FFA Banquet. From left, Reuban Hartman, Jenny Hoover, Robert Weaver, Jen Zimmerman, and Phillip Bollinger.



Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Farm Women Society 20 met at the home of Vera Herr with Jean Ressel as co-hostess. Following the refreshments Vera read the scripture followed by the Lord's prayer and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

New member, Helen Winters, was installed by the president Marie Foose, who also presided at the business meeting. The annual

Christmas party is to be held at Rhoads Restaurant in Quarryville.

Gene Peiffer spoke on the work of Hospice, which works not only with cancer patients but with those with other terminal illnesses as well.

The April meeting will be held at the Memorial United Methodist Church with members entertaining Society 15 and county officers.

Berks Society 4

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 4 met at the home of hostess Peg Mauger, Boyertown.

Program for the evening was a Valentine gift exchange. Each member also brought red-colored food for refreshments.

President Elsie Rottenberger conducted the business meeting. The auditing committee reported the books are in excellent order. Ways and Means announced that a yard and bake sale will be held in the summertime.

The Spring Rally to be held May 12, at River Edge, Reading, costs \$15 a ticket. County convention is Oct. 3, at the Berks County Ag Center.

Members will make Easter

baskets for shut-ins during the April 7th meeting. Members should crochet or knit a 7x9-inch rectangle for the Warm-Up America Project, sponsored by Ames department stores.

The next meeting it to be held at the home of Lottie Hildenbrand, Boyertown.

Berks Society 6

Berks County Farm Women Group 6 held its February meeting at the Shanesville Hotel. Eight members answered the roll call question: Did you get a valentine?

After the luncheon, members toured the Ag Department at Oley Valley High School, hosted by Jeremy Dyshrer. Brandon Treichler gave a talk about the Govern-

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The Warren County Soil Conservation District will host its annual seedling and wildflower sale in efforts to promote stewardship and reforestation.

The District will offer three-year-old seedlings to landowners interested in planting windbreaks, buffers, and reforestation, or, simply, beautifying their property. Five varieties of evergreens available are sold in easily hand-held bundles of 25 trees at a cost of \$12 per bundle. Orders are accepted through April 10, and as supplies last.

Also in a continuing effort to promote the beautification of the countryside, the district will be hosting its second wildflower sale. This year the variety list was expanded to six blends by adding an annual overseeding blend, which

can be added to the wildflowers planted last year.

The wildflower mixes are available in two sizes, a .75 ounce package for 225 - 400 square feet for \$5 a package and a four-ounce bag for larger areas covering up to 2,500 square feet for \$12 each. Orders are accepted through June 1, on a first-come/first-served basis.

The seedlings will be distributed on April 16 - 18, at the Warren County Soil Conservation Dis-

trict on 224 W. Stiger Street in Hackettstown. The wildflower seeds may be picked up at the same location April 16 through June 12.

The sale of the seedlings and wildflowers helps raise money for the conservation education programs the District is involved with each year. For more information and an order form, call the District office at (908) 852-2579.

Seedling, Wildflower Sale

Butterfly House To Open

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Hershey Gardens has completed planning for the plants and butterfly species which will inhabit the Butterfly House, and has unveiled a newly designed logo for the Butterfly House.

Set to open by mid-June, this outdoor Butterfly House is one of only 15 outdoor butterfly enclosures in North America. Hershey Gardens is working with an internationally renowned butterfly expert, Rick Mikula of Hole-in-Hand Butterfly Farms, to plan, implement, and stock the Butterfly House for its fullest potential.

A listing of the species shows more than 25 varieties which will be included in the Butterfly House, representing many differ-

ent regions throughout the United States. The plants in the house will supply each butterfly with its own specific host and nectar plant. Plants were very carefully considered since each butterfly species has very specific plants on which they breed and/or feed.

Admission to the Butterfly House is included in regular Hershey Gardens Admission: \$5 adults, \$2.50 youths (ages 3-15), children under 3 are free.

Hershey Gardens is open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. from Mid-April through October 31, Memorial Day through Labor Day evening hours until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, call (717) 534-3492.

nor's School he attended last summer.

A monetary donation was given to the outstanding vo ag student at Oley Valley High School.

Spring Rally will be held at Riveredge on May 12.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Joyce Mast.