



### West Snyder FFA Holds Banquet

The West Snyder FFA Chapter held its annual parent and member banquet on Thursday, May 1. A ham and turkey dinner was served in the high school cafeteria.

There were many awards received by the FFA members. The Star Greenhand went to Jennifer McWilliams and Star Chapter Farmer to Luke Zerby.

Mr. Boyer, West Snyder High School Principal, recognized Jodi Moist as the DeKalb Award winner and Ben Boonie as recipient of the Vocational Agriculture Award. The Honorary Degree team presented the Honorary Degree to Earnest Balantincz, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Opdyke, Mr. & Mrs. James Moist, and Mr. & Mrs. Earl Boonie.

Scholarship awards were presented to Rose Carper, Jess Catherman, Michele Fetterolf, Dustin Herman, Jodi Moist, and Tiana Weller by Harold Kratzer, assistant superintendent of the Mid-West School District. Chapter proficiency awards were presented to Tara Kenpp, achievement in volunteerism; Eric Bala-

tincz, agricultural electrification; Tiana Weller, agriscience; Ross Mitchell, Ben Boonie, and Greg Brouse, agricultural mechanics; Ben Boonie, agricultural processing; Rose Carper, agricultural sales and service; Jodi Moist, beef production; Jen McWilliams, dairy production; Dustin Zerby, diversified livestock; Luke Zerby, extemporaneous public speaking; Luke Zerby, feed grain production; Shane Eia, fruit and vegetable production; Jessica Walter, forestry management; Tiana Weller, horse production; Tami Weller, nursery operations; Jenna Straub, ornamental horticulture; Doug Boop, placement in agricultural production; John Walter, poultry production; Maria Trego, prepared public speaking; Luke Zerby, sheep production; Joe Kramer, soil and water conservation; Michele Fetterolf, swine production; and Jen Kuhns and Jen Balantincz, wildlife.

Dr. William Sheaffer, Mid-West School District superintendent, recognized the winners of state FFA contests over the past year. Gold medal recipients were Michele Fetterolf, creed speaking;



Ken Boyer, principal of West Snyder High School, presented the senior agricultural award to Ben Boonie, left, and the West Snyder, FFA DeKalb Award to Jodi Moist, right, at the annual West Snyder FFA parent and member banquet.

Luke Zerby and Joshua Heeter, extemporaneous public speaking; Maria Trego, junior public speaking; Tara Knepp, Jennifer Kuhns, and Maria Trego, FFA chorus; Josh Heeter, Luke Zerby, Ben Boonie, Jennifer Woodling, Lori Carper, Jodi Moist, Tiana Weller, and John Walter, chapter procedure; and Michele Fetterolf, Tiana Weller, Josh Heeter, Maria Trego, Liz Hollenbach, Jodi Moist, Tiana Weller, and Jeremy Hackenburg, talent. Certificates of participation were given to Ross Mitchell and Doug Boop, ag mechanics.

Nevin Zerby of Zerby Livestock Farms presented Jodi Moist with the Zerby Livestock Award. Ken Boyer, principal at West Snyder High School, presented the FFA officers pins to the newly installed chapter officers.

### West Snyder FFA

On Wednesday, April 30, the West Snyder FFA Chapter participated in the north central regional parliamentary procedure and public speaking career development events. These events involved FFA chapters from Snyder, Union, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Potter, Elk, Cameron, McKean, Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga, and Lycoming counties.

In the parliamentary procedure event, team members are given 20 minutes to demonstrate parliamentary abilities. The West Snyder team placed first and consisted of Michele Fetterolf, Rose Carper, Maria Trego, Joe Kramer, Jessica Catherman, Doug Boop, Jenna Straub, and Tami Weller. Shane Eia served as the team's alternate. The team qualified for the regional event by placing first in the five-county district contest and will advance to the state FFA contest in June at Penn State.

