

Gala FFA Event Honors Members

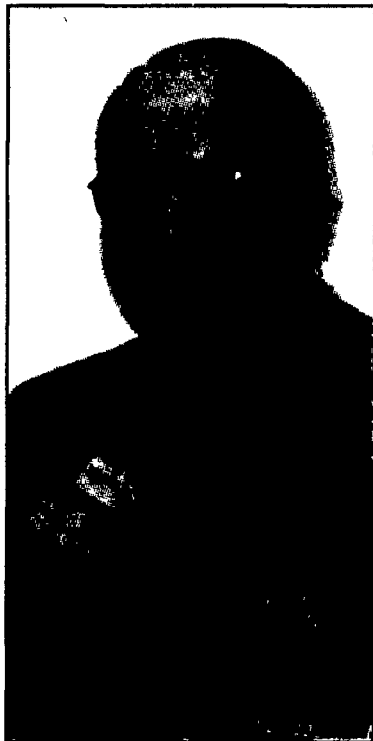
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and Catherine Vorisek, Linesville FFA.

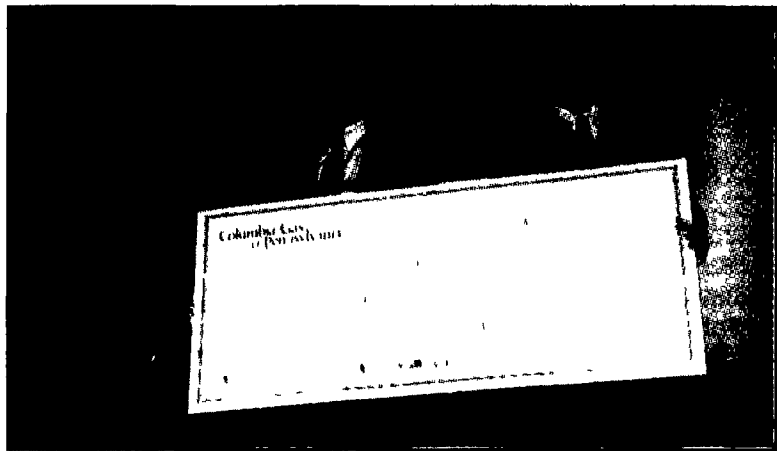
Special Parent awards are given to parents who have already received the Honorary Keystone Degree and who are still devoting their time to help their children earn their Keystone Degree. They include David and Edna Martin, Grassland FFA; Frank and Dawn San-

key, Clearfield FFA; William and Bonnie Keeney, Northeast Bradford FFA; Charles and Norma Cornell, Headwaters FFA; and Charles and Catherine Vorisek, Linesville FFA.

Also, a check totaling \$13,000 was presented to the FFA by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, represented by Robert Boulware, director of commu-



Cliff Day, Grassland FFA, receives a Blue and Gold Award at the FFA Mid-Winter Convention Monday at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.



A \$13,000 check is presented to the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation by Robert Boulware, director of communications, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, to David Bittner, FFA president.

Awards Presented For Small Grains

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Ed Wickard, Carlisle, Cumberland County was the big winner in the small grains competition at the 2003 Pennsylvania Farm Show. Wickard entered the grand champion wheat, oats, and barley.

In addition to capturing three champions, Wickard's entries won top honors in 12 different classes. Entries were broken down into four divisions: barley, wheat, oats, and other miscellaneous grains, which include: timothy, rye, buckwheat, and soybean. Entries are judged on purity of seeds, bushel weight, and seed quality characteristics such as cracked grains, insect, or disease injuries.

Judge Murray Fisk, Tunkhannock, was once again the official.

SMALL GRAINS - WHEAT
 Dynasty: 2. Ed Wickard.
 Freedom: 1. Ed Wickard 2. Sally Reinohl 3. Vernon Wickard
 Jackson: 1. John Shearer.
 Madison: 1. Ed Wickard
 Pennmore: 1. Vernon Wickard 2. David Wickard 3. Ed Wickard

WHEAT, GRAND CHAMPION
 Ed Wickard
SMALL GRAINS - OATS
 Armor: 1. Ed Wickard 2. Daniel Chrst, Sidman.

