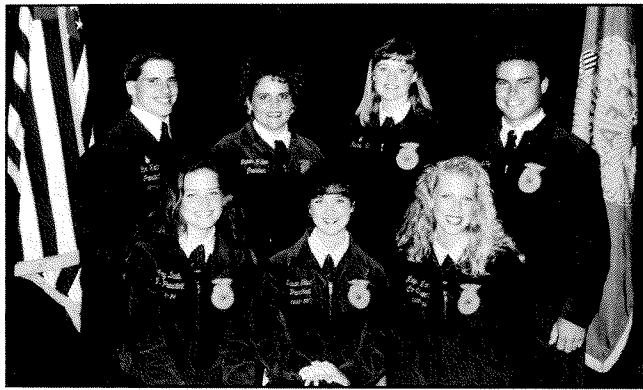


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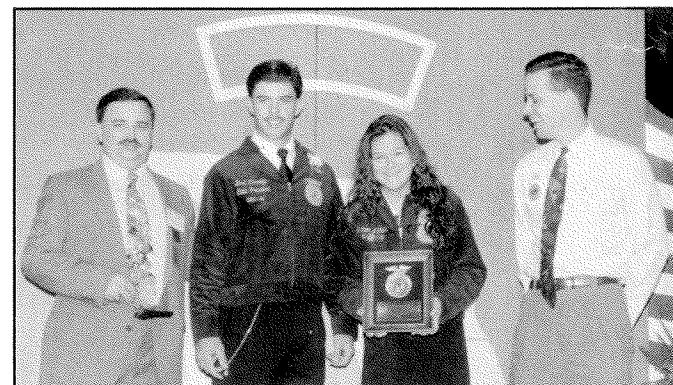
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Name the Magazine Contest Presentation: (L-R) L. Douglas Register, State FFA Director, Brad Etheridge, State FFA President, Shannon Michaels, winner of the the contest from the Van Buren FFA Chapter, Thomas Sturgis, FFA Advisor.

66th ANNUAL STATE FFA CONVENTION ADJOURNS

On Friday, June 17 at the Grenelefe Resort and Conference Center the tapping of the gavel signaled the end of another year of excitement, recognition, and challenges for the Florida FFA organization.

More than 1800 FFA members, teachers, parents, guests, and sponsors attended the annual conference for students enrolled in agricultural education programs in Florida's middle, junior and senior high schools.

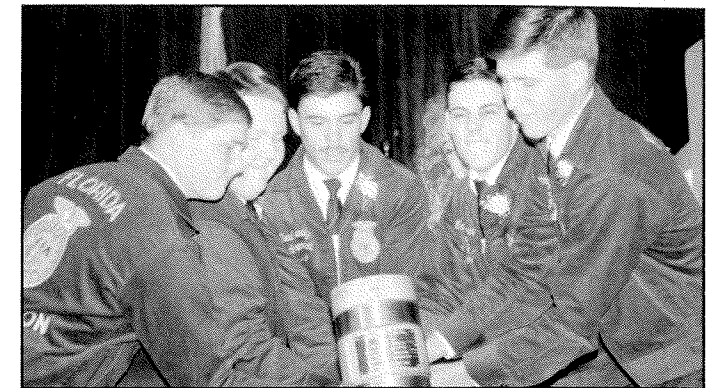
Outstanding FFA chapters and individual members, as well as sponsoring businesses and supporters, were recognized by the youth leadership organization, which has 12,000 members statewide in 275 chapters. Sixty-five business and industry representatives were in attendance to present over 800 recognized awards for academic excellence, SAE projects, leadership activities, and community service projects through the FFA Special Project program, states, Gary Bartley, Executive Director.

The highlights of the leadership conference included the naming of the State Star Farmer, John Eubanks, Williston; State Star in Agribusiness, Keith Dempsey, Kathleen; State Winner in Prepared Speaking, Susan Shiver, Graceville; State Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Lesley Copeland, New Smyrna Beach; State Star Greenhand, Kristopher Beasley, Chiefland, and the top Parliamentary Procedure Team was from Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter.

Convention speakers included Harvey Alston, Columbus, Ohio, Patrick Grady, humorist and motivational speaker, Charlotte, North Carolina and Steve Mitchell, National FFA Vice President from Arkansas.

As the outgoing State FFA Officer make their way to the classrooms of college campuses, Seventeen young, eager, and talented individuals campaigned during the week to seek the state office. The following were elected by their peers to lead the state association for the 1994-95 term:

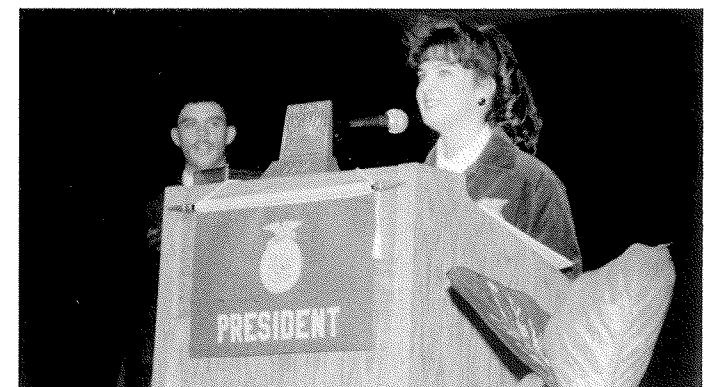
Susan Shiver, President, Graceville
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Amy Davis, Area V Vice President, Winter Haven
Scott Lundy, Area VI Vice President, Moore Haven



1993-94 STATE OFFICERS (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Eric Minger, Area I Vice President, Brad Etheridge, State President, Erin Johnson, Area IV Vice President, Marc Jones, Area III Vice President and Tommy Parker, Area V Vice President.

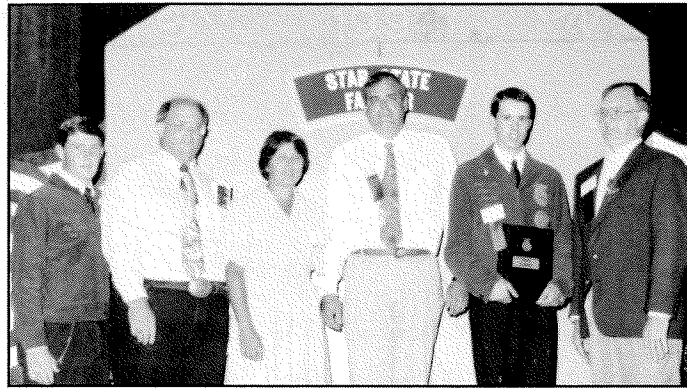


Brad Etheridge, 1993-94 STATE PRESIDENT HANDING THE GAVEL OVER TO Susan Shiver, 1994-95 NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.



Susan Shiver, 1994-95 NEWLY ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT.

STATE STARS OVER FLORIDA



STATE STAR FARMER PRESENTATION (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Robert Philpot, Chapter Advisor, Kathleen and Larry Eubanks, Parents, John Eubanks, State Star Farmer, Richard Joyner, Farm Credit Services in Florida.

STATE STAR FARMER

Williston Sr. FFA Chapter member, John Eubanks was named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Farmer. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant.

John is the 19 year old son of Larry and Kathleen Eubanks. John has been a very active FFA member as President of his chapter and District President in 1994. John started his cattle herd when he was 9 years old with a 2 day old orphaned heifer and now has a 20 head herd of crossbred cattle. John participates in many FFA contests throughout the year. He plans to run for State FFA Office at this convention and his goal for the future is to get a degree in agriculture education.

As the State Star In Production, Eubanks received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from state sponsor Farm Credit Services in Florida. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Farm Credit Services in Florida, were: Susan Shiver, Graceville FFA Chapter; Michael Maupin, Santa Fe FFA Chapter; Chris Holcomb, Armwood FFA Chapter; Nora Anna McKenzie, Fort Meade FFA Chapter; and Dean Young, Sebring Sr. FFA Chapter.



STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS PRESENTATION (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Chris Wilder, Advisor, Gary and Judy Allen, Parents, Keith Dempsey, State Star In Agribusiness, L. Douglas Register, representing Goldkist, Inc.

STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Kathleen Sr. FFA Chapter member, Keith Dempsey was selected as the Florida FFA Association's State Star In Agribusiness. The award is given to the outstanding State FFA Degree applicant in agribusiness.

Keith is a very active FFA member of the Kathleen Sr. FFA Chapter where he holds the title of President. He also serves as a chairperson of his sub-district and is sentinel of the Polk County Federation. He has participated in many contests and was the 3rd highest individual last year in citrus judging. Keith started his career in electrical and welding when he was only 10 years old with his grandfather and now runs his own welding company with 2 employees. He also started a recycling program this year from the leftover copper and aluminum wire from previous jobs. His future goal is to continue building his business and become a certified welder.

Keith Dempsey is the 18 year old son of Gary and Judy Allen. As the State Star in Agribusiness, Keith received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from the state sponsor, Gold Kist, Inc. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, Toyota Motor Sales.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Gold Kist, Inc., were Chris Urquhart, Bethlehem FFA Chapter; Joshua Moore, Bell FFA Chapter; Kenneth Davis, North Marion Sr. FFA Chapter; Maggie Harker, Chamberlain FFA Chapter; and David Stephens, Sebring FFA Chapter.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



STATE STAR GREENHAND PRESENTATION (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Donnie Lane, Advisor, Kristopher Beasley, State Star Greenhand, Joyce and Eli Beasley, Parents, Ernie Caldwell, Jack M. Berry, Inc.

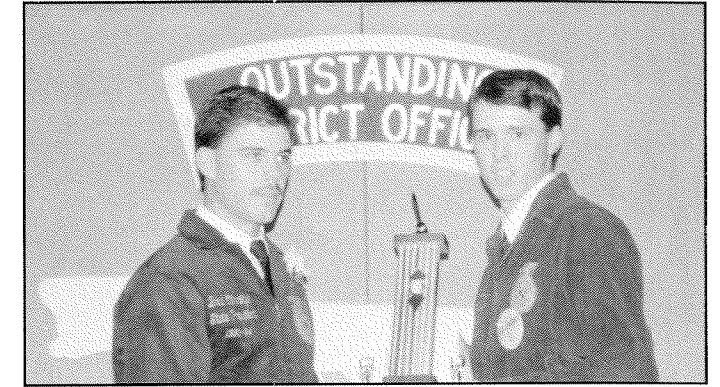
STATE STAR GREENHAND

Chiefland Jr. FFA Chapter member, Kristopher Beasley was named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Greenhand. The award is given to the outstanding first-year FFA member.

Kristopher is the 15 year old son of Eli and Joyce Beasley. He is an active member of Chiefland Jr. Chapter where he currently holds office of President and is also co-chairman of his sub-district. Kristopher has received state awards in both Beef and Forestry Production. He participates in many FFA Contests throughout the year. Kristopher helps manage 20 acres of slash pines used for pine straw collection. He also manages a 64 head limousin crossbred cattle herd and assists his father in baling 350 round bales of Bermuda hay annually. Kristopher also owns a sow that he breeds and sells the pigs to fellow FFA members for show pigs. He plans to continue his school years in FFA and continue his farm production.

As the State Star Greenhand, Kristopher received a trophy and \$150 cash award from Jack M. Berry, Inc. His FFA advisor, Donnie Lane received a \$100 cash award also from Jack M. Berry, Inc.

Other finalists who received trophies and \$100 cash awards, also from Jack M. Berry, Inc. were: Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter; Cassie Holder, Santa Fe FFA Chapter; Chris Gordon, Hardee FFA Chapter; Richard Brian Cochrane, Fort Meade FFA Chapter; and Charlotte McQuillen, Lake Placid FFA Chapter.



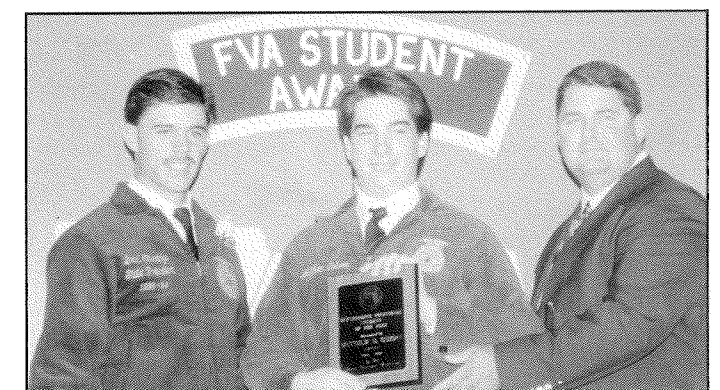
OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, John Eubanks, Outstanding District Officer.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OFFICER

Williston Sr. Chapter member, John Eubanks was named the 1994 Outstanding District officer.

John was selected for his outstanding service to District III as President. John has participated in many activities in FFA and His community this past year. He has helped organize the district softball tournament, district newsletters, district meetings and contests. He also has competed in many livestock shows and judging teams. He is very active in church youth group, Cattlemens Association and Junior Angus Association. John is also Area II Star Farmer. He has attended many area and state leadership schools in the past year.

John received a plaque, sponsored by the Florida FFA Association for his efforts.



FVA STUDENT AWARD (L TO R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Matthew Osborn, State Winner, Russ Randall, representing Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION (L to R) Eric Minger, Area I Vice President, Lesley Copeland, State Winner, Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Mr. Ray Crawford, Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Lesley Copeland of the New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA Chapter won the state Extemporaneous Speaking contest.

Lesley's speech was created during a 30 minute preparation period. Questions about the speech were asked for 5 minutes by the judges after her presentation.

