

Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Honors Members, Others

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Donald J. Stutzman was named the 46th honorary member when the Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA held its 62nd annual banquet for members and their parents.

About 200 attended the February 22 affair hosted by the chapter officers, president Matt Webreck and adviser, Doyle Paul during National FFA Week, where the "Discover the Power" FFA theme was represented.

Stutzman is head of the maintenance department in the Berlin-Brothersvalley School District and has shown himself an asset to the chapter as a handyman in the agriculture education department, as well as a role model who, as needed, quietly repairs and fixes things.

As former owner and operator of the 219 Dairy Supply, Stutzman, also, has completed educational courses in milking, feeding, and milk cooling systems. In the United States Air Force, he was trained in basic and navigational systems electronics. Stutzman is a member of the Berlin Lions Club.

His wife is Bernadette and his children are Wendy, Bradley and Katie. The guests were treated to a performance by the demonstration team of Lacey Coleman, Jenny Fisher and Lance Bittner exhibiting their gold medal, state first place demonstration on Farm Safety. Entitled "Better Safe Than Sorry," the presentation also was second in state over-all competition.

Lacey Coleman, daughter of Phillip and LeeAnn Coleman of Salco Road, Berlin, reported on chapter activities and received the Chapter Sweetheart Award, presented by committee chairperson, Jeannette Fisher.

Phillip and LeeAnn Coleman also received the Special Parents Citation.

American FFA Degree plaques were presented to Desirae D. Hillegass, daughter of Douglas and Debra Hillegass of Glades Pike, Berlin and to Bruce Hartman, son of Dale and Dorothy Hartman, Emerick Road, Glencoe.

In the One-acre Corn Growing Contest (130 -230 bushels of shelled corn per acre), starting in sequence from first: Justin Hillegass, Rebekah Fox, Kyle Hillegass, Jared Hillegass, Joe Knotts, Sam Weimer, and Luke Horning.

Gold medals were presented to the FFA Farm Safety and Health Quiz Bowl Team of Matthew Webreck, Stephanie Hartman, David Bittner, and Jared Hillegass, for being first in the state \$600 was the award.

State FFA Degree pins were presented to Lance Bittner, son of Barry and Diane Bittner; Lacey Coleman, daughter of Phillip and LeeAnn Coleman; Nathan Croner, son of Greg and Judy Croner; Christopher Harvey, son of Dennis and Darlene Harvey; and Matthew Webreck, son of Richard and Cathy Webreck.

Matthew Webreck also received the Plaque of Excellence (Character counts) presented by Wayne Henderson, superintendent of the Berlin-Brothersvalley School District.

Gold medals were presented to the The Parliamentary Proce-

dure Team (fifth in state competition) of David Bittner, Adam Coleman, Nathan Croner, Morgan Dickey, Jared Hay, Matthew Webreck, and Dusten Weigle.

State pins were presented for achievements at Penn State FFA Activities Week last summer to: Jeannette Fisher — Bronze — Livestock Judging; Jared Hillegass — Gold — Creed Speaking; Lacey Coleman — Gold — FFA Public Speaking; Stephanie Hartman — Gold — FFA Public Speaking; Josh Hillegass — Gold — Chapter Delegate; Chapter Scrapbook — Gold; Chapter Safety — Gold and National Superior Chapter Award — Gold.

Chapter Scholarship pins and certificates were presented to Stephanie Lambert, Russ Webreck, Nick Cotter, Kyle Hillegass, Jared Hillegass, Joe Knotts, David Bittner, Jeannette Fisher, Stephanie Hartman, Jenna Koval, Randi Serball, Lacey Coleman, Scott Harbaugh, Nathan Miller and Matthew Webreck.

Pins and certificates for the Chapter FFA degree went to Kevin Bittner, Doug Chonko, Adam Darr, Becky Hittie, Jason Putman, Nick Cotter, and Jenna Koval.

The address was given by guest speaker Kristen Pfeifer, State FFA secretary, who represented the State FFA Association.