Blaze: 1. Jason D Baer
 Ogle: 1. Ed Wickard. 2. Vernon Wickard.
 3. Wendy Wickard.
 Hercules: 1. David Wickard.
 Porter: 1. Ed Wickard 2. David Wickard
 3. Daniel Chrst.

Ogle, Voc Class: 1. Justin Shearer.
OATS, GRAND CHAMPION
 Ed Wickard

SMALL GRAINS - BARLEY
 Barsoy: 1. Ed Wickard 2. David Wickard
 3. Vernon Wickard.
 Pennco: 1. Ed Wickard 2. Vernon Wickard
 3. David Wickard
 Wysor: 1. David Wickard 2. Ed Wickard
 3. Daniel Chrst.

BARLEY, GRAND CHAMPION
 Ed Wickard.

SMALL GRAINS - MISCELLANEOUS
 Soybeans, any variety: 1. Ed Wickard 2. Wendy Wickard. 3. Vernon Wickard.

Buckwheat, Japanese or silverhull. 1. Vernon Wickard 2. Ed Wickard 3. David Wickard
 Rye, any variety: 1. Jeff Wickard 2. Wendy Wickard 3. Ed Wickard
 Timothy seed: 1. Vernon Wickard 2. Ed Wickard 3. David Wickard

Dairy Profitability Program Set For Clarion County

SHIPPENVILLE (Clarion Co.) — Clarion County Cooperative Extension in Shippenville will offer a program on "Ways to Improve Dairy Profitability" scheduled for Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nickleville Church in Nickleville. The three-part program will focus on corn silage, a new insurance program, and strategies for feeding dairy cattle.

The corn silage program will focus on the effect of raising the cutting height of corn silage on a dairy cow's diet. It increases silage quality and digestibility, but will also reduce harvest yields. The discussion will center on yield and quality changes when corn silage cutting height is increased and the milk yield response of dairy cows to the cutting height of silage corn while looking at the economics and management benefits of increasing the cutting height. Greg Roth and Zhiguo Wu of Penn State University will lead the discussion on the effects of the changing the cutting height of corn silage. They will provide research information gained and updated with new research information from recent field trials in 2002.

The AGR-Lite Insurance program discussion will be lead by Jayson Harper, of the agricultural economics and rural sociology department of Penn State. He will be discussing the new Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite program in Pennsylvania and how it will affect Pennsylvania farmers. The new insurance program is a streamlined, whole-farm revenue protection package that can be used as stand alone coverage, or in addition to other individual crop policies.

The feeding strategies session will be covered by Phil Anderson, Anderson Dairy Management, and will focus on alternative feeding strategies in a low forage production year, and how to use the resources and forages you have available to your herd's best advantage. Anderson will discuss different working strategies using alternative feeds available in the area and how their use can affect production and the farm's bottom line.

The program cost is \$5 per person. Reservations need to be made with the Clarion County Cooperative Extension by calling (814) 782-0033. Reservations

are due by Monday, Jan. 27 at the extension office.

Directions to the Nickleville Church from Interstate 80: get off exit 45 and follow signs for Rt. 38 north. Proceed 7.8 miles on Rt. 38 until you see green sign for Nickleville on the right (just beyond Hepler's Meats). There is also a sign at the intersection for the church at the intersection. Turn right at those signs onto State Rt. 2011 (paved road), travel 100 yards, and follow the road around a left turn. Travel around 100 yards and go straight onto Valley Church Road (gravel road) and the church will be on the left. Meeting is in the brick education building.

From Rt. 322, between Kossuth and Van, turn south on Rt. 38. Travel 2.6 miles and there will be a green sign for Nickleville. Turn left onto State Rt. 2011. Travel 100 yards and turn left. Go straight onto Valley Church Road and the church will be on the left.

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