

HAPPENINGS



Elizabeth Hollenbach, from the West Snyder FFA Chapter (center in FFA jacket) assists Beaver Adams Elementary School students at the First Annual Conservation Field Day. Behind her are the members of the junior high FFA chapter during their presentations.



Jennifer Balantincz, from the West Snyder Junior High FFA chapter (center with white hat), assists Beaver Adams Elementary school students during the recent FFA Conservation Field Day.

First Annual FFA Conservation Field Day

The first annual West Snyder FFA Conservation Field Day was held by the seventh grade junior high FFA members with the assistance of six senior high FFA members.

The FFA traveled to Beaver Adams and West Beaver Elementary Schools for National Arbor Day on April 29 to conduct this program.

The senior high FFA members who participated were Elizabeth Hollenbach, who gave the welcome, and Steve Boop, John Walter, Ben Boonie, Jeremy Hackenberg, Jenny Zerby and Glendon Carper.

The junior high members planned different environmental activities for each grade. Groups of six junior high FFA members and one senior high FFA member gave half-day presentations to each grade level. Chaired by Jennifer Balantincz and Beth Fisher, the kindergarten and first grade activities included planting seeds, making a craft flower, and a coloring activity. In second grade, Chairman Kristen Havice arranged a presentation on the importance of water, played Water Word Bingo, and read a story on how to keep the water clean. Janell Bobb, chairman of the third grade group, discussed wildlife and showed a video about the recovery and release of wildlife. They also colored a poster on Pennsylvania wildlife.

In fourth grade, Laura Looney chaired activities, which included a video entitled "Those Record Breaking Animals," and a coloring contest on Pennsylvania Wildlife. Steven Bernardi, wildlife conservation officer for Snyder and Union counties, presented a program on rabies for the fifth graders.

This grade level was chaired by Jennifer Kuhns. They also completed a poster contest. Under the chairmanship of Brad Hackenberg and Doug Boop, all sixth graders constructed a bluebird house which was pre-cut by the vocational agriculture wildlife class. The bird houses were given to each sixth grader as they completed the project. Craig Bingman from the Snyder County Conservation District Office assisted with the judging of several contests. The conservation district donated a pack of wildflower seeds and a magnet for each elementary school student.

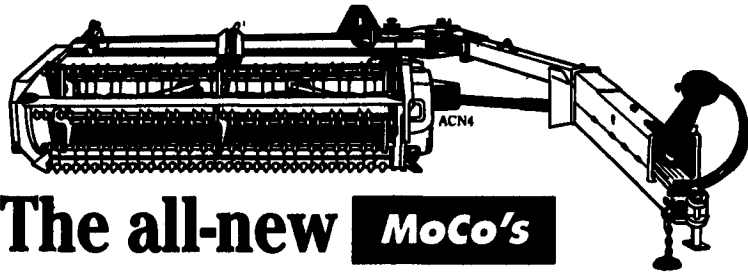


Steve Kline, West Snyder FFA adviser, (center), demonstrates to two Beaver Adams Elementary students how to assemble a blue bird house. Two junior high FFA members (white hats) look on as they help other sixth graders construct their birdhouses.

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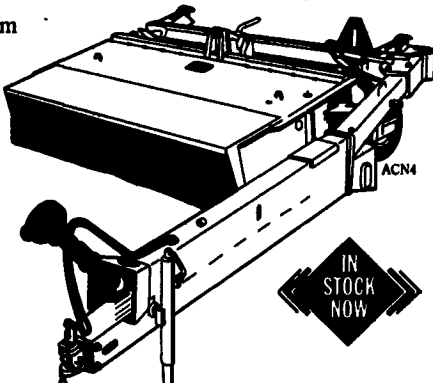
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