As state winner, Lesley received a trophy and a \$250 cash award from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the state sponsor of the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest. Lesley will represent Florida in the National competition in Kansas City, Missouri in November. The second place speaker in this final elimination was John Meeks of the Bronson FFA Chapter.

In a preliminary elimination contest, Lesley and John competed against seven other district winners who included:

Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter
Travis Walker, Graceville FFA Chapter
Alysha Irwin, Gaither FFA Chapter
Mayanna Roberg, Palmetto FFA Chapter
Amanda Chastain, West Orange FFA Chapter
Becky McCutchen, Haines City Jr. FFA Chapter
Heather Markham, Moore Haven FFA Chapter



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Dr. Glen Hemby, Chairman of the Judges, Cornell Peacock, Chapter Advisor, Susan Shiver, State Prepared Public Speaking winner, Dr. Carl Beeman, Contest Coordinator, University of Florida.

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

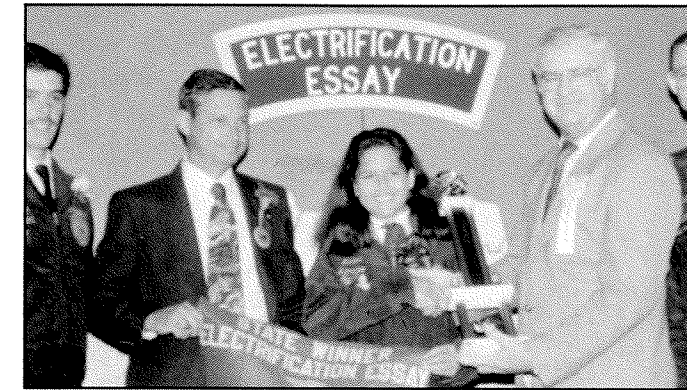
Susan Shiver of the Graceville FFA Chapter won the state prepared public speaking contest.

Susan Shiver's 5-8 minute prepared speech was evaluated in terms of content and composition, voice, stage presence, power of expression and response to questions. Susan received a trophy and a \$250 cash award from the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, the state sponsor. Susan will represent Florida in the National competition in Kansas City, Missouri in November. The second place speaker in this final elimination was Angie Foister of the Lake Butler Chapter.

In a preliminary elimination contest, Susan and Angie competed against seven other district winners that included:

Amanda Bennett, South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter
Patrick VanWormer, Palmetto FFA Chapter
Amy Perry, Lake Weir Jr. FFA Chapter
Pricilla Ellis, Central FFA Chapter
Courtney Strassa, Weightman FFA Chapter
Janelle Rhoton, George Jenkins FFA Chapter
Chris Cober, Sebring Middle FFA Chapter

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, John Hughes, Chapter Advisor, Michelle Schmotzer, State Winner, Agricultural Electrification Essay, Lamar Lockhart, Tampa Electric Company, Steven Michell National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION ESSAY

Michelle Schmotzer of the New Smyrna Beach Middle FFA Chapter was named the state Agricultural Electrification Essay winner.

Prior to the convention, the field of participants was narrowed to the top ten contestants. At the convention each finalist was asked three impromptu questions relating to his or her essay.

As the state winner, Michelle received a trophy, medal and felt pennant for her efforts on behalf of the Florida Investor Owner Power Companies, the state sponsors. The remaining finalists also received a trophy and medal from the sponsor.

The remaining nine finalists were:

Walter Bowers, Ponce de Leon Jr. Chapter
Valerie Brown, New Smyrna Beach Jr. Chapter
Wendy Burton, Lake Butler Jr. Chapter
Abby Clark, Moore Haven FFA Chapter
Stephanie Goss, Deland Middle Chapter
Leigh Hawthorne, Ponce de Leon Chapter
Tracy McKelvy, North Marion Jr. Chapter
Michael Slaughter, North Marion Jr. Chapter
Tammy Yarbrough, Lake Butler Jr. Chapter



CREED CONTEST PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Sue Sanborn, Chapter Advisor, Christy Walker, State Winner, Creed Contest, Linda Atkins, representing Tampa Electric Company.

CREED CONTEST

Christy Walker of the Palmetto FFA Chapter won the State Creed Contest.

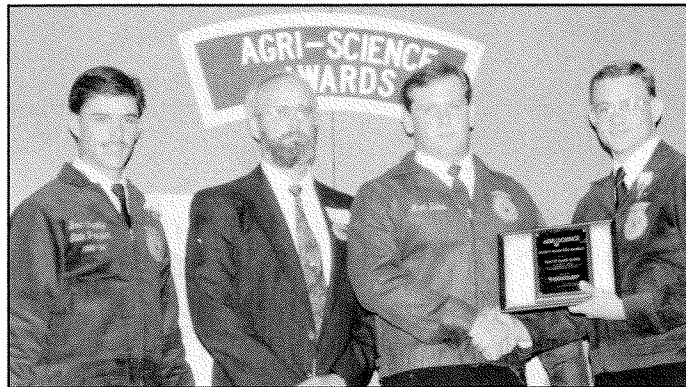
The Creed Contest is designed for first year members. These Greenhands recite the FFA Creed and then answer a question about the Creed.

The members competed at the Sub District and District level before competing in the preliminary contests.

Christy competed against eight other district winners that included:

Candice Pearson, Walnut Hill FFA Chapter
Kyla Siudyla, Blountstown FFA Chapter
April Young, Hilliard FFA Chapter
Sara Jo Cannon, Dunnellon Middle FFA Chapter
Jamie Martin, Buchanan FFA Chapter
Danielle Schultz, West Orange FFA Chapter
Melissa Sparks, Fort Meade FFA Chapter
Yolando Romero, Moore Haven FFA Chapter

AGRISCIENCE AWARDS



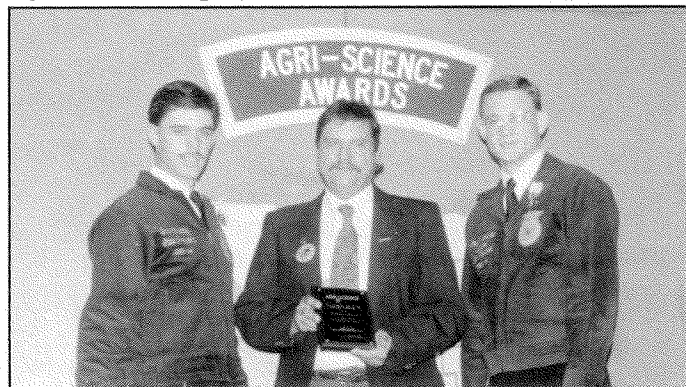
AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tom Williams, Chapter Advisor, Travis Dukes, State Winner, Agri-Science Award, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

STATE AGRISCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Union County High School graduate, Travis Dukes, has been named the state winner as Agriscience Student of the Year.

Travis is the son of Terry and Deborah Dukes of Worthington Springs. His project was titled "Water Vapor Conductance by the Eggshell". His idea for the project was co-founded by a University of Florida professor. The goal of his project was to establish a way for ostrich eggs to hatch in the southeastern United States. Travis placed 1st in his project at the Union County Science Fair in 9-12 grades. He also placed 1st in the Suwannee Regional Science Fair in 9-12 grades. He placed 3rd in the state during his senior year. Travis graduated salutatorian of his senior class and now is a freshman at Lake City Community College.

As state winner Travis received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a college of choice from the sponsor, Monsanto Agricultural Company.



AGRISCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR: (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Eugene Dulac, Agriscience Teacher of the year, Steven Mitchell.

AGRISCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Deland Middle School Agriscience teacher, Eugene F. Dulac, has been named the state winner as Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

Eugene received his Bachelor's of Education from Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire in 1971 and has attended graduate and certification courses at Keene State College, University of Central Florida and the University of Florida. He has had many recognitions as a leader in the area of education during his career. He has served as Agriculture teacher at Deland from 1978-1994. His program consists of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in which advancement of material increases with each grade. The content includes but is not limited to agricultural literacy, environment, science and technology, math, plants, animals and career opportunities for the future. These curriculum objectives are obtained by exploration, hands-on activities and a variety of instructional techniques. The agricultural program now serves over 730 students over half the schools population.

As state winner, Eugene received a plaque from the National FFA Organization for his leadership in Agriscience and his application will be forwarded to National for possible additional honors.



COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Sue Sanborn, Advisor, Patrick VanWormer, State Winner, Computers in Agriculture, Ed Lassiter, Sun Bank of Polk County, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE

Palmetto High School Senior, Patrick VanWormer has been named the State Winner in the Computers in Agriculture Contest.

Patrick is the 17 year old son of Randy and Sheila

VanWormer. He is a very active FFA member in the Palmetto FFA Chapter where he holds the office of President and also serves as District VI secretary. Patrick participates in many FFA Speech contests through the year in which he has obtained many awards. Patrick has used his technical skills in computers to strengthen his chapter standing in the community. He uses his knowledge to illustrate chapter newsletters, format resumes for fellow classmates, write speeches and research papers, and write buyer's letters for the fair sale. Patrick plans to graduate as valedictorian of his class and go on to the University of Florida to major in Civil Engineering.

As a state award winner, Patrick received a plaque and \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Sun Bank's, Inc. His FFA advisor received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Timmy Bouphanh, Taylor Sr.; Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr.; Clinton Howerton Jr., Sebring; and Amy Stotler, West Orange.

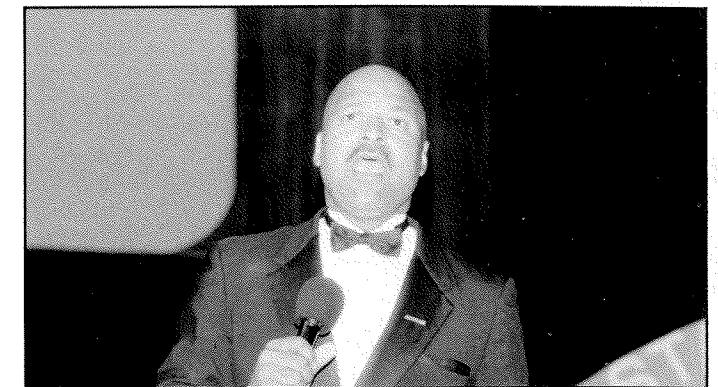


PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE PRESENTATION: (L to R) Scott Christmas, Florida Farm Bureau, Jana Register, Advisor, Team members of the Taylor Sr. FFA Team, Marc Jones, Area III State Vice President.

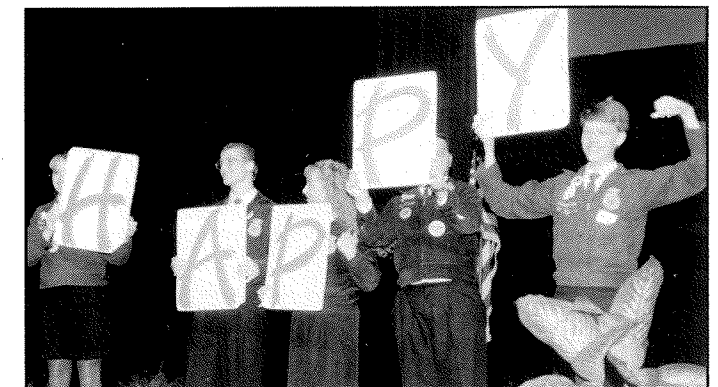
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Taylor Sr. chapter won the State Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The contest is designed to test the ability of the six-member team to conduct business according to the rules of parliamentary law, the contest required each of the two participating finalist teams to carry out two items of business. In addition, each of the team members was asked a specific question concerning parliamentary law. The winning team received a trophy and each individual received a plaque from the state sponsor, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation. The second place team in this elimination was the Lake Butler Sr. FFA chapter.

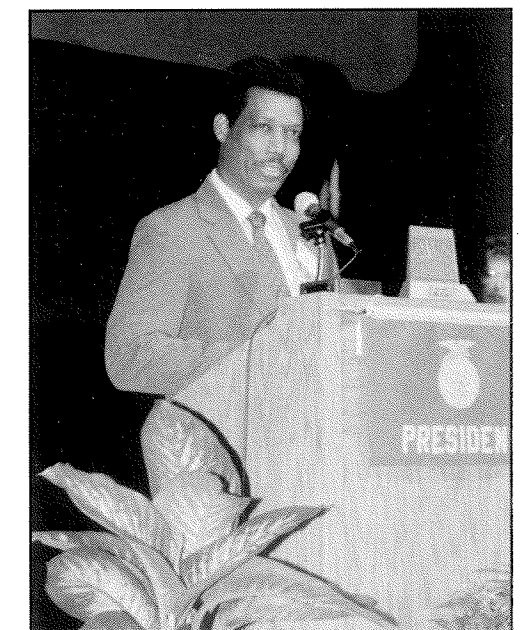
Other state finalists were: Lafayette Sr., Plant City Sr., Haines City, Chipley, Charlotte Sr., South Sumter Sr. and Moore Haven FFA Chapters.



Convention Kick off Speaker, Mr. Harvey Alston from Columbus, Ohio.



Students participating in Harvey Alston's presentation.



Mr. Robert Butler, Artist, address the convention, concerning the Alumni print series "Florida Heritage" which he painted.

CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS



DAIRY JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Mr. Roger McWaters, Chapter Advisor, State Champion Team Members, John Larson, Larson Dairy.

DAIRY JUDGING

The Okeechobee-Brahman Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as the 1994 state dairy judging champion.

The teams evaluated six classes of dairy cattle based upon factors such as mammary development, body capacity and overall appearance and conditioning. After judging the classes each FFA member presented a set of oral reasons before a panel of judges. As state winners, the Okeechobee-Brahman team will compete in the national dairy judging contest in Kansas City, MO this November.

