

# FFA HAPPENINGS

## West Snyder FFA Chapter Participates In FFA Activities Week

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Jenny Zerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Zerby of Beavertown, was elected to serve as the president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. Jenny also received a gold medal in the state FFA extemporaneous public speaking contest, was named the north central region beef proficiency winner, and was selected as state winner in for the Pennsylvania Sheep Proficiency Award. For her state proficiency award, Jenny received a plaque and \$100. Her application now advances to national competition.

Glendon Carper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carper of RD McClure, served as president of the West Snyder FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team, which placed third in the state with a silver medal. Glendon was also named the north central region proficiency winner in dairy production and on-farm work experience. Other members of the Parliamentary Procedure Team included Eric Leitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Leitch of Beaver Springs; John Ewing, son of Mr. Clay Ewing, McClure; Lori Carper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carper of McClure; Joshua Heeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heeter of Beavertown; Jennifer Woodling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Woodling of Troxelville; Ben Boonie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boonie of Beaver Springs; and Jodi Moist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moist of Beavertown.

Adam Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wagner, Sr. of RD McClure and Jeremy Hackenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Hackenberg of RD 1 Middleburg, participated in the Wildlife Contest. Elizabeth Hollenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hollenbach of Beaver Springs, served as a delegate to the Summer FFA Convention on the contests committee and placed third in the state in the Agriscience Student Recognition Program. The West Snyder FFA Chapter Scrapbook, completed by Elizabeth Hollenbach, chapter reporter, won a bronze medal.

## Dougherty Receives National FFA Scholarship

Heather Dougherty of the Twin Valley FFA chapter and a 1994 graduate of Twin Valley High School has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship through the national FFA organization.

This scholarship is sponsored by the Rutgers-Nease Chemical Company, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Heather plans to pursue a degree in animal bioscience at the Pennsylvania State University. Heather's career goal is to become a veterinarian. Heather's mother is Ms. Debra Dougherty of South Carolina. Heather's FFA adviser

and agricultural science teacher at Twin Valley is Ronald Frederick.

Heather has been an active member of the Twin Valley Chapter. She served as chapter secretary and reporter. She also served as a county officer for two years. She attended the 1993 Pennsylvania Governor's School of Agricultural Science at Penn State. Heather was Star Greenhand in her 9th grade year. She has participated in prepared and extemporaneous public speaking contests, dairy judging, livestock judging, horse judging, agronomy, land judging, and agricultural sales competition. She was chairperson of the chapter Food for American committee which does monthly programs for all district third graders. She attended the Blue Mountain Cooperative Council Business Seminar and the Pennsylvania Cooperative Council Summer Institute at Shippensburg University. Heather was a member of the chapter envirothon team which placed first in county competition in 1993 and participated in the state contest. She attended the FFA's Made for Excellence Conference and the State Legislative Leadership Conference. She has won both county and state awards for her record books. She was a member of the national-honor society at Twin Valley and an honor graduate.

## Tyson Wins Dekalb Award

Melissa Tyson, daughter of Dona Tyson of Birdsboro, has been selected as the 1994 Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award winner for Twin Valley High School.

The award, sponsored nationwide by Dekalb Plant Genetics, is presented to the outstanding senior agricultural science student demonstrating superior leadership, scholarship, and supervised agricultural program.

Missy is a 1994 graduate of Twin Valley High School. She will be attending Mansfield University, where she will major in environmental education. As this year's winner, Missy received a pin and certificate and her name will be inscribed on a plaque. The Dekalb award, often considered the highest honor an agricultural science student can receive on the local level, is presented at nearly 3,000 schools annually.

Missy has been a very active and involved member of the Twin Valley FFA and many other school activities. She won 12 varsity letters for participation in sports while at the senior high school. This is one for each season for all four years of her career.

She served as president of Spirit Club and was also a band front member. In FFA, Missy participated in county and state leadership programs, pet therapy programs, Food for America programs at all three elementary centers, both the fall and apple festivals at Hay Creek, creed speaking, the water quality program at Frankling and Marshall College. The Nolde Environmental Forum, and the agricultural tour for third graders. She won both county and state awards for her record keeping. She exhibited award winning mini-exhibits at the Reading and Allantown fairs. She won first place in the southeastern Pennsylvania interview contest and recently won first place in the state contest. She has been the captain of the first place enviro-

thon team in county competition for two years and participated in the state contest.

## LMH FFA

Eleven FFA students from Lancaster Mennonite High School received gold, silver, or bronze certificates during the 65th annual Pennsylvania FFA Convention held recently, at Penn State University's main campus.

Receiving gold certificates were livestock judging, Angie Erb, daughter of Richard and Grace Erb, Elizabethtown, and wildlife, Christopher Ochs, son of David and Ruth Ann Ochs, Reading.

Receiving silver certificates were, ag sales, Maria Hurst, daughter of George and Mary Hurst, Litz and Joleen Herbert, daughter of Luann Newswanger, Terre Hill. Livestock judging - Kevin Smoker, son of Kenneth and Joyce Smoker, Parkesburg. Wildlife - Christopher Beiler, son of Clair and Verna Beiler, Paradise.

