



FFA Nominates Leib For Honorary American Degree

The National FFA Organization recently announced that Robert Leib has been nominated to receive the organization's Honorary American FFA Degree.

The degree is the highest national honorary award presented by the FFA and recognizes those who greatly contribute to the advancement of agricultural education and provide outstanding service to their local program and community.

Leib is an agricultural education instructor and FFA adviser at Cumberland Valley in Mechanicsburg. Leib was nominated for the degree by the Pennsylvania FFA Association earlier this year.

The National FFA board of directors recently approved the nomination at their meeting in Indianapolis.

Less than one percent of the nation's 10,600 agricultural education teachers receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. Recipients must have a minimum of ten years of teaching agricultural education and demonstrate extensive experience in developing and enhancing their local agricultural education programs. In addition, they must have an active role in contributing to their local community through participation on local boards and other volunteer initiatives.

Cedar Crest Participates In Fall Career Development Events (CDE)

On Oct 19 the Cedar Crest FFA participated in Pennsylvania's FFA Eastern Region CDEs.

The CDEs were conducted at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds and various farms around Lebanon County.

Eighteen FFA chapters from as far as Philadelphia and Chester counties participated.

The CDEs included dairy

judging, forestry, land judging, dairy foods, agriculture mechanics, livestock, and interview.

More than 500 FFA members participated.

The Cedar Crest placings were in the county and region as follows.

Dairy judging - Daniel Eberly 1st co 1st reg., Amanda Martin 2nd co 4th reg., Hannah Bombgardner 3rd co. 7th reg., Kendra Reist 5th co 14 reg., Erin Templin 6th co. 15th reg., Hollie Althouse 7th co 17th reg., Jared Zimmerman 8th co 25 reg., Sarah Krall 15 co 79th reg., Megan Thorton 16th co. 83rd reg.

Forestry - Nikki Yake 2nd co 21st reg., Amanda Waltermeyer 3rd co 22nd reg., Doug Betz 4th co 28 reg., David Ledger 5th co 33rd reg., Ryan Hufford 6th co 34th reg.

Land judging - Chet Brubaker 1st co. 1st reg., Joel Krall 2nd co. 4th reg., Erik Rheinheimer 3rd co 6th reg., Kristopher Keller 4th co 16 reg., Jeremy Balsbaugh 5th co. 17th reg., Amanda Hefflefinger 6th co 18 reg., Josh Lutz 7th co 19th reg., Beth Kreider 8th co 21st reg., Tom Perry 9th co 29th reg., John Reilly 10th co 34th reg.

Dairy Foods - Tim Gettle 1st co 3rd reg., Amber Frank 2nd co 4th reg., Heather Hawkins 3rd co. 6th reg., Brad Bucher 4th co 8th reg., Monica Gingrich 7th co 11th reg.,

Michelle Zimmerman 8th co. 12th reg., Tamara Gettle 9th co 13th reg., Joy Driggers 12th co. 22nd reg., Andrew Gettler 14th co. 25th reg., Andrew Davies 16th co. 28th reg., Dianna Frey 17th co 29th reg., Missy Walborn 18th co. 30th reg.

Agriculture Mechanics - Mike Sensenig 2nd co 4th reg., Richard Roof 3rd co. 6th reg.

Livestock judging - Carl Eisenhauer 1st co. 1st reg., Nate Artz 2nd co. 2nd reg., Billie Jo Atkins 3rd co. 4th reg., Jason Shirk 13th co. 35th reg., Emily Doll 18th co 58th reg., Gretchen Artz 19th co. 60th reg., Amy Kling 21st co. 63rd reg., Kristen Stokes 23rd co. 88th reg., Ashley Thurocht 25th co. 93rd reg., Shenna Schell 26th co. 94th reg., Leann Smith 27th co. 95th reg.

Interview - Jennifer Cain 2nd co 5th reg.

Hans Herr FFA

Lancaster Mennonite High School alumni Philip Eby of Gap and Keith Weaver, New Holland, were recently awarded the American FFA Degree, the highest degree the National FFA can bestow upon an FFA member.

The two 1997 LMH graduates were two of 29 Pennsylvanians to be recognized for their "premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through spiritual education" at the 72nd National FFA Convention in October, in Louisville, Ky. Approximately four out of 1,000 members receive this degree every year.

Eby, who served as a state FFA officer in 1997-1998, is a sophomore at Penn State University. Weaver is a foreman at Weaver's Toasted Grains, New Holland. Both hold state Keystone degrees, a prerequisite for qualifying for the national honor.

Dairy Farmer Checkoff Increases Milk Sales

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The numbers are out!

The 15-cent dairy farmer-funded checkoff promotion program has helped dairy farmers sell even more milk than originally projected. Last year, demand for milk exceeded total milk production despite a steadily increasing milk supply nearly every year since the dairy checkoff began in 1984.

"Total milk sales have increased 26 percent in the 14 years since the start of the checkoff in 1984, compared with 14 years before the checkoff began, when total milk sales had increased only 15 percent," said

Linda Eatherton, vice president of public and industry relations for Dairy Management Inc.™

The program works by each dairy farmer contributing 15 cents per hundredweight to the checkoff. Of that, a dime goes to the local dairy promotion organizations such as the American Dairy Association/Dairy Council Middle Atlantic and Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program (PDPP) and a nickel goes to fund national promotion efforts. This adds up to more than \$230 million to fund programs that help sell more U.S.-produced dairy products here and abroad.

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