The state sponsor, the Florida Dairy Farmers Association, presented trophies to the winning team and plaques to the 2nd through 5th place teams: Lafayette Sr. Chapter, Trenton Sr. Chapter, Vernon Chapter and Armwood Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Chris Holcomb, Armwood Chapter.



HORSE JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Ken Meherg, Chapter Advisor, State Champion Horse Judging team members, Dr. Tom McCall representing Florida State Fair Authority.

HORSE JUDGING

The Walnut Hill Chapter horse judging team was recognized as the 1994 state horse judging champion.

The horse judging contest consists of eight placing classes. The contestants place four halter and four performance classes. The various breeds are evaluated, and placed according to conformation, travel, trueness to breed, and suitability to purpose.

The state sponsor, Florida State Fair Authority, presented the state winning team members and state high individual with trophies and awarded plaques to the 2nd through 5th place teams.

Other state finalists included: Bronson Chapter, Taylor Sr. Chapter, Umatilla Chapter and South Sumter Jr. Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Wayne Odom, Walnut Hill Chapter.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Fred Dietrich representing, Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, Jana Register, Chapter Advisor, State Champion Livestock Judging Team members, and Brad Etheridge, State President.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The Taylor Sr. Chapter livestock judging team was recognized for capturing the greatly sought after title of state livestock judging champion.

Participants in this contest place classes of breeding and market cattle, swine, market lambs as well as evaluate classes of beef and swine. The contests must also present oral reasons on their placing before a panel of judges. The winning team will go on the represent Florida at the National level this November.

The contest's state sponsor, Florida Santa Gertrudis Association, presented trophies to the state winning team and high individual and awarded plaques to the other state finalists

Bartow Sr., Williston Jr. Haines City Sr. and Williston Sr. respectively the 2nd through 5th place teams. The high-scoring individual was Amie Wilkins, Deland Sr. FFA Chapter.



POULTRY JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tom Williams, Advisor, State Champion Poultry Judging Team members, Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation.

POULTRY JUDGING

The Lake Butler Sr. poultry judging team was recognized as the 1994 state poultry judging champion.

The contest consisted of seven classes including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality. The team will represent Florida in November's national poultry judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri.

The contest's state sponsor, the Florida Poultry Federation, Inc., presented trophies and plaques to the top five teams, the high-scoring individual, and members of the state champion team.

Other state finalists included Lake Butler Jr. Chapter, Malone Chapter, Interlachen Sr. Chapter, and Chipley Chapter. The high-scoring individual was Nadiah Harden, Lake Butler Sr. Chapter.

JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAMS

JUNIOR DAIRY JUDGING

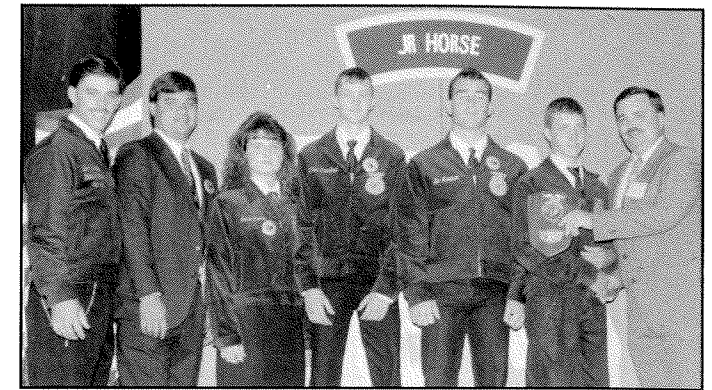
The Trenton Jr. FFA Chapter dairy judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior dairy judging team.

The contest consisted of six placing classes and one set of oral reasons. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Larson Dairy, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Taylor Jr. Chapter; Lake Weir Jr. Chapter; New Smyrna Jr. Chapter; and Hill Jr. Chapter.



JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING PRESENTATION: (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Derek Hall, Chapter Advisor, State Jr. Horse Judging Team members, L. Douglas Register representing Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING

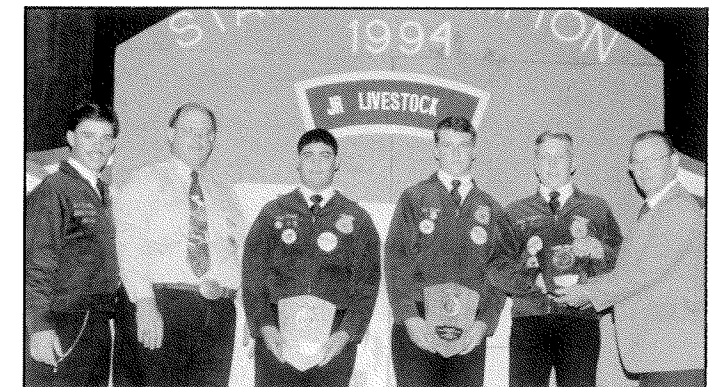
The Ransom Junior FFA Chapter horse judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior horse judging team.

The contest consisted of eight placing classes ranging from western pleasure to halter.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are South Sumter Jr., New Smyrna Beach Middle Chapter, Taylor Jr. Chapter and Tomlin Jr. Chapter.



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Robert Philpot, Chapter Advisor, State Jr. Livestock Judging Team members, Jack Williams representing Alico, Inc.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Williston Jr. FFA Chapter livestock judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior livestock judging team.

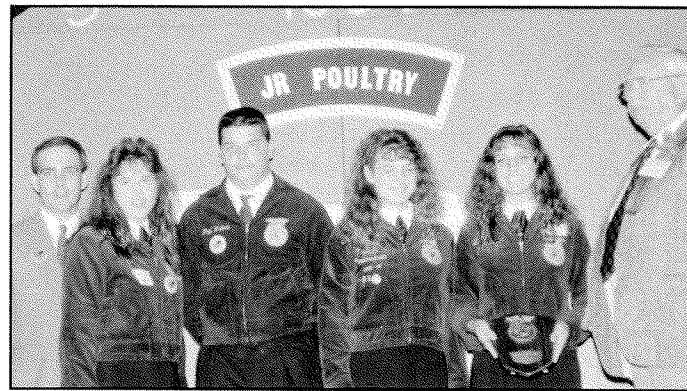
JUNIOR CHAPTER TEAM AWARDS

The contest consisted of placing classes in breeding cattle, market swine and breeding swine. In addition, team members gave two sets of oral reasons and evaluated steers and swine.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Alico, Inc. presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Dade City Middle chapter, Okeechobee-Yearlings chapter, South Lake Jr. Chapter and North Marion Middle Chapter.



JUNIOR POULTRY JUDGING PRESENTATION (L to R) Scott Register, Advisor, State Jr. Poultry Judging Team members, Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation.

JUNIOR POULTRY JUDGING

The Lake Butler Jr. FFA Chapter poultry judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior poultry judging team.

The contest consisted of seven areas including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready-to-cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Cypress Foods, Inc., presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are Interlachen Jr. chapter, Taylor Jr. chapter, Ponce de Leon Jr. chapter and Lake City Jr. chapter.



JUNIOR VEGETABLE JUDGING PRESENTATION

JUNIOR VEGETABLE JUDGING

The Beasley Middle FFA Chapter vegetable judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior vegetable judging team.

The vegetable contest consists of the identification and grading of vegetables as well as recognition of various insects, diseases, weeds, seeds and nutrient deficiencies that are pertinent to vegetable production.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Thomas B. Smith Farms, presented plaques to the winning team and the 2nd through 5th place teams, Orlando-Colonial Jr., Lafayette Jr., Taylor Jr., and D.A. Storms Jr.



JUNIOR ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE PRESENTATION

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

JUNIOR ORNAMENTAL HORT JUDGING

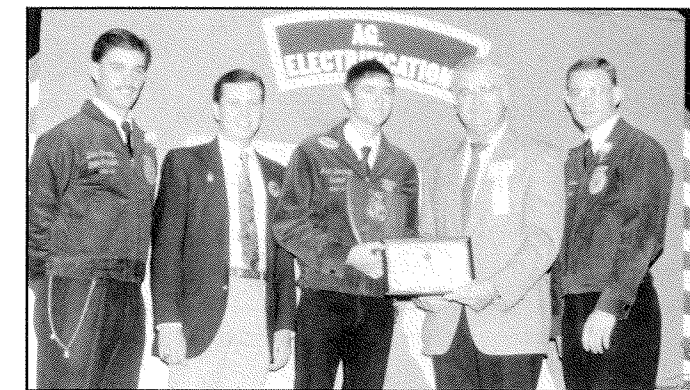
The Beasley Middle FFA Chapter ornamental horticulture judging team was recognized as Florida's best junior ornamental horticulture judging team.

The contest consisted of four classes involving the placing of one set of ornamental plants and the identification of woody ornamentals; insects and diseases; and flowers, foliage plants and turf grasses.

Junior chapters consist of FFA members in junior high, grades seven through nine.

The state sponsor, Holmberg Farms, Inc. presented plaques to the top five teams.

The remaining top four chapters are: Crescent City Jr. Chapter, Boone Middle Chapter, Silver Sands Chapter and Horace Mann Chapter.



AG ELECTRIFICATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Chris Wilder, Advisor, Keith Dempsey, State Winner, Agricultural Electrification, Lamar Lockhart, Tampa Electric Company, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

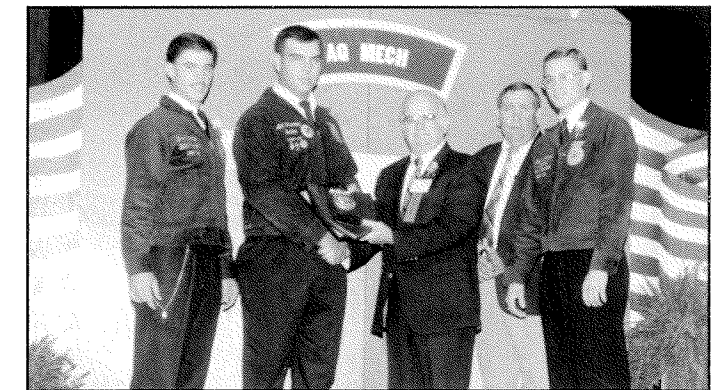
Four years ago, Kathleen Sr. FFA member Keith Dempsey got "plugged in" to electrical work. Today his face "lit up" upon learning that his work had won the state winning Agricultural Electrification proficiency award.

Keith, the son of Ms. Judy Allen, began working with grandfather at Bony-Valley Rail Car. He enjoyed it so much that he decided to make agricultural electrification his FFA project. Today Keith is proficient at wiring, lighting, electrical motor repair and heavy equipment operation. He plans to attend school, specialize in electronics, then establish his own electrician business.

As the state winner, Keith received a plaque; a \$200 cash

award from the state sponsors, Tampa Electric Company, Florida Power Corporation, Gulf Power Foundation, Inc. and Florida Power and Light Company; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, National Food and Energy Council, Inc. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Matthew Ramsey, Sneads; Lonnie Ray, Ponce de Leon Sr.; Marshall Roberts, Ponce de Leon Sr. and Shara Wilmoth, Armwood.



AG MECHANICS PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Art Hammaker, State Winner, Agricultural Mechanics, Terry Price, Fields Equipment Company, Sam Love, Advisor, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Ten years of on-the-job training earned Lake Weir Sr. FFA member Arthur Hammaker the state winning Agricultural Mechanics proficiency award.

Arthur, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hammaker, has held a variety of jobs which has enabled him to develop and sharpen numerous agricultural mechanics skills including welding, small engine repair, plus the operation and maintenance of irrigation, pesticide and citrus cultivation equipment. He hopes to pursue a job in welding as well as to continue honing his other skills on his own farm.

As the state winner, Arthur received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Fields Equipment Company; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Case IH. His advisor, Sam B. Love, Jr. also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Michael Bowers, South Lake Sr.; Keith Dempsey, Kathleen Sr.; Lawrence King, New Smyrna Beach and Joseph Patterson, South Lake Sr.

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AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICE PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Jill Stephens, Advisor, Rylan Moxley, State Winner, Agricultural Sales and/or Service, Les Dunson III, Dunson Harvesting, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICES

A modest beginning in the lawn care business has grown into a state winning award for Forest FFA member Rylan Moxley in the area of Agricultural Sales and/or Service.

Rylan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moxley, began mowing lawns in his neighborhood at age nine. Gradually he expanded his business into a full service lawn maintenance business. Rylan is proficient at landscaping, laying sod and cutting lawns like a professional. He currently has other people in his employ, carries business insurance and holds a business license. He plans to attend college to study landscape architecture. His ultimate goal is to own the largest lawn and landscape business in Marion County.

As the state winner, Rylan received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Dunson Harvesting, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chevy Trucks, Case IH and Vigortone Agriculture Products. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Michael Bowers, South Lake Sr.; Travis Cooper, Dixie Sr.; Sarah Dasher, Branford and Molly Freel, Lake Weir Sr.

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution.

-- W.A. Foster



BEEF PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Terry Stanley, Advisor, Leroy Baldwin, Baldwin Angus Ranch, Molly Freel, State Winner, Beef Production, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

BEEF PRODUCTION

A bank loan that took two and one half years to repay formed the foundation for Lake Weir Sr. FFA member Molly Freel's state winning Beef Production proficiency award.