Receiving bronze certificates were, ag mechanics, Anthony Martin, son of Robert and Lois Martin, New Holland. Dairy judging - Keith Weaver, son of Earl and Marilyn Weaver, New Holland; Kendall Reiff, son of Samuel and Elva Reiff, Ephrata; and Barry Landis, son of James and Elaine Landis, Strasburg. Wildlife - Adam Weidman, son of Edward and Jennifer Weidman, Quarryville.

This was the third time the school's Hans Herr Chapter competed at the event, which this year drew about 1,300 students from across Pennsylvania to participate in the various competitions and seminars.

Lehman Metzler, who teaches ag science and technology at LMH, serves as FFA adviser.

## Grassland FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team Places First In State Competition

Thirty-one Grassland FFA members traveled by school bus with their advisor Cliff Day, to Penn State University recently to participate in the 65th annual FFA Summer Convention.

While at Penn State, the chapter members participated in contests and became involved in the decision-making process of the State FFA.

Krista Hoover represented Grassland FFA as a chapter delegate to the State FFA convention. Various contests were held during the three days of the convention.

The Grassland FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team placed first in the state, winning \$1,000 and a chance to represent Pennsylvania

in the National Parliamentary Procedure Contest in Kansas City, Mo., in November. The team previously placed second in the eastern region of Pennsylvania. The team is comprised of Wade Esbenschade, Rob Heath, Linda Huber, Shannon Martin, Josh Troxell, Darrel Weaver, Jess Weaver, and Connie Zeiset.

Bryan Hoover, Danny Lauder-milch, and Brian Beck brought home a second place team plaque for their efforts in the poultry-contest. They will represent Pennsylvania at the Eastern States Exposition held in Springfield, Mass., in September. Ken Martin also participated in the poultry contest.

Connie Zeiset placed third in the senior prepared public speaking contest, earning a gold medal for her efforts. Jevon Shirk participated in tractor driving, bringing home a second place silver medal. Priscilla Weber earned a bronze medal for her efforts in the horse judging contest. Also participating in horse judging were Jose Sevilla, Shana Eisenman and Mike Sensemig.

In livestock judging, Justin Good earned a bronze medal, with Kerry Martin and Ronda Landis also participating. The land judging team composed of Deb Zimmerman, Adam Gosik, and Jon Beaver placed eighth, with Deb Zimmerman and Adam Gosnik earning bronze medals.

Megan Frederick participated in the dairy foods contest and brought home a bronze medal for her efforts. The aquatics contest was well represented by Grassland FFA with Gerald Wenger placing 4th and earning a silver medal, Anita Wenger placing 9th with a bronze medal, and Dean Weber placing 10th.

Sherry Martin participated in the interview contest and Joel Fox participated in the wildlife contest.

Proficiency awards were presented to Garden Spot students in the areas of ag electrification, outdoor recreation, and placement in agricultural production. Josh Troxel won the Eastern Region Proficiency Award in outdoor recreation. State proficiency awards in ag electrification and ag production went to Andy Horning and Wade Esbenschade, respectively.

The Grassland FFA Scrapbook, compiled by Lisa Horning, earned a second place gold medal.

The Grassland FFA also received third place in Pennsylvania in the National Chapter Rating category and their application will be forwarded to the National FFA.



The West Snyder FFA recently participated in FFA Activities Week. Row 1, left to right, Jeremy Hackenberg, John Ewing, Eric Leitch, Glendon Carper. Row 2- left to right, Elizabeth Hollenbach, Jennifer Woodling, Lori Carper, Adam Wagner. Row 3- left to right, Ben Boonie, Jodi Moist, and Joshua Heeter. Jenny Zerby, newly elected state FFA president, was not available for photographs at the time.

The chapter has the opportunity to receive a national award for their efforts at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in November.

Jason Reifsnnyder, 1993 graduate of Garden Spot, completed his term in office as statewide vice president. He presented certificates of appreciation to his local FFA advisors Clifford Day and Robert Lauffer. Additionally, Jason bestowed the Honorary Keystone Degree, the highest award that can be given at the state level, to his parents Martin and Patsi Reifsnnyder of Terre Hill.

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There are 179 FFA chapters across Pennsylvania. After completing the chapter award application and placing first in state competition, the application will be forwarded to the National FFA Center for ranking on a national level.

The chapter will receive either a gold, silver, or bronze emblem at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City for their efforts in the National Chapter Award program. The program is designed to improve the chapter's program of activities, assist chapters in evaluating their accomplishments, and reward chapters for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

The West Snyder FFA Chapter also placed second in the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. This program is designed to recognize FFA chapters who perform extensive community service work. The West Snyder FFA Chapter cleaned up a local wetland, participated in Operation Greenstripe, a national stream bank improvement program, and organized a conservation field day for Beaver Adams and West Beaver elementary schools.

