

PYFA Gathers For Conference In Lewisburg This Week

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LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Mifflinburg and Lewisburg chapters hosted the 43rd annual convention of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association (PYFA) conducted this week in Lewisburg.

The three-day event included tours, meetings, a spokesperson contest, exhibits, entertainment, an ice cream social, and educational workshops.

About 150 people attended Wednesday evening's awards

banquet and auction.

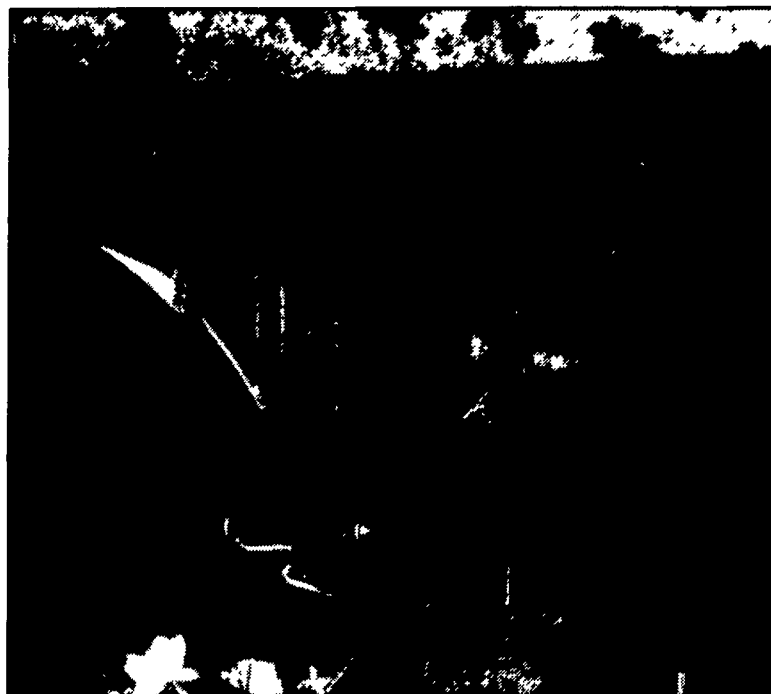
During the banquet, Sam and Anna Mary Glick, Quarryville, won the Outstanding Community Service Award for Pennsylvania. The couple represent the Solanco Chapter in the eastern region.

Sam is president of Maplehofe Inc., a family corporation that includes hay and crops, a 110-cow dairy, 28,000 chickens, organic eggs, a hog finishing business, and direct sales in the farm's store. Anna Mary is the principal bookkeeper for the couple's enterprises.

Other candidates for the award were Dan and Laurel Wilkinson, from the Gettysburg chapter in the south central region.

The couple, who in partnership with Dan's father and brother, operate Getty Acres Farm, a 3,600 acre and 200-head dairy farm. The Wilkinsons are joined by children Kendall and Ty.

Brian Kreider, a member of the Cedar Crest Chapter, Lebanon County, won the Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30 Award. Kreider operates, with his parents, a beef and crop farm.



New president David Groff, Ephrata, left, accepts the gavel from Glen Krall, outgoing Pennsylvania Young Farmer president.

He has 25 cows for a cow-calf operation to produce club calves for 4-H projects and works with his father to custom plant and harvest area crops.

They also operate a Pioneer Hybrid seed dealership and feed out beef cattle.

Other candidates for the Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30 Award included Howard and

Sandy Reyburn, Solanco Chapter.

The couple, in partnership with Howard's family, operate a dairy and farm 350 acres and rent 70 acres. The couple has a daughter, Anna, and are expecting their second child in March.

The third applicant was Chris

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