Molly, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H.W. Freel, began her beef herd with a bank loan that purchased two registered Hereford heifers. Using those heifers and adding a feeder steer operation to her program Molly has expanded her herd to 11 cows, 11 calves and two show steers. Recordkeeping, estrus recognition, quality semen choices and medication application are just a few of the skills she has learned. Molly plans to continue increasing the scope of her enterprise and to pursue a career in agriculture.

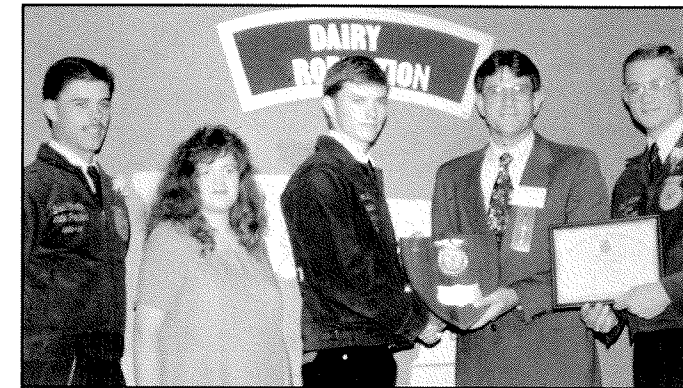
As the state winner, Molly received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsors, Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association and Baldwin Angus Ranch; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Nasco Division/Nasco International, Inc. and Pitman-Moore, Inc. Her advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Molly will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Michael Maupin, Santa Fe; Keith Shiver, Lafayette Sr.; Van Whitehurst, Williston Sr. and Austin Yelvington, Taylor Sr.

We believe that the greatest agricultural resource is the human resource.

--The National Plan

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DAIRY PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Rebecca Sharpe, Advisor, Jason Land, State Winner, Dairy Production, Gary Bartley, representing Dairy Farmers, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

DAIRY PRODUCTION

Working on the family dairy farm has enabled Lafayette Sr. FFA member Jason Land to build his dairy herd and a state winning Dairy Production proficiency award.

Jason, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Land, has been working on the family dairy since age seven. Through the years he has built his herd to 37 cows. He's also actively involved in all facets of the family business including milking, checking the dry cow herd, cleaning the barn, cutting and baling hay. He recently completed a welding class to cut the farm's repair costs. He plans to pursue a degree in dairy science and then return to the family farm.

As the state winner, Jason received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Dairy Farmers, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Alfa-Lava Agri, Inc., American Breeders Service and Manna Pro Corporation "The Calf Manna Company." His advisor, Rebecca Sharpe also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Ryan Holcomb, Armwood; Daria Shiver, Lafayette Sr.; Keith Shiver, Lafayette Sr. and Glen Sipple, Armwood.

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act but a habit.

--Aristotle



DIVERSIFIED CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Joel Camp, State Winner, Diversified Crop Production, Dr. Jimmy Cheek, Assistant Dean, University of Florida, representing C-F Industries, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather and uncle earned South Sumter Sr. FFA member Joel Camp the state winning Diversified Crop Production proficiency award.

Joel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Camp, knew at an early age that he wanted to grow vegetables. He also soon learned the secret to successful farming: diversification. Today he and his family grow at least 10 different vegetables each season in addition to operating an ornamental nursery. Currently he is attending college pursuing a degree in agricultural education.

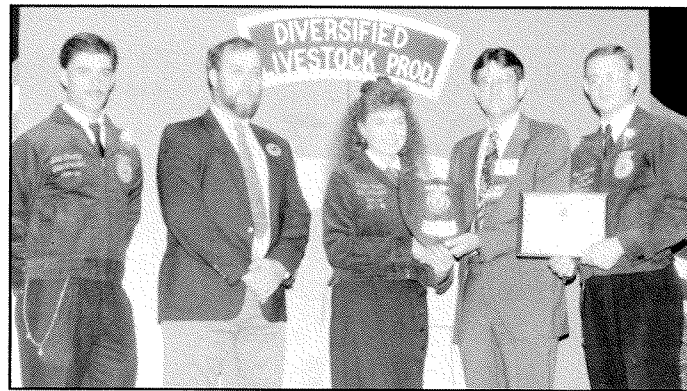
As the state winner, Joel received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, CF Industries, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Cargill. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Joel will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Sarah Dasher, Branford; Jason Land, Lafayette, Dan Price, Blountstown and Frank Kole, Sebring Sr.

The real friend of his country is the person who believes in excellence, seeks for it, fights for it, defends it, and tries to produce it.

--Morley Callaghan

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DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PRESENTATION
(L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tim Edwards, Advisor, Trisha Revels, State Winner, Diversified Livestock Production, Gary Bartley, representing Life Services, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Investing the profits from her livestock operation back into her business has earned South Sumter Sr. FFA member Trisha Revels the state winning Diversified Livestock Production proficiency award.

Trisha, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Revels, is the proud owner of 16 dairy cows, 11 beef cattle, one show steer and one show hog. Through the years she has continued to expand her herd by re-investing most of her profits from the sale of dairy and beef calves into more breeding stock. She also enjoys showing all three species at local and state fairs. She plans to pursue a career in agriculture.

As the state winner, Trisha received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Life Services, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Livestock Marketing Association and Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company. Her advisor, Tim Edwards also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Molly Freil, Lake Weir Sr.; Lawrence King, New Smyrna Beach; David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach and Amie Wilkins, DeLand Sr.

*There is no exercise better for the heart
than reaching down and lifting people up.*
--J.A. Homes



FEEDER STEER PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, David Coile, Advisor, Leroy Baldwin, Baldwin Angus Ranch, Jeremy Clark, State Winner, Feeder Steer, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

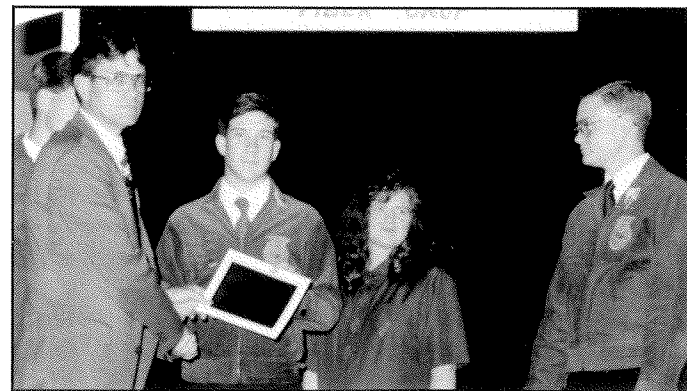
FEEDING AND SHOWING STEERS

Nine years of showing steers has earned Lake Gibson Sr. FFA member Jeremy Clark, the State Feeder Steer Award.

Jeremy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark, has learned a lot about raising and showing feeder steers during the past nine years. He has learned to break a steer to lead, how to feed it for the best possible weight gain, how to clip and groom it and how to show it in competition. His last show animal placed second in the grooming contest at the Florida State Fair, 11th in the fair's carcass contest, and earned Jeremy a red ribbon in recordkeeping.

As the state winner, Jeremy received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Cattleman's Association. His advisor, David Coile, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Charley Davis, Sebring; Gerald Green, Lake Weir Sr.; Amy Stotler, West Orange and Austin Yelvington, Taylor Sr.



FIBER CROP PRESENTATION

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FIBER CROP

Tate Sr. FFA member Chad Cole is a "natural" farmer and a "natural" choice for the state winning Fiber Crop Production proficiency award.

Chad, the son of Ms. Charlotte Cole, owns a 10 percent interest in a 1,200-acre cotton farm near Pensacola. Chad enjoys growing this natural fiber which is enjoying continued popularity, as the "Fabric of Our Lives." He has learned a great deal about planting, growing, and harvesting cotton from his uncle, with whom he works. He is putting his profits toward college where he will pursue an education in agriculture to better enable him to carry on the tradition of farming in his family.

As the state winner, Chad received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and a \$100 cash award from the national sponsor, Sandoz Agro, Inc. Chad will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

The other finalist who received a plaque from the state sponsor was Keith Shaw, Lafayette Sr.



FLORICULTURE PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Greg Mather, Advisor, Thomas Duke, Advisor, Jana Register, Advisor, Brian Hoover, State Winner, Floriculture, Jerry Ruskan, Yoder Brothers, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

FLORICULTURE

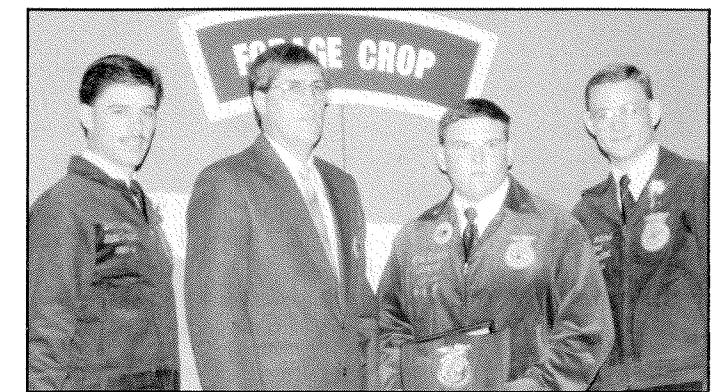
Taylor Jr. FFA member Brian Hoover transformed an old, abandoned greenhouse into the state winning Floriculture proficiency award.

Brian, the son of Ms. Nancy Hoover, began developing his FFA project using a small greenhouse once used by his grandparents. He replaced the benches and irrigation system and traveled to Apopka to purchase his first foliage plants. Through the years he has increased the scope of his operation,

plus gained valuable experience working for a local greenhouse that makes floral dishgardens. His plans include continued expansion to help supply his grandparents with 100 percent of the plants they need for their operation.

As the state winner, Brian received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Yoder Brothers, Inc.; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Professional Plant Growers Association, American Floral Endowment, The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch and Valent Corporation. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Brian will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Steven Cohen, Taylor Jr.; Donald Cone, Taylor Sr.; Kyle Stewart, Evans Sr. and Ryan Ward, Taylor Sr.



FORAGE CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Dannice Williams, Advisor, Chris Urquhart, State Winner, Forage Production, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

FORAGE PRODUCTION

In Chris Urquhart's own words, "When people start to call you instead of you having to call them, then you must be doing something right." That's certainly true for this Bethlehem FFA Member, the state winner of the Forage Production proficiency award.

Chris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Urquhart, has always worked in his family's forage operation. A few years ago, the family learned high quality forage was in high demand so the Urquharts decided to grow forage for their neighbors. Word of their high quality forage spread like wild fire. Today, Chris has a 50% share in 20 acres of Pensacola Bahia, 50 acres of Coastal Bermuda and 25 acres of oats and rye grass. He continues to expand his production in response to customer demand.

As the state winner, Chris received a plaque; a \$200 cash

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award from the state sponsor, Kubota Tractor Corporation; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Gehl Company and Northrup King Co. His advisor, Dannice Williams also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Kristopher Beasley, Chiefland Sr.; Lance Braswell, Lafayette Sr.; Wes Grant, Bronson and Wes Wingate, Branford.



FOREST MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, Paul Rowan, State Winner, Forestry Management, Bruce Applegate, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

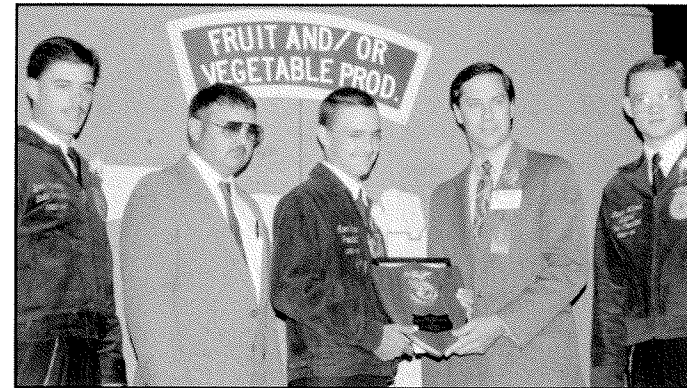
A love of the outdoors first led Sneads FFA Member Paul Rowan into forestry and then into the spotlight today as he accepted the state winning Forest Management proficiency award.

Paul, the son of Mr. Hugh Rowan, helps his father manage almost 1,500 acres of forest land, plus plant and harvest additional timber acreage. Paul has learned to properly plant pine seedlings, implement control burns, plow and disk roads and select proper seedlings. As part of his management duties, Paul strives to build the local wildlife population. He hopes to one day become a game warden.

As the state winner, Paul received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. and Stone Container Corporation. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Kristopher Beasley, Chiefland Sr.; Joseph Brooks, Ponce de Leon Sr.; Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr. and Lawrance

King, New Smyrna Beach.



FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Donnie Lane, Advisor, Aaron Lane, State Winner, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production, Mike Stuart, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

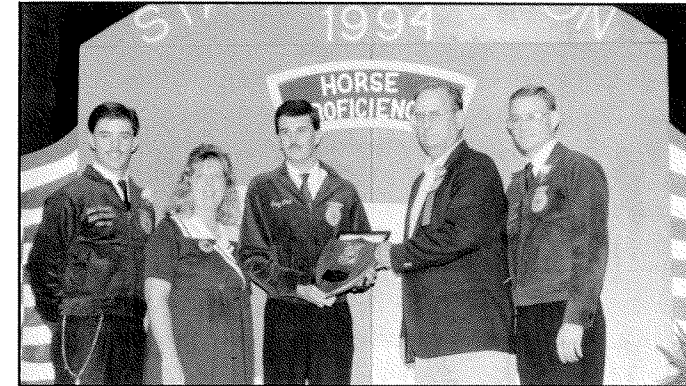
Chiefland Sr. FFA member and watermelon grower Donald Lane says the months of April, May and June are extremely busy for him. But he made time in his hectic schedule to accept the state winning Fruit and/or Vegetable proficiency award.