Donald Stutzman, left, received the 46th honorary member award during the Berlin Brothersvalley FFA Chapter banquet, Berlin. With Stutzman is his wife Bernadette and Matt Webreck, chapter president.

FFA Discover the Power

West Snyder FFA

On Jan. 30, the SUN Area FFA project book contest was held at Line Mountain High School.

Thirty-seven West Snyder FFA members submitted project books for a total of 63 enterprises.

In the final ribbon count, West Snyder FFA members earned 33 blue ribbons, 23 red ribbons, and seven white ribbons.

The following members won blue ribbons for their respective enterprises: Daphne Wagner, practicum skills; Jenna Briggs, practicum skills; Tiffany Esbenschade, on-farm work, practicum skills; Amanda Shaffer, sheep finishing, dairy herd, on-farm employment; Kate Heeter, beef finishing; Heather Hollenbach, on-farm employment, swine finishing, sheep finishing; Jodi Fetterolf, swine finishing; Andrew Kreamer, swine finishing; Hannah Etzler, on-farm equipment, off-farm employment, swine finishing, sheep breeding, sheep finishing; Chuck Kessler, on-farm employment, market hogs, market lambs, aquaculture, dairy heifer; Laura Knepp, practicum skills, on-farm employment; Derek Fetterolf, swine finishing; Lance Herman, practicum skills, beef finishing; Douglas Hollenbach, swine finishing, sheep finishing; Raymond Hood, practicum skills; and Melissa McWilliams, on farm employment.

Members receiving red ribbons included Jason Brosius, practicum skills; Travis Catherman, on-farm employment; Mike Fultz, practicum skills; Victoria Adams, practicum skills; Sheri Hood, practicum skills; Roger Wilt, swine finishing; Amanda Shaffer, practicum skills; Kelly Bedlyon, practicum skills; James Wright, poultry-meat; Melissa McWilliams, dairy herd; Joe

Adams, practicum skills; Shane Kreamer, practicum skills; Mike Brouse, off-farm employment; Michael Sheaffer, field corn; Brandon Herman, beef breeding, Mike Sassaman, practicum skills; Spencer Etzler, swine finishing, sheep finishing; Jessica Harper, practicum skills; Cameron Hackenberg, practicum skills; Ciara Klinger, practicum skills; Roger Wilt, practicum skills; Brad Novinger, on-farm employment.

Receiving white ribbons: Brad Novinger, poultry production, practicum skills; Phaedra Wray, off-farm employment, practicum skills; Spencer Etzler, practicum skills; and John Troxell, practicum skills, dairy heifer. All FFA project books will advance to the state Record Book CDE Feb. 10-12 at Penn State.

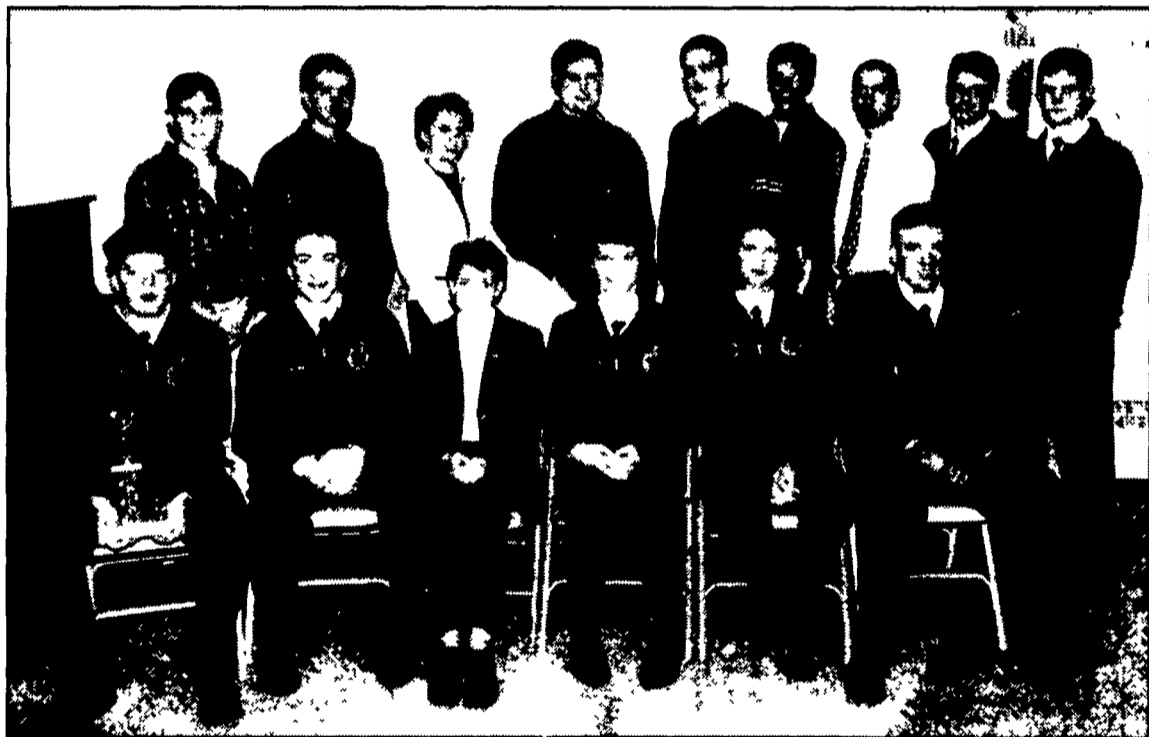
West Snyder FFA Aids Ronald McDonald House

