



# BLUE AND GOLD

## Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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## Sale of Student-Grown Plants Benefit Cloister FFA



Laura Morrison, an EHS senior, will be selling flowers, vegetables and herbs she grew as part of her senior project.

EPHRATA, Pa. — Plants grown by Laura Morrison, an Ephrata High School senior, will be sold throughout May to support Cloister FFA programs.

Community members can shop for flower, herb and vegetable plants at the Ephrata Area School District Farm Greenhouse on Fridays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning May 1 and running throughout the summer.

Please use the Thomas Road entrance to the farm. From Route 322 turn onto Crescent Avenue, turn right onto Marilyn Avenue, then turn left onto Thomas Road.

The money raised will help pay for Cloister FFA members to attend the 2009 Pennsylvania FFA Convention and Activities Week in State College, June 9-11.

## Manor FFA Members Display Big Smiles, Accomplishments



Aleda Gerlach, Tim Rineer, J. Ethan Murry and Jessica Bauman smile big after their successful Manor FFA Banquet.

MAEGAN BROWN  
Manor FFA Reporter

MILLERSVILLE, Pa. — Manor FFA held their annual FFA Banquet April 2 at Penn Manor High School. The current officer team organized and ran the banquet.

Numerous awards were given out. Aleda Gerlach received the Scholarship Award from Andrew T. Sheid Funeral Home, the Career in Ag. Science Scholarship from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Main and the Outstanding Leadership Award from River View Farm.

Tim Rineer received the SAE Booster Award from International Harvester Collection's Club and the All Around Ag. Mechanic from Hershey Equipment.

Ethan Murry received the DeKalb Award (Outstanding Senior FFA Member) from Monsanto and Weaver Insurance, Outstand-

ing Contributor from Gerlach's Drilling and Blasting, SAE Booster Award, Outstanding Project Manager from Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit and Outstanding Farming Program from Powl's Feed Service.

Jessica Bauman earning the Outstanding Record Keeping award from Fulton Bank, the Birchler Award from the Manor FFA Alumni and Placement in Ornamental Horticulture award.

Kathleen Meacham was awarded Humanitarian.

Tyler Bauman was awarded Star Greenhand in Production and Brooke Henry received Star Greenhand in Placement.

The Outstanding Young Ag. Mechanics award went to Alex Cantey and Caleb Hess. Outstanding Ag. Mechanic was given to Joe Herr.

## Cedar Crest FFA Members Are Shining Stars



Dan Cannistraci, Maranda Shepler, Dylan Lape, Lydia Smith and Jenna Krall are Cedar Crest's Stars.

BRANDON WENGER  
Cedar Crest FFA Reporter

LEBANON, Pa. — The Cedar Crest FFA recently held its 44th Annual Parent-Member Banquet at Cedar Crest High School, with more than 260 people in attendance. Dan Cannistraci, chapter president, opened the banquet. The banquet welcome was presented by Dylan Lape. Melanie Getz gave the invocation. Maranda Shepler, chapter vice president, introduced the special guests in attendance.

The keynote speaker was State FFA Eastern Region Vice President, Hannah Wentworth. She spoke on her many experiences throughout her time in FFA. The officer team

presented the honorary chapter degree to Dr. Peter Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John Shepler, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cannistraci. Maranda Shepler and Dan Cannistraci received their Keystone Degree chains presented by Harold Berkheiser, chapter advisor.

Maranda Shepler presented a slideshow reviewing the year's FFA activities. The senior FFA member's parents were given gifts from their son or daughter for the support they have provided during their FFA careers. Thomas Sherk, superintendent gave the closing remarks. The banquet was concluded with the official FFA closing ceremonies.

## It's Time for Banquets, Contests

### FROM THE OFFICERS' STATION

It is hard to believe it's already April. It seems like only yesterday FFA members from all over the state were learning new skills and meeting new people at our different leadership conferences. Now that spring has sprung there is a whole new set of activities that FFA members are going to be participating in. To start off April there is the State Officer Candidate School or SOCS where members who think they might want to be a state officer one day can come and learn all about the job. When I think about spring and the FFA there are two things that pop into my head, contests and banquets. FFA members will have the opportunity to participate in a contest of their choice



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anywhere from public speaking or parliamentary procedure to tractor driving and agriculture mechanics. These contests called Career Development Events or CDE's help members reach their full potential be helping to develop skills that will be needed all throughout life. On behalf of the state officer team we wish members all over best of luck in your contests and we hope to see you competing at the state level in June. FFA chapters will also be having their annual banquets soon giving recognition to all those who have helped their local FFA chapters in the past year, and giving recognition to members for all their hard work. So congratulations on all your achievements, you make the FFA proud.