Donald, the son of Mr. Donald Lane, currently grows 74 acres of watermelons in partnership with his family. He also helps his uncle with 40 acres of melons under plastic using drip irrigation, plus grows one-half acre of cantalopes and two acres of cucumbers on his own. In 1992, he received a firsthand lesson in the ups and downs of farming. After investing in a used irrigation system, his crop was infected with Mosaic virus and didn't yield any better than his dry land crop the year before. But that didn't discourage Donald and in 1993, the irrigation more than paid for itself. To supplement his "lessons in the field" Donald plans to continue his education and pursue a career in agriculture.

As the state winner, Donald received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Briggs & Stratton Corporation. His advisor, Eli Beasley, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Donald will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Sarah Dasher, Branford; Lawrence Holton, Sebring; Clay Hunter, Sneads and Frank Lalashuis, Taylor Sr.

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HORSE PROFICIENCY PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Sandra Dailey, Advisor, Gregory Lord, State Winner, Horse Proficiency, Jimmy Glisson, Seminole Feed, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

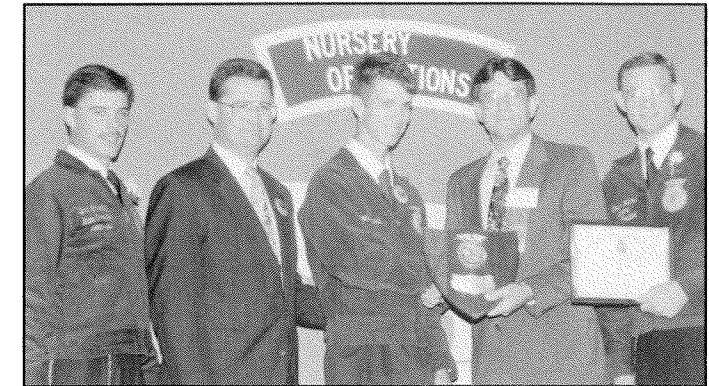
HORSE PROFICIENCY

North Marion FFA member Gregory Lord, Jr. believes his future career as a Thoroughbred trainer is "on track" and his state winning Horse proficiency award certainly seems to support that theory.

Gregory, the son of Mr. Gregory Lord, is the current assistant manager and 10 percent owner in his father's Thoroughbred training farm. He helps his father buy, break, train and sell young racing horses at local sales. They also buy and sell roping horses. Gregory's primary job is to make sure the jockeys' are mounted properly and ponying them to the race track. After they return, he also checks the animals' condition and soundness. Gregory plans to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and then return to the farm as its general manager and 50 percent owner.

As the state winner, Gregory received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Seminole Feed; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, American Paint Horse Association, Red Brand Fence and Sandoz Agra, Inc. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Gregory will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Bobbi Austin, Lake Weir; Heather Berry, DeLand; Jenny Cowart, Taylor Jr. and Stacy Petty, Bronson.



NURSERY OPERATIONS PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Eddy Watkins, Advisor, Patrick Lasecki, State Winner, Nursery Operations, Gary Bartley, representing Sunniland Corporation, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

NURSERY OPERATIONS

After working part-time for a few years at a local nursery, Armwood FFA Member Patrick Lasecki decided he wanted a nursery of his own. Starting with a collection of 21 plants, Patrick has built his business into the state winning Nursery Operations proficiency program.

Philip, the son of Ms. Jeannette M. Farrell, has exceeded his original goal of doubling the size of his nursery. In the past year, he has become quite proficient at producing Florida Fancy quality foliage plants. He markets his plants through local garden centers, contract landscape and lawn maintenance work and various FFA and FNGA plant auctions. He plans to pursue a degree in ornamental horticulture, with a special interest in landscape design.

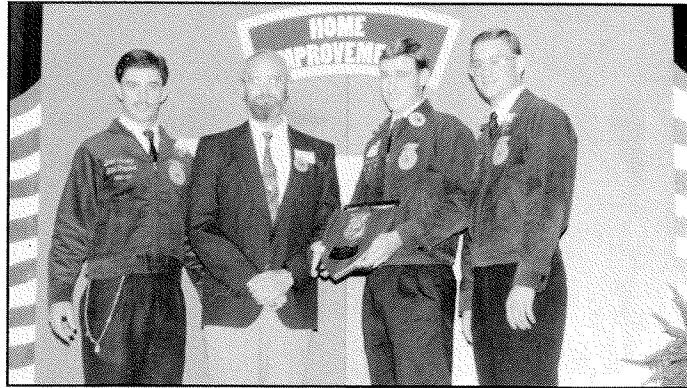
As the state winner, Patrick received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Sunniland Corporation; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chrysler Motors Corp-Dodge Trucks and Merck AgVet Division. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Tara Clark, Taylor Sr.; Renee Clemons, Orlando-Colonial; Rodney Philbrick, Lake Weir Sr. and Kyle Stewart, Evans Sr.

*The future is not a gift ----
it is an achievement.*

--Harry Lauder

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HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Tom Williams, Advisor, Phillip Lagasse, State Winner, Home and/or Farmstead Improvement, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

When his parents bought a vacant house in a rural area, Lake Butler Sr. FFA member Philip Lagasse never dreamed this improvement project would win the state Home and/or Farmstead Improvement proficiency award.

Philip, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lagasse, worked side-by-side his parents in remodeling their home and reclaiming property that had been vacant for two years. Philip's tasks were varied: from installing insulation in his new home to repairing the barn roof. He gained many useful skills as he built fence, built stalls, mowed overgrown pastures and ponds and built cattle and dog pens.

As the state winner, Philip received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, The Glidden Company; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, National FFA Foundation. His advisor, Tom Williams, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

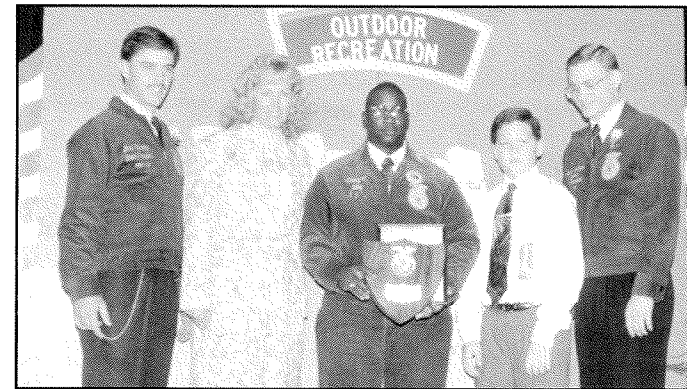
Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Heather Berry, DeLand Sr.; Maria Jordan, South Dade; Matt Ramsey, Sneads and John Sapp, Forest.

OIL CROP PRODUCTION

At age 10, Blountstown FFA member Dan Price sold boiled peanuts from his family's farm at football games and other local events. This was his first of many contributions to the family farm. Those contributions payed off today when he accepted the state winning Oil Crop proficiency award.

Dan, the son of Mr. David Price, currently owns a 10 percent interest in a family-owned row crop farm which grows peanuts and soybeans. He works part-time during school and full time during the summer to assist his family with the crops. He has learned the importance of soil analysis, which increases yield, lowers the input costs and increases profit. He also understands the advantage of on-farm grain storage which allows the family to store the crop until market prices peak. Dan's future plans include college and then returning to run the family farm with his brother.

As the state winner, Dan received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and a \$100 cash award from the national sponsors, Chicago Board of Trade and FMC Foundation.



OUTDOOR RECREATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Leslie Allard, Advisor, Torrey Riley, State Winner, Outdoor Recreation, Adam Jacoby, Bowen Brothers, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

From the hammocks of Highland County to the wilderness of Yellowstone National Park, Sebring FFA member Torrey Riley has amassed enough "on the job" experience for two FFA members his age. These experiences today earned Torrey the state winning Outdoor Recreation proficiency award.

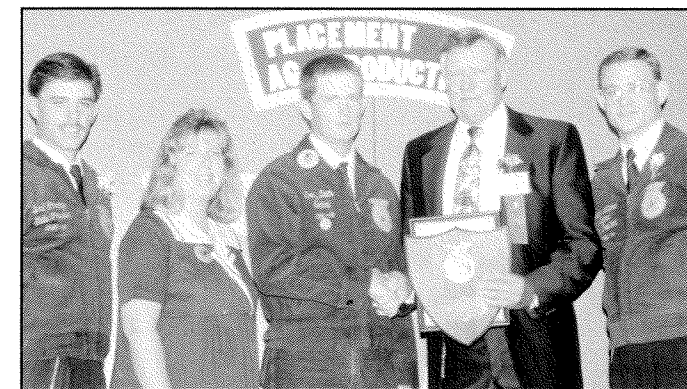
Torrey, the son of Mrs. Lauretha Burke, worked both for pay and as a volunteer at Highlands Hammock State Park where he performed trail maintenance, road repair, tree trimming and office work. He also learned a lot about helping people while collecting gate fees, resolving visitor complaints, giving directions and administering first aid. When he was a senior at Sebring High School, Torrey became the only student in Florida to be accepted to McDonald's All Star Green Teen Team. He spent two weeks at Yellowstone National Park in Montana, an experience he considers to be one of the most

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unforgettable events in his life. Currently, Torrey is running his late father's swine operation and working part-time on a local ranch. He plans to further his education and pursue a career in the state or national park system.

As the state winner, Torrey received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Bowen Brothers, Inc. and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chevy Trucks Schrade Cutlery and O.F. Mossberg and Sons, Inc. His advisor, Leslie Allard also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Torrey will represent Florida in the Southern Region FFA competition later this year.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: John Bazo, Forest; Mandy Higginbotham, Dixie; J.J. Neel, Sneads and Daniel Watson, Dixie.



PLACEMENT IN AG PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Sandra Dailey, Advisor, Kenneth Davis, State Winner, Placement in Agricultural Production, Donald Bronson, Bronson Ranch, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

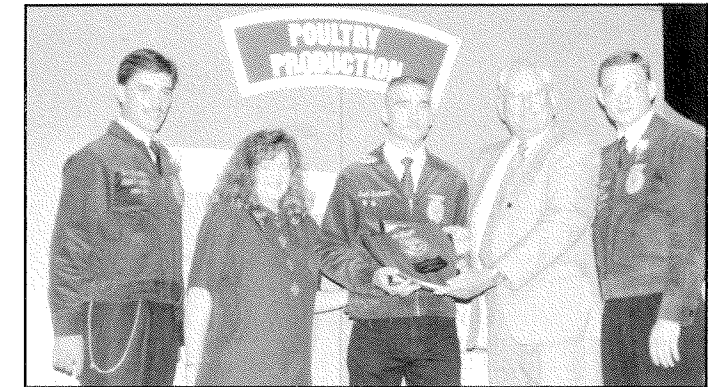
PLACEMENT IN AG PRODUCTION

During the past four years, North Marion FFA member Kenneth Davis has learned first hand that farming is hard work. His hard work payed off as he earned the state winning Placement in Agricultural Production proficiency award.

Kenneth, the son of Mr. Kenneth Davis, began working at a local dairy when he was 15 years old. He had no experience in production agriculture and started out helping feed baby calves. Today, Kenneth oversees the feeding operation for over 500 head of milking cows and 460 youngstock. He works six days a week (50-65 hours) and is responsible for maintaining inventory, ordering feed ingredients, mixing and feeding of five separate rations and the mixing of micro mineral mixes. He is also in charge of farm maintenance. Kenneth plans to continue his job at the dairy as well as to get into business for himself.

As the state winner, Kenneth received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Bronson Ranch and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Dekalb Genetics, Corp. and Pitman-Moore, Inc. His advisor, Sandra Dailey, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Bobbi Austin, Lake Weir Sr.; Lincoln Cannon, Chiefland Sr.; Arthur Hammaker, Lake Weir Sr. and Austin Yelvington, Taylor Sr.



POULTRY PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Rebecca Sharpe, Advisor, Errol Buchanan, State Winner, Poultry Production, Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Even at the age of 15, Mayo FFA member Errol Buchanan knows he wants to "carry on" the family's poultry business. Today, Errol proudly represented his family's business as he accepted the state winning Poultry Production proficiency award.

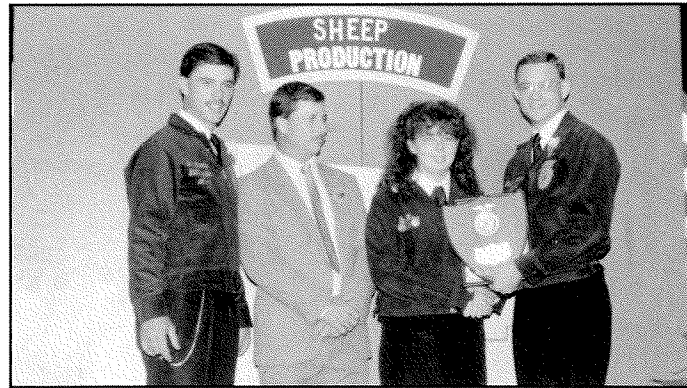
Errol, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Buchanan, currently owns 25 percent of his family's broiler operation which encompasses 165,000 birds. Errol understands the importance of good management in a poultry operation. His responsibilities include culling the weak birds to control feed conversion and maintaining proper ventilation in the broiler houses. He plans to continue his education in poultry science.

As the state winner, Errol received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Poultry Federation and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chore-Time Equipment, Hudson Foods, Inc. and Schering-Plough Animal Health. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Adrian Back, Gaither; David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach;

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Ryan Sullivan, Lafayette and Shara Wilmoth, Armwood.



