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**Secretary of Agriculture
Keynote Speaker at West
Snyder FFA**

More than 200 members and guests attended the annual West Snyder FFA Chapter Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 7.

Samuel Hayes, Jr., Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, served as the keynote speaker.

Hayes congratulated members of the West Snyder FFA Chapter on their honors and quality reputation, which is known throughout the commonwealth. He encouraged those in attendance to live by the FFA motto "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve."

He used several examples where the FFA motto can be applied to everyday life, regardless of the occupation in which one is employed. Following his remarks, secretary Hayes was awarded the FFA Honorary Chapter Degree. Heidi Good and Jessica Walter, members of the Honorary Degree Team made the presentation.

Throughout the evening, there were many awards received by the FFA members. Dr. William Sheaffer, superintendent of Mid-West School District, presented the Star Greenhand Awards to Jodi Fetterolf, Kate Heeter, and Carolyn Howard, and the Star Chapter Award to Heidi Good. Ken Boyer, West Snyder High School principal, recognized Luke Zerby as the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award winner and Dustin Herman as recipient of the Agriculture Award.

The Honorary Degree team presented the Honorary Degree to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Herman and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kramer for being parents of the 1998 West Snyder FFA Keystone Degree winners and Steve Bernardi, wildlife conservation officer with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Zerby received a special plaque for having the seventh child to earn the Keystone Degree.

Scholarship awards were pre-

sented by Harold Kratzer, assistant superintendent to Jodi Fetterolf, Michele Fetterolf, Kate Heeter, Jason Wray, Carolyn Howard, Shane Eia, Jenna Straub, Joe Kramer, Rose Carper, and Dustin Herman. Jodi, Michele, Kate and Jason received special recognition for making the distinguished honor roll for the entire school year.

Chapter proficiency awards were presented to Ross Mitchell, Achievement in Volunteerism; Jennifer Balatincz and Jennifer Kuhns, agricultural communications; Doug Boop, agricultural mechanics; Rose Carper, agricultural sales and service; Dustin Herman, aquaculture; Jenna Straub, beef production; Luke Zerby, forage production; Jennifer McWilliams, dairy production; Brandon Herman, diversified livestock; environmental science, Joe Kramer and Sandy Opdyke; equine science, Jessica Catherman; extemporaneous public speaking, Luke Zerby; farm safety, Carolyn Howard; fruit and vegetable production, Jessica Walter; Heidi Good, forestry management; Shane Eia, home and community development; Greg Brouse, placement in agricultural production; Nicole Tyson, poultry production; Maria Trego, prepared public speaking; James Wright, small animal care; Kate Heeter, soil and water conservation; Michele Fetterolf, swine production; and Joe Kramer, turf grass management.

Nevin Zerby of Zerby Livestock Farms presented Dustin Herman with the Zerby Livestock Award. Ken Boyer, principal at West Snyder High School, presented the FFA officer pins to the retiring officers. Annette Gray, North Central Regional FFA coordinator, recognized Rose Carper as the 1997-98 Snyder County Star Farmer.

Michael Schrey of Northeastern Farm Credit presented Luke Zerby with a plaque and a \$300 savings bond for earning the Pennsylvania FFA Record Keeping Award. Twenty-one members of the West Snyder FFA Chapter received plaques for their completion of an SAE record book and their participation in the SUN area FFA record keeping contest.



From left, Dr. William Sheaffer, superintendent of Mid-West School District; Samuel Hayes, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture; Heidi Good, West Snyder Star Chapter Farmer; Carolyn Howard; Kate Heeter; and Jodi Fetterolf, West Snyder Star Greenhand with Ken Boyer, West Snyder principal and Harold Kratzer, Mid-West assistant superintendent.



West Snyder FFA Scholarship winners included, row 1 left to right, Carolyn Howard, Shane Eia, Jenna Straub, Kate Heeter, Rose Carper, Michele Fetterolf, and Jodi Fetterolf. Row 2, Harold Kratzer, Mid-West assistant superintendent and presenter, Dustin Herman, Joe Kramer, Jason Wray, and Maria Trego.

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — On May 7 Penn Manor's newly elected FFA officers went to the Leadership Conference at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

The conference was held for all the FFA chapters across Lancaster County. The purpose of this conference was to highlight each office and give ideas to help the officers to do a better job in their specific office.

There were also activities to help the officers work together as a team and learn to help each other out. For more information contact the FFA advisers, (717) 872-9520 ext. 1590.

New officers are Jeremy Ralling, president; Beth Frey, vice president; Tyler Swanson, executive vice president; Adam Nissley, treasurer; Bob Karr, treasurer; Dan Hess, adviser; Audrey Nissly, secretary; Jackie Bleacher, corresponding secretary; Amanda Harnish, reporter; Jason Martin, reporter; Dan McMