

Somerset County FFA Holds Annual Banquet

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Somerset Co. Correspondent

BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — The Somerset FFA Association Banquet on May 20 was hosted by the county officers, led by Dan Lepley, president from the Somerset County Technology Center (SCTC).

Supporting him were Melissa Stahl, vice-president from Somerset; Becky Ray, secretary, Somerset; Justin Lorson, treasurer, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Amanda Decker, reporter, Somerset SCTC; Jason Knotts, sentinel, Meyersdale; Jeff Hobbs, chaplain, Meyersdale; Jason VanGilder, parliamentarian, Berlin-Brothersvalley; and advisor Tom Willey, Somerset.

The 1999 FFA Skills Judging Contest results from first to third place, were as follow: Dairy Cattle — Philip Petenbrink, Meyersdale; Adam Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Jen Stahl, Somerset.

Forestry — Steve Vetter, SCTC; Joel Raley, SCTC; Tim Baker, SCTC.

Livestock — Kevin Miller, Somerset; Michelle Cox, Somerset; Jason Knotts, Meyersdale.

Agronomy — Jen Stahl, Somerset; Matt Webreck, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Anson Chonko, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Interview — Justin Lorson, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Melissa Stahl, Somerset; Debbie Miller, SCTC.

Agriculture Sales Contest — Susan Barron, Somerset; Becky Ray, Somerset; Dave Bittner, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Wildlife — Travis Boden, SCTC; Justin Lorson, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Tim Baker, SCTC.

Horse Judging — Becky Ray,

Somerset; Stephanie Hartman, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Mandy Decker, Meyersdale.

Land Judging — Josh Sechler, Somerset; Travis Boden, SCTC; Ryan Bowlby, Somerset.

Tractor Driving — Philip Petenbrink, Meyersdale; Justin Hillegass, Berlin-Brothersvalley; Richard Fogie, Somerset.

Floriculture — Danielle Layton, SCTC; Aaron Alt, SCTC; Helen Ashbrook, SCTC.

Small Gas Engines — Brian Barron and Arien Ruell, Somerset; Mike Cook and Tom Sanner, Meyersdale; Carl Metzgar and Matt Twombly, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

The Somerset County FFA Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking Contest results from first to third follow:

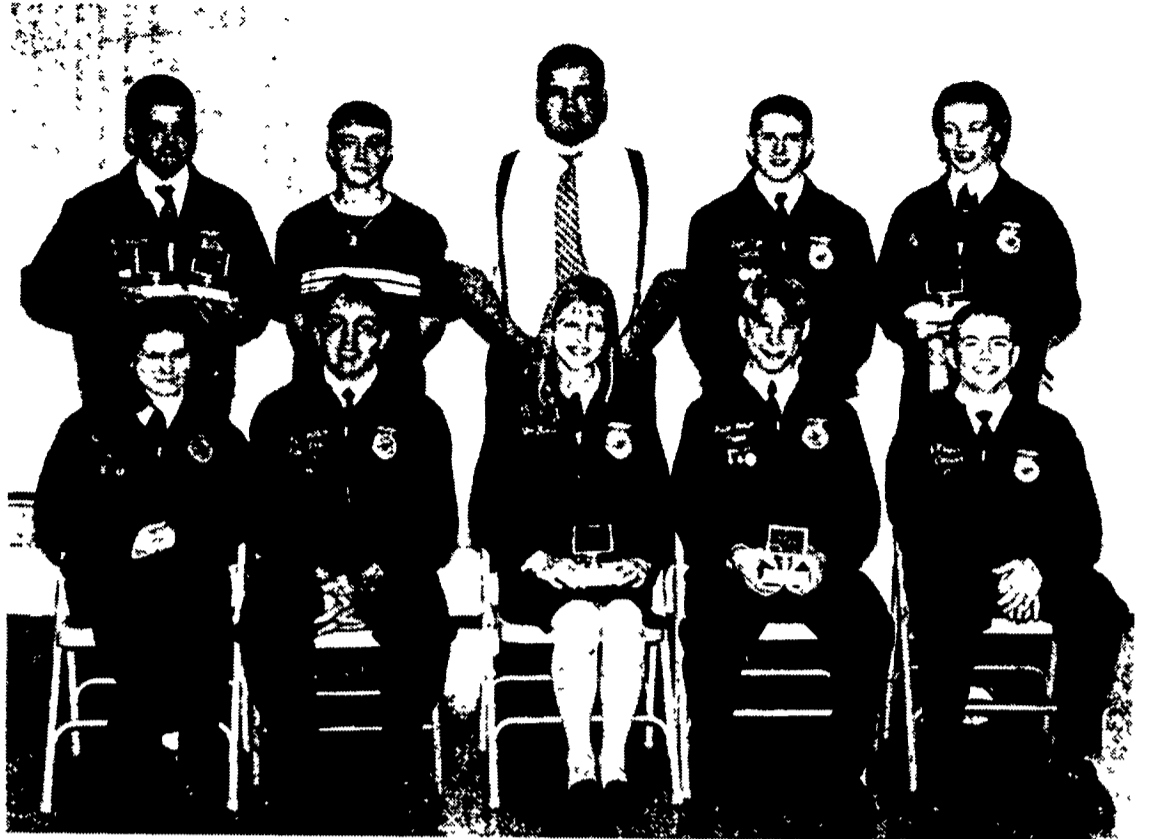
Parliamentary Procedure — Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA, Somerset County Technology Center FFA and Somerset FFA.