SHEEP PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Gary Lindsey, Advisor, Tina Hamm, State Winner, Sheep Production, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

SHEEP PRODUCTION

What began as an interest in showing a lamb at the local youth fair, has blossomed into a breeding program and a state winning Sheep Production proficiency award for North Marion FFA member Tina Hamm.

Tina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matchett, decided her first FFA project would be a show lamb at the local youth fair. She won grand champion and was "bitten by the bug." The next year, she also showed a lamb in partnership with another FFA member. But that wasn't enough. In her third year of FFA, she purchased a breeding ewe and today she owns two ewes and one ram. Her goal is to start her own business by selling the meat, selling the wool and selling the animals to others who are interested in the sheep industry.

As the state winner, Tina received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and a \$100 cash award from the national sponsors, American Sheep Industry Association and Kent Feeds Incorporated.

The other finalist who received a plaque from the state sponsor was Thomas Rau, Lakeland.

SOIL & WATER MANAGEMENT

Sneads FFA Member Charles McDaniel understands the need to conserve the soil and water resources for his career as a future farmer. The various conservation methods Charles has already implemented, earned him the state winning Soil and Water Management proficiency award.

Charles, the son of Mr. Roger McDaniel, lives and works on a 190 acre farm with his grandparents. He primarily grows peanuts, hay and cattle. Charles understands the importance of preserving the soil and water in order for him to maintain a successful farming operation. A few of Charles' routine practices include taking soil samples to determine the proper fertilization; planting rye grass after each peanut harvest and then allowing the field to fallow for one year; terracing to control erosion and using proper conservation tillage methods. He plans to continue his farming while also pursuing a nursing career.

As the state winner, Charles received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Association of Conservation Districts and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, American Cyanamid Company. His advisor, Tommy Stoutamire, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Kristopher Beasley, Chieffland Sr.; Josh Brumenschenkel, Taylor Sr., Lincoln Cannon, Chieffland Sr. and Paul Norfleet, Trenton Jr.



SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Marc Jones, Area III Vice President, Jodi Geiger, Advisor, Matthew Osborn, State Winner, Specialty Animal Production, Bobby Eddy, representing Everett Whitehead & Son, Inc., Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION

When New Smyrna Beach FFA member Matthew Osborn began showing dairy goats at age 8, he often ended up at the bottom of his class. But Matthew never gave up and he received one of the highest awards in his career: the state winning Specialty Animal Production proficiency award.

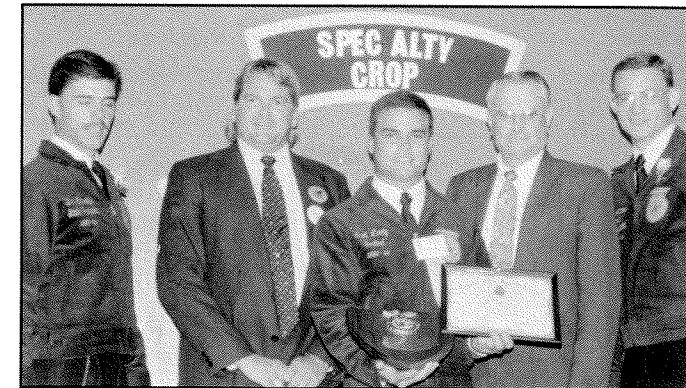
Matthew, the son of Ms. Marilyn Weaver Ford, has

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expanded his dairy goat herd from his original 15 head, to more than 50. He has shown at various shows across the nation as well as in every Florida fair he was eligible to enter. He has won numerous championships and showmanship honors. He plans to pursue a career in agricultural education.

As the state winner, Matthew received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Everett Whitehead and Son, Inc. and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, American Dairy Goat Assoc. and Country General Stores. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Carl Cowan, Chieffland Sr.; Travis Neeley, Dixie; Jara Raisbeck, Blountstown and Robyn Sand, Sante Fe.



SPECIALTY CROP PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Ben Randolph, Advisor, Scott Lundy, State Winner, Specialty Crop Production, Dr. Carl Beeman representing Florida Watermelon Association, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

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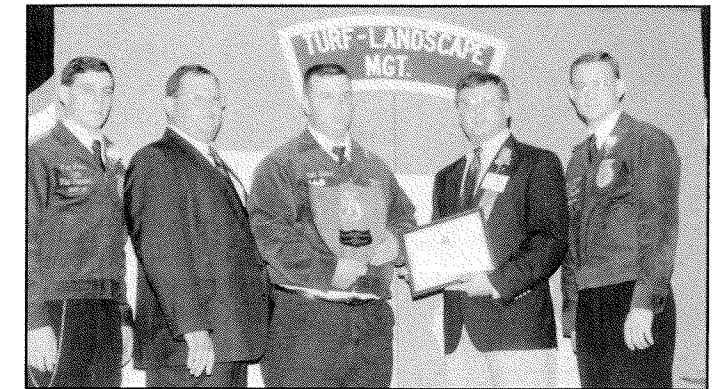
Moore Haven FFA member Scott Lundy enjoyed the "sweet taste of success" as his sugarcane operation was named the state winning Specialty Crop proficiency award.

Scott, the son of Mr. Roy Lundy, Jr., attributes his success to three key factors: his father, his grandfather and the First Bank of Clewiston. Scott's grandfather agreed to lease him 27 acres on which to grow the sugarcane, as long as Scott promised to put his profits away for college. His father agreed to answer any of his production questions and the bank loaned him the seed money. He was able to pay off his loan after the first harvest year. True to his word, Scott plans to use his "sweet" profits to obtain an education.

As the state winner, Scott received a plaque; a \$200 cash

award from the state sponsor, Florida Watermelon Association and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Wilber-Ellis Company, Na-Churs Plant Food, Cenex Foundation and Kubota Tractor Corporation. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Jamie Buzzard, Taylor Sr.; Zachary Clark, Branford; W.D. Mills, Taylor Sr. and Wesley Roe, Hardee Sr.



TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Marc Jones, Area III Vice President, Tommy Stoutamire, Advisor, John Barfield, State Winner, Turf and Landscape Management, Jim Knight, Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

TURF & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Not many teenagers would consider a riding lawnmower as the gift of choice from their parents. But to Sneads FFA Member John Barfield, that lawnmower today enabled him to earn the state winning Turf and Landscape Management proficiency award.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Barfield, received one-half of a \$2,600 riding lawnmower as a gift from his parents. He payed off the remaining balance over a two year period. This lawnmower has been the key in expanding his lawncare business from 10 lawns four years ago to 25 lawns today. John performs additional yard maintenance duties such as weedeating, edging, trimming, etc. In the winter he cuts, splits and sells firewood by the truckload. He plans to pursue a career in agriculture.

As the state winner, John received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Scott and Sons Co., The O.M. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Travis Cooper, Dixie; Ryan Robion, Sneads; Jason Sams,

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Orlando-Colonial and Joshua Smith, Lake Butler Sr.



AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Ricky McDougald, State Winner Ag Processing, Amanda McKay, Florida Peanut Producers Association, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

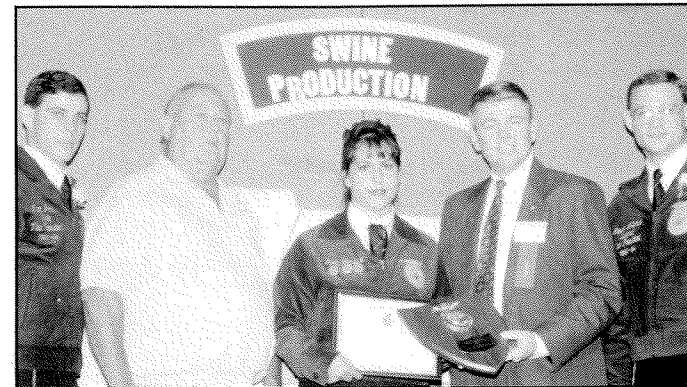
AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Blountstown FFA member Ricky McDougald knows produce and he used that knowledge to "produce" the state winning Agricultural Processing proficiency award.

Ricky, the son of Darrel McDougald, has worked in his hometown grocery store for the past four years. Originally hired as a bag boy, Ricky worked his way up through the ranks to assistant produce manager. In this position, he is responsible for produce orders and stocking. He deals with buyers, brokers and consumers on a regular basis which gives him valuable experience in working with people. Ricky plans to pursue a career in dentistry.

As the state winner, Ricky received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Peanut Producers Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Ag Processing, Inc., Archer Daniels Midland, Co. and Supersweet Feed. His advisor also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach; Travis Neeley, Dixie; David Wells, Taylor Sr. and Jimmy Wilkerson, Branford.



SWINE PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Marc Jones, Area III Vice President, Blountstown FFA Chaperon, Jara Raisbeck, State Winner Swine Production, Frankie Hall, Florida Pork Improvement Group and Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

SWINE PRODUCTION

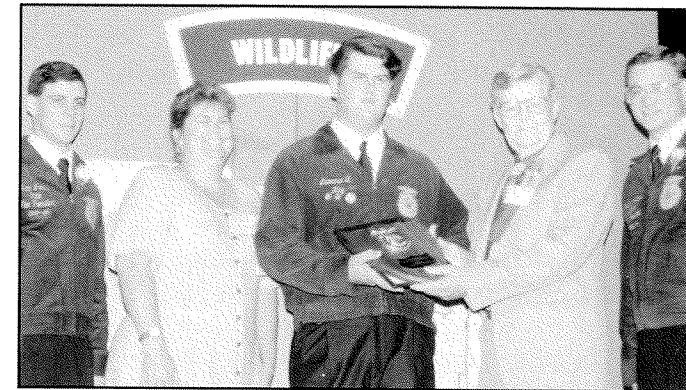
While many young people do not see a future for themselves in agricultural production, that's not the case for Blountstown FFA Member Jara Raisbeck. As the state winning Swine Production proficiency winner, Jara believes her farming future is bright.

Jara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gay, has worked with her stepfather to build a successful swine operation that includes 38 farrowing sows and 220 finishing animals. Jara has learned to increase feed efficiency with broad spectrum worming, decrease total feed costs using local unsellable food and to keep accurate breeding date records. Most of the hogs are sold at the local auction market at 260 pounds. Local slaughter houses also purchase Jara's hogs for custom cut and wrap. Jara has 160 acres at her disposal which she plans to use for future expansion.

As the state winner, Jara received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Pork Improvement Group and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Pfizer Animal Health. Her advisor, Brian Solger, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Dusty Aldrich, Chiefland Sr.; Dustin Jones, Trenton; David Luzner, New Smyrna Beach and Ryan Ward, Taylor Sr.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION (L to R) Marc Jones, Area III Vice President, Jodi Geiger, Advisor, Lawrence King, State Winner, Wildlife Management, Jim Scanland, Florida Wildlife Federation, Steven Mitchell, National Vice President.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

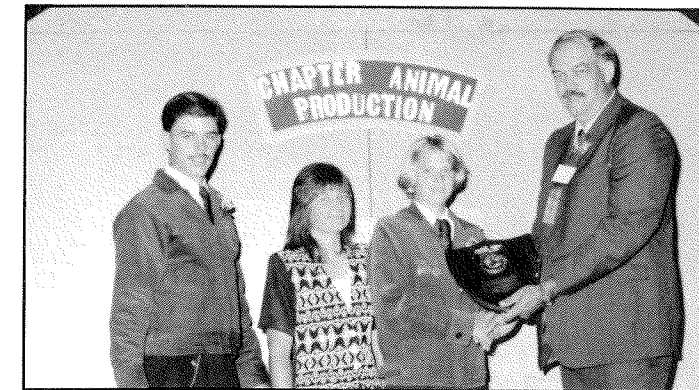
Protecting the wildlife on his family's 160-acre cattle ranch is New Smyrna Beach FFA member Lawrance King's favorite job. That job earned him the state winning Wildlife Management proficiency award.

Lawrance, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance King, works closely with the Florida Fish and Game Commission to control poaching and to make better choices in the number of wild game harvested on his family's ranch. He has established three automatic deer feeding stations and planted rye, bahia, sudan and millet plots for the 60-80 deer who live there. Other wildlife who live under Lawrance's watchful eye include Sand Hill cranes who return each year to hatch their young on the 1.5 acres set aside by Lawrance as a nesting area. An abundant supply of wild turkey, as well as several birds of prey, including eagles, hawks and owls, can also be found.

As the state winner, Lawrance received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Wildlife Federation and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Buck Knives. His advisor, Jodi Geiger, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists who received plaques from the state sponsor are: Joseph Brooks, Ponce de Leon; Jolie Lynn Gillis, Ponce de Leon; Paul Rowan, Sneads and Daniel Williams, Williston.

There's no limit to what you can do, if you don't care who gets the credit.



CHAPTER ANIMAL PRODUCTION PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Jana Register, Advisor, Tara Clark, representing Taylor FFA Chapter, and John Lowery, Flint River Mills, Inc.

CHAPTER ANIMAL PRODUCTION

The Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter won the 1994 Chapter Livestock Production Award. The award is to recognize a chapter for work done in the over-all livestock program of chapter members and the chapter member with the most outstanding animal production program.

The Taylor Sr. Chapter program includes members with projects with cattle, swine, horse, poultry, sheep and specialty animals. The students gained valuable experience in administering medicines, dewormers and vaccines to animals to increase animal viability. They calculated feed ratios to provide balanced feed regimen, they learned to groom and show animals at the Volusia, Putnam and Brevard County Fairs in addition to the State Fair in Tampa. Many of the students own livestock in which they use for breeding stock, pleasure and for profit.