The West Snyder FFA Chapter collected about 1,300 food items worth an estimated \$835 and donated \$68 to the Snyder County Farm Bureau, which in turn made the donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

The food drive was conducted Jan. 22 to Feb. 1 in cooperation with the Snyder County Farm Bureau and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau National Food Checkout Day Program.

Along with the members of the West Snyder FFA Chapter, donations were made by West Snyder High School students. Local businesses who also made donations included Tom's Market in Beavertown, Beaver Motors, and Saylor's Market in Beaver Springs.

At West Snyder High School, the senior class had the largest



Among those honored Thursday evening at the Berlin Brothersvalley FFA Chapter banquet are, seated from left: Kyle Hillegass, David Bittner, Becky Hittie, Stephanie Hartman, Lacey Coleman, and Lance Bittner. Standing from left are Morgan Dickey, Jared Hillegass, Rebekah Fox, Justin Hillegass, Luke Horning, Adam Coleman, Chris Harvey, Nathan Croner and Matt Webreck. Photo by Scott Etris

number of items donated with 709. Mr. Wagner's 12th grade homeroom donated the most number of items of any homeroom. They won a pizza party sponsored by the West Snyder FFA Chapter. The faculty and staff donated 199 food items. The ninth grade class placed third by donating 177 food items.

Feb. 7 served as National Food Checkout Day. Food Checkout Day was established to emphasize the affordability of food in America. Statistics show that between Jan. 1 and Feb. 7, the average American family earns enough money to feed their family for the entire year.

The donation toward the Ronald McDonald House was selected by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The Ronald McDonald House was selected because it serves as a "home away from home" for families of children who are critically ill.



North Mountain 4-H Club

The last meeting of the North Mountain 4-H Club was in Jan. at the Water Works Firehall.

Congratulations to anyone who entered animals or items at the Farm Show. The Ronald McDonald House appreciated the soda tabs that members of the club gave to them.

The 4-H Club would also like to thank anyone who donated items to the Ronald McDonald House, the club collected 266 items. The food that is donated to the house is given to the families staying at the house.

On Dec. 28, members of the club went to the Mennonite Cen-

tral Committee in Ephrata and packed boxes of baby kits, first aid kits, clothing, soap, and shoes. These items are then sent to flood victims around the world.

The American Honey Queen presented a talk about farming. New projects are Adopt-A-Tree, backyard poultry, entomology, pigmy goats, and sign language. Demonstrations at the next morning will be crafts, and cooking. For Valentine's Day, different members in the club made valentines for the veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Lebanon.

The next meeting will be Feb. 26 at the Water Works Firehall, 6:30-8 p.m.