Creed Speaking — Jennifer Logue, Somerset FFA Chapter; Michelle Cox, Somerset FFA Chapter; Jeffrey Mishler, SCTC FFA Chapter.

FFA Junior Public Speaking — Dave Bittner, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter; Stephanie Hartman, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter; Heather Stahl, Somerset FFA Chapter.

Prepared FFA Public Speaking — Dave Miller, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter; Mandy Decker, SCTC FFA Chapter; Justin VanGilder, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking — Jason VanGilder, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter; Keith Walker, Meyersdale FFA Chapter; Matt Gauntz, Meyersdale FFA Chapter.



Somerset County FFA first place winners, from left, seated, are Rebecca Fisher, Jason VanGilder, Jen Stahl, Justin Lorson, David Bittner. Back, Philip Petenbrink, Brian Barron, Arien Ruell, Dave Miller, Becky Ray.

Conservation Public Speaking — Jen Stahl, Somerset FFA Chapter; Justin Lorson, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter; Dan Lepley, Meyersdale FFA Chapter.

Parliamentary Procedure contest was chaired by Doyle Paul and judges were Jason McGinnis, Joy Young, and Bobby Jo Kaufman.

Creek Speaking contest was chaired by Tom Willey and judges were Bret Daulhous and Mandi Eisenhooth.

FFA Junior Public Speaking event was chaired by Jason Finck. Mary Gosnell and Larry Cogan were the judges.

Jim Harrold chaired the

Prepared FFA Public Speaking contest, judged by John Augustine, Bob Brown, and Sandy Shober.

Jim Stutzman oversaw Extemporaneous Public Speaking. Judges were Rev. Carl Mitchell, Owen Preston, and Howard Nicklow.

Conservation Public Speaking was in charge of Keith Largent. He was also a judge with Susan Moon and Carol Jones.

Sports trophies were awarded to Berlin-Brothersvalley for basketball, Meyersdale for volleyball, and Berlin-Brothersvalley for softball.

Production Credit presented \$50 to Jennifer Stahl, Somerset

FFA Chapter for the best kept SOEP Record Book.

Conservation District checks were presented to the first, second and third place county Conservation Speakers Jennifer Stahl, Somerset; Justin Lorson, Berlin-Brothersvalley, and Dan Lepley, Meyersdale.

The G. Floyd Dye Memorial Trophy for Parliamentary Procedure was presented to Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter.

The Edward P. Shoemaker Memorial Trophy for Education was also presented to the Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter.

The Somerset County Beef Producers Association Youth Award was presented to Rebecca Fisher, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter.

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