As the state winner, the Taylor Sr. Chapter received a plaque and a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Flint River Mills, Inc. Also receiving \$200 cash awards were Tara Clark, outstanding individual, and Jana Register, chapter advisor. Tina Shreck, store manager for DeLeon Spring Feed & Seed received a \$200 cash award as the sponsoring store.

Second place in the awards program was the West Orange Chapter. They received a plaque and \$150 cash award. Also receiving \$150 cash awards were outstanding member, Amy Stotler and FFA Advisor Richard Stotler. The New Smyrna Beach Chapter placed third and received a plaque and a \$100 cash award. David Luznar and Jodi Geiger each received a \$100 cash award as the outstanding member and chapter advisor respectively. The Hardee Sr. Chapter and Graceville Chapter placed 4th and 5th in the awards program. They each received a \$100 cash award and a plaque for the chapter.

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DISTINGUISHED CITATION PRESENTATION (L to R) Dr. Randy Brown, Soil and Water Conservation Department, University of Florida, Herb Davis, Overnite Convention Photo, Marty Jacoby, Bowen Brothers, Inc. Theron Stangry, Barnett Bank, Bill Henry, Law Firm of Holland and Knight, Leroy Baldwin, Baldwin Angus Ranch.

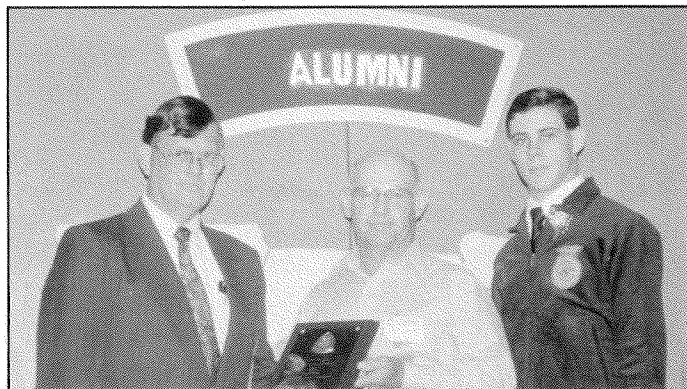
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS

The Florida FFA Association recognized six organizations with the Distinguished Service Citation Award.

The organizations were recognized for their continued support of FFA in time and money as an investment in our agricultural youth organization.

The recipients of the 1994 Distinguished Service Citation are as follows:

Soil and Water Conservation Department
Overnite Convention Photo
Bowen Brothers, Inc.
Barnett Bank
Law Firm of Holland and Knight
Baldwin Angus Ranch



ALUMNI INCENTIVE AWARD PRESENTATION (L to R) Lake Gibson FFA Alumni, David Coile, Advisor, Kenneth Sutton, Lake Gibson FFA Alumni, Marc Jones, Area III Area Vice President.

ALUMNI RELATIONS AWARD WINNER

The Lake Gibson Sr. FFA Alumni affiliate won the prestigious State Alumni Relations Award.

The award, given by the Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Association, recognizes an alumni affiliate and its affiliated chapter(s) for outstanding alumni program activities.

The 80 members of the Lake Gibson affiliate supported their members by organizing and assisting with banquets, community service projects, hauling members' livestock to fairs and shows, providing transportation to judging events, loaning equipment, training judging teams and fund raising events. They also awarded 3 scholarships of a total of \$2600 to area FFA students. Their fund raising activities included an FFA calendar, a barbecue, and an auction.

As the state winner, the Lake Gibson alumni affiliate received a plaque. The local chapter received a check for \$400 and their advisor, David Coile, received a \$200 award from the state sponsor. Other Chapters recognized on stage, receiving plaques and cash awards were: 2nd place, Plant City FFA, \$100 award to chapter and advisor, Donna Moeller; 3rd place, Sebring FFA, \$75 award to chapter and advisor, Leslie Allard; 4th place, Dixie FFA \$50 award to chapter and advisor, Matt Cravey; and 5th place, receiving a \$50 award was the Frostproof FFA Chapter. All Awards were sponsored by Florida FFA Supporters and Alumni Assn.



FOOD FOR AMERICA PRESENTATION: (L to R) Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President, Jodi Geiger, Advisor, Representative of New Smyrna Sr. FFA Chapter, and Carl Carpenter representing Florida Department of Agriculture.

Food For America

The New Smyrna Beach Senior/Junior FFA Chapters of New Smyrna Beach won the State Honors for Food For

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America Program.

Food For America, a program of the National FFA Organization, is designed to help introduce first through sixth grade students to the fascinating world of agriculture.

The New Smyrna FFA Chapters visited a total of 24 classes with a total of 587 students during their Food For America Program. Their area covered up to five communities which were mainly urban communities. They used farm animals and their products to demonstrate where consumer items originate. At the end of the program each student was presented with a Food For America certificate. The communities each responded with appreciation and gratitude for teaching the importance of ag in their everyday lives.

The Department of Agriculture, the state sponsor, has awarded the 1st place chapter with a \$200 check and a plaque. The 2nd place, Weightman chapter with a \$100 check and a plaque and 3rd place, Bradford Sr. with a \$50 check and plaque. The 4th, 5th and 6th places, Haines City Sr., Ransom Middle, and Ponce de Leon Sr. has received plaques for their participation.



BOAC PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Chapter representative, Sebring FFA Chapter, Leslie Allard, Chapter Advisor, Scott Osteen, Area II Vice President.

BOAC AWARD

The Sebring FFA Chapter won the state 1994 "Building Our American Communities" Award. The award is given to the chapter that plans and conducts the most successful community development programs. The BOAC program is sponsored on the National level by RJR Nabisco. Advisor of the Sebring Chapter is Leslie Allard.

Sixteen chapters received area BOAC awards at the

convention. Six bronze, six silver and four gold emblem awards were presented. In addition to Sebring chapter, the other fifteen chapters will be forwarded to the National FFA Office for consideration at the national level.

The following chapters earned Gold Emblem awards:

Bell FFA Chapter
Sebring FFA Chapter
New Smyrna Beach Sr. Chapter
New Smyrna Beach Middle Chapter

The following chapters earned Silver Emblem awards:

Branford FFA Chapter
Columbia Sr. FFA Chapter
Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA Chapter
Apopka Memorial Middle Chapter
University FFA Chapter
West Orange FFA Chapter

The following chapters earned Bronze Emblem awards:

Doris Sanders FFA Chapter
Labelle FFA Chapter
Orlando-Colonial Sr. FFA Chapter
Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter
Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter
Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter



CHAPTER COOP AWARD PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Leroy Gillis, Advisor, Jolie Gillis, Chapter Representative, Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter, Bobby Bennett, representing Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARD

The Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA Chapter won the 1994 Chapter Cooperatives Award. The award is given to the chapter that conducts activities to encourage members to have a greater understanding of, and need for farmer cooperatives.

The Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA Chapter cooperated with the

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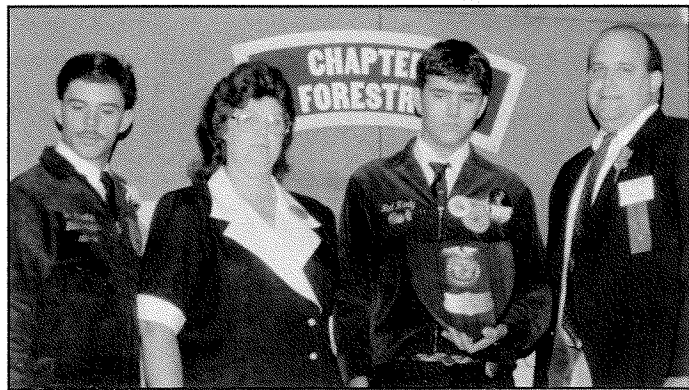
As the state winner, Ponce de Leon Sr. received \$1,000 and a gold plaque from the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the state sponsor. The money is used to help defray expenses to the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting which is held each summer. The FFA Advisor is Leroy Gillis.

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CHAPTER FOREST AWARD

The Milton FFA Chapter won the state 1994 Chapter Forest Award. The Chapter Forest Program helps to educate students on the many different aspects of forest management by instructing students on different management activities and

through hands on forestry activities. This year the Milton Chapter was involved in a variety of different activities including visiting logging operations, control burning, tree planting, and an Arbor Day tree giveaway. The number of activities and the chapter's dedication in following the specific activities of the school forest's management plan were two of the primary factors in why the Milton Chapter won this category.

As the state winner, the Milton Chapter received a plaque and \$250 from the Coastal Lumber Company, the state sponsor. The FFA Chapter Advisors are James St. John and Bob Hughes.

The second place chapter was New Smyrna Beach Middle receiving a plaque and \$150.00. The Ponce de Leon Middle Chapter placed third receiving a plaque and \$100.00. Fourth place went to Trenton Jr. receiving a plaque and \$75.00.



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Buddy Taylor	Pineview
Burns	Sarasota Jr.
Carver Jr.	Seth McKeel
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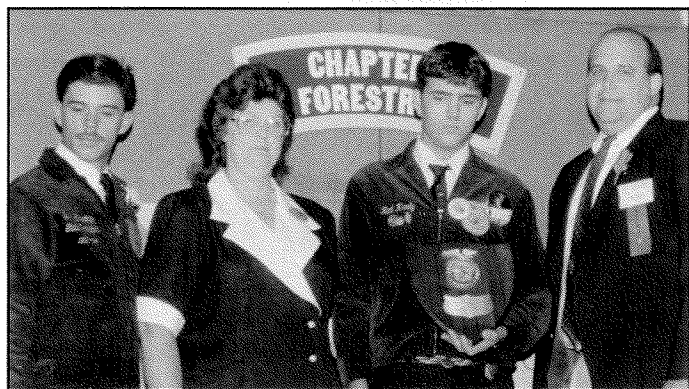
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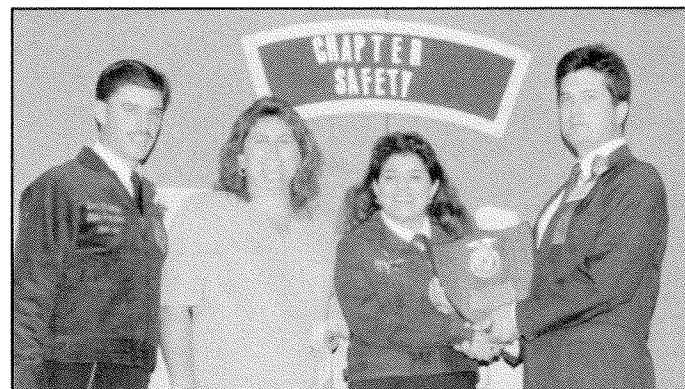
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Boone Middle	Pahokee
Bronson	Peace River
Buddy Taylor	Pineview
Burns	Sarasota Jr.
Carver Jr.	Seth McKeel
Deland Middle	South Dade
Frostproof Jr.	Southeast Manatee Sr.
Fort King Middle	Spruce Creek
Hamilton County	Stranahan
Hardee Sr.	Taylor Sr.
Jenkins	Turkey Creek
Kathleen Sr.	Winter Haven
Lake City Jr.	

CHAPTER AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SAE

Eleven Florida FFA chapters were recognized for their outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs.

In order to qualify for the SAE award, a chapter must submit a minimum of 10 proficiency applications in at least five different proficiency areas to the state association. Proficiency applications are detailed records and accounts of endeavors of students in a specific agricultural area. Students may compete in more than 30 different agricultural proficiency areas.

The following award-winning chapters received a felt pennant from A. Duda and Sons, Inc.:

Armwood FFA Chapter New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA Chapter
 Branford FFA Chapter Orlando-Colonial Sr. FFA Chapter
 Deland Sr. FFA Chapter Sneads FFA Chapter
 Lafayette Sr. Chapter Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter
 Lake Butler Sr. Chapter West Orange FFA
 Lake Weir Sr. FFA Chapter



FLORIDA'S FINEST PRESENTATION

FLORIDA FFA'S FINEST

Florida's 12 finest FFA chapters were recognized at the 66th State FFA Convention.

To receive the award, chapters must maintain a well-rounded program of community service, safety and cooperative activities. Strong supervised agricultural experience programs as well as contest participation must be evident.

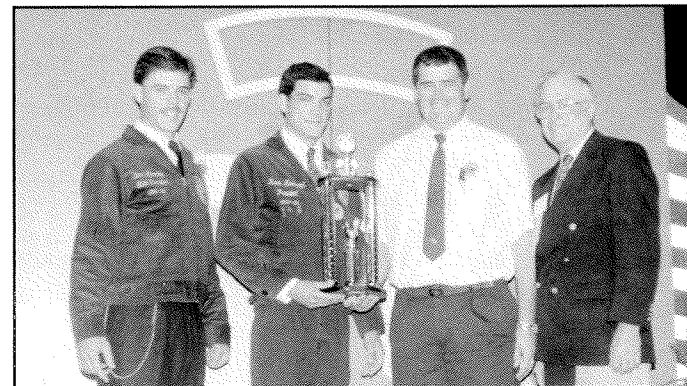
Approximately 120 Florida chapters received a "Superior" rating and received plaques and/or spurs from the National FFA Foundation. The top 10 percent of these "Superior" chapters qualified as "Florida's Finest" and received plaques from J C Penney Stores, the contest's state sponsor.