In the extemporaneous public speaking event, FFA members are assigned a topic and are given 30 minutes to prepare a four- to six-minute speech. Luke Zerby and Ben Boonie represented West Snyder FFA and placed first and third respectively. Both members will advance to the state event at Penn State in June. In the junior public speaking event, first-year FFA members in grades seventh through tenth prepare and deliver a four to six minute speech on an agricultural topic. Heidi Good, ninth grade, placed fourth with a speech titled "Water Pollution?" She qualified for the regional event by placing fourth in the district contest. In the General Public Speaking event, Maria Trego placed fourth with a speech on

cloning. Both Heidi Good and Maria Trego will serve as alternates for state competition.

### Members Win Regional, State Proficiency Awards

Ten FFA proficiency applications were submitted for regional competition from the West Snyder FFA Chapter and three members won the state competition.

Jodi Moist won first place in the north central region and first in the state in the proficiency area of beef entrepreneurship. Eric Balantincz won first place in the north central region and first in the state in the proficiency area of ag sales and service.

Luke Zerby won first in the north central region in sheep entrepreneurship and diversified livestock and first in the state in diversified livestock entrepreneurship. They will receive \$100 and advance to national competition.

Other north central regional winners included Steven Opdyke, dairy placement; John Walter, poultry placement; and Liz Hollenbach, commercial vegetables. These regional winners will receive \$25. Other applicants included Joshua Heeter and Luke Zerby, beef entrepreneurship and Jodi Moist, dairy placement.

### John Deere Announces Leadership Gift

John Deere, through its corporate foundation, announced at the National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board meeting that it would contribute \$375,000 to the National FFA Organization's capital campaign for a new National FFA Center in Indianapolis.

FFA has now raised nearly \$2 million, including more than \$1.5 million pledged by Indianapolis sponsors The Lilly Endowment, DowElanco, and The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation on behalf of Elanco Animal Health.

The total goal for the campaign — which takes its theme, "I Believe in the Future," from the FFA Creed — is \$8 million for the land, building, move, technology and other elements needed to make the center a reality, and for an endowment to help maintain the center into the future. The National FFA Foundation, Inc., expects to receive \$5 million from corporate and foundation sponsors and \$3 million from the sale of FFA's land in Virginia and contributions from FFA members, chapters, alumni, and staff, as well as other individuals.

John Deere's contribution includes \$275,000 in outright funds and \$100,000 as a challenge grant, to be realized if the organization can match it through other contributions. "The FFA is a quality organization that provides youth with excellent development skills," said Don Margenthaler, president of The John Deere Foundation. "We at Deere hope others will join us in supporting this effort."

John Deere is the longest standing sponsor of FFA programs, providing support for 54 years.

FFA chapters across the country also will have the opportunity to contribute to the campaign and leave a lasting mark on the new center by purchasing a brick engraved with the chapter's name. The Montello FFA Chapter from Wisconsin purchased the first brick. The 1996-1997 national FFA officer team, a group of six college students who take a year out of school to represent their fellow members, made a \$1,000 contribution.

The new site is on five acres of land near 86th Street and Interstate 465 in Indianapolis.



Dr. William Sheaffer, superintendent of the Mid-West School District, recognized Maria Trego for winning the state FFA essay contest in January.



Harold Kratzer, assistant superintendent of the Mid-West School District, far left, presented the West Snyder FFA Scholarship awards to, seated, left to right, Rose Carper and Tiana Weller. Standing, left to right, Jess Catherman, Jodi Moist, and Michele Fetterolf.



Jessica Hess and Brandi Long make preparations for the upcoming Manor FFA Horse Show.

### Penn Manor FFA

Penn Manor FFA is holding its fourth annual Benefit Horse Show at Columbia Riding Club on June 22 at 9 a.m.

There will be classes for youth and adults. The categories are western, English, and speed divisions. There will be western and English pleasure stake, a trail class, and many other fun activities.

Last year 180 people participated in the horse show and the club expects more this year.

The kitchen will be open so there will be plenty of food and drinks available. There will also be a bake sale where you can get lots of snacks.

The students involved on the horse show committee are Laura Trautman, Brandi Long, Jessica Hess, Emily Hubbs. Adviser is Carole Fay.

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