Applications from the following 12 chapters will be forwarded to the National FFA Organization for consideration at the national level:

Branford	Ponce de Leon Sr.
Kathleen Sr.	Santa Fe
Lafayette Sr.	Sebring Sr.
New Smyrna Beach	Taylor Jr.
North Marion Sr.	Taylor Sr.
Orlando-Colonial Sr.	West Orange

COURTESY CORPS

Outstanding FFA members from across the state are chosen each year to serve in the convention's courtesy corps. This group of young people are extremely important in the day to day operation of the convention. They perform a wide variety of tasks including escorting guests and award winners to the stage, taking delegate attendance, and monitoring traffic through the convention doors. The courtesy corps is coordinated by Michelle Walker, Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter advisor. Each participant received a courtesy corps pin from Farm Credit Services of Florida.



TOP FUND RAISING TROPHY PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Kevin Townsend, FFA member, Madison Chapter, Ed Sapp, Chapter Advisor, Doyle Connor, Former Commissioner of Agriculture.

TOP FUND RAISING TROPHY

The Madison County FFA was recognized as the top fund raising chapter for the statewide Leadership Training Center Fund Drive at the 66th Annual State FFA Convention and Leadership Conference.

Ed Sapp, FFA Advisor, states the sale of timber from the

SPECIAL AWARDS

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Florida FFA Association honored five Floridians by bestowing upon them the Honorary State FFA Degree, the association's highest membership degree.

Those elected to honorary membership for 1994 were: Mr. Jerry L. Barnett, Department of Education in Tallahassee; Mr. Jim Testin, Division of Forestry; Ms. Leslie Allard, Agriculture Teacher at Sebring High School; Mr. Bobby Gornto, Educational Specialist for Dade County Public Schools.

The FFA constitution makes honorary membership available to farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, business persons and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the FFA.

schools' chapter forest yielded this year's total of \$1,000.00 which brings their grand total to \$2,000.00.

To date, over forty-seven FFA chapters in Florida have achieved the Gold Fund Raising Status by Raising Status by raising over \$2,000.00, a goal established by Commissioner Doyle Conner several years ago.

The Chamberlain FFA Chapter placed second by raising \$500.00 and the Dixie County FFA Chapter placed third by raising \$300.00.

The project, when completed, will accommodate 350 students and teachers for a variety of educational activities such as leadership, seminars, contests, conferences, meetings, workshops, and chapter retreats.

BARNETT BANK GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS

Barnett Bank presented each of the six retiring FFA officers with a \$500 scholarship during the final session of the 66th State FFA Convention. Barnett Bank Charities presented a \$100,000 check at the 1992 convention to establish an endowed scholarship fund for outgoing state FFA officers.

The endowed scholarship program is designed to provide incentive and reward to State FFA officers. Upon election following their high school graduation, the officers set aside a year of their lives to promote FFA by presenting various leadership and educational programs to Florida's Middle Schools and High Schools. Officers also participated in community service activities, fairs and shows, as well as planning and presenting statewide leadership workshops. The scholarship will be awarded annually to the retiring officer team.

The retiring officers receiving scholarships were:

Brad Etheridge, Williston, FL
 Eric Minger, Westville, FL
 Scott Osteen, Trenton, FL
 Marc Jones, Newberry, FL
 Erin Johnson, Plant City, FL
 Tommy Parker, Minneola, FL

Integrity is what we do, what we say, and what we say we do.

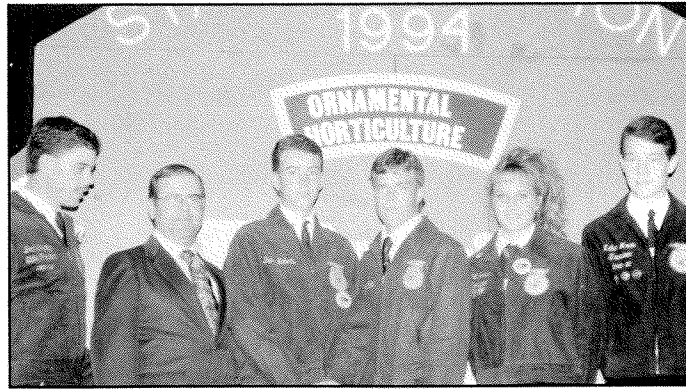
--Don Galer



TRACTOR OPERATIONS PRESENTATION (L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Cornell Peacock, Chapter Advisor, and David Defelix, State Champion Tractor Operations.



Trisha Bailey, former State Vice President will represent Florida as a National Officer Candidate in November.



ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President and John Davidson, Chapter Advisor are pictured with the State Winning, Plant City Team.



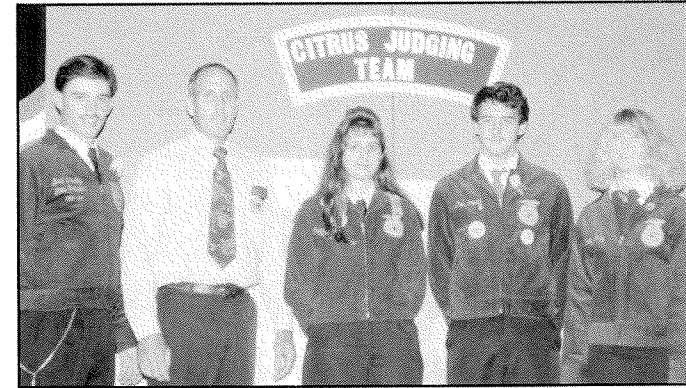
AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President and Chapter Advisor, Leroy Gillis are pictured with the State Champion Team.



LAND JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Debbie Jenkins, Advisor, and members of the State Champion Land Judging Team.



AG MECHANICS TEAM PRESENTATION
Team members are congratulated by Brad Etheridge, State President and Odon Russell, Chapter Advisor.



CITRUS JUDGING TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Brad Etheridge, State President, Mr. Jack Halabrin, Advisor and team members of the State Champion Citrus Team.



FORESTRY TEAM PRESENTATION
(L to R) Bob Wilder, Chapter Advisor, Brad Etheridge, State President and the State Champion Forestry team members.



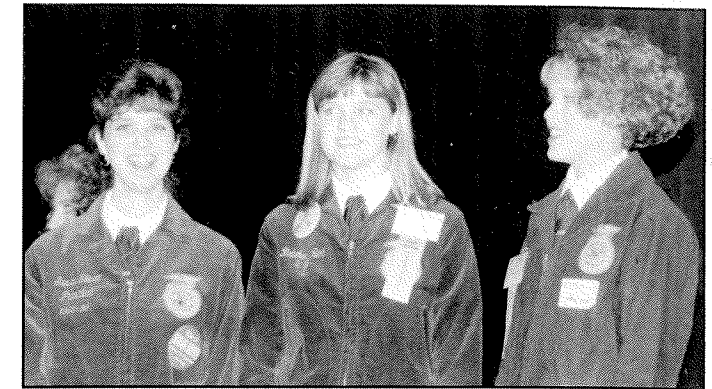
PAST STATE OFFICER BRONZE GAVEL PRESENTATION: 50th Anniversary FFA State Officer Team (L to R) (front row) Brad Etheridge, State President, Ben Floyd, and Don Adams, 1943-44 State Officer Team, Lenn Jordan, Sponsor.



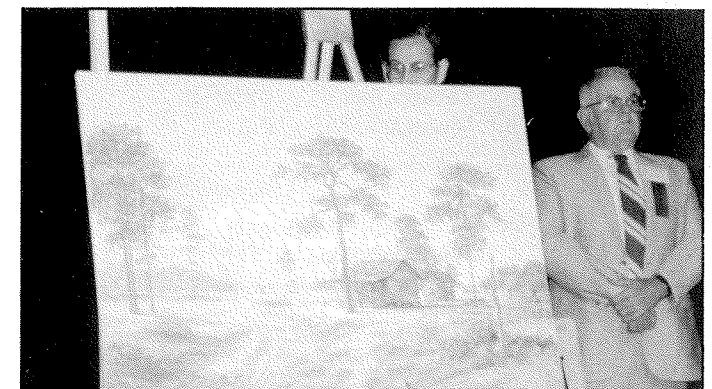
NEW CHAPTER CHARTER AWARD PRESENTATION



STATE FFA ALUMNI PRESIDENT, SHIRLEY CARTE ADDRESSES THE CONVENTION.



STATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, SUSAN SHIVER, GRACEVILLE, REBEKAH RICH, BONIFAY, ANGIE FOISTER, LAKE BUTLER.



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Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort

State FFA Degree Reception
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Central Florida Fair, Inc.

State Officers, Parent, Advisor Appreciation Breakfast
Perkins State Bank

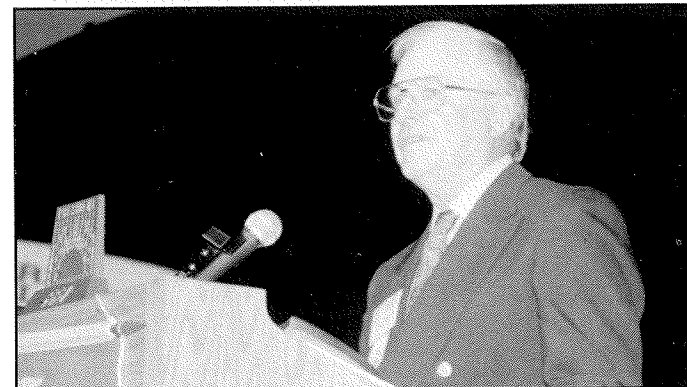
Chapter Cooperative Breakfast
Gold Kist Poultry
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1994-95 State Officers/Parents Luncheon
Florida Farm Bureau Federation

Past State Officer Reception
Hinton Farm Produce, Inc.
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MR. DONALD BRONSON, PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA FFA FOUNDATION DELIVERS REMARKS.

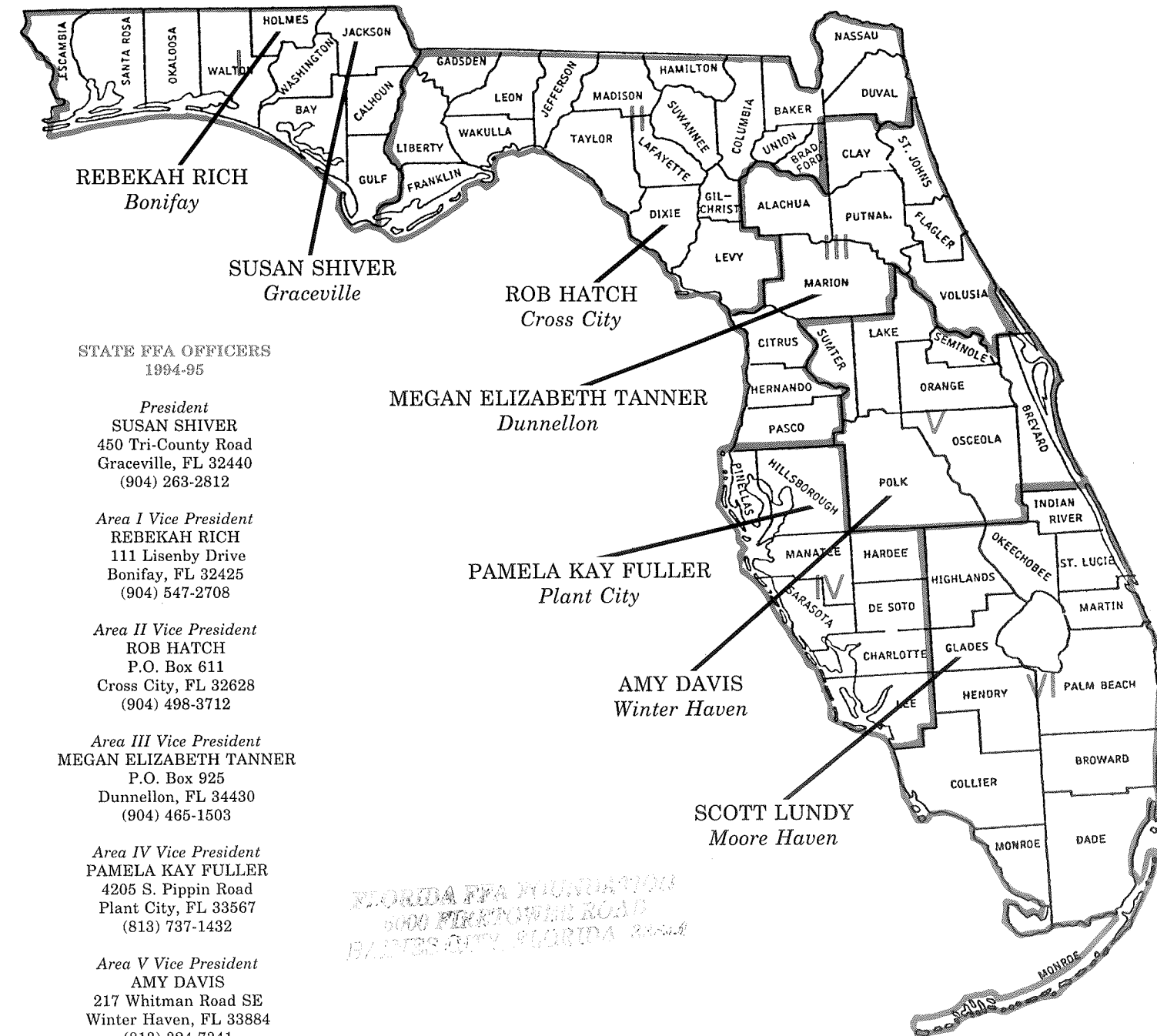


MR. DOYLE CONNOR DELIVERS THE FOUNDATION REPORT.

Remember that today's agriculture is descended from a long line of risktakers: pioneer farmers who dared to face the wilderness; agri-scientists who dared to face the truth; agribusiness people who dared to dream, fail and dream again.

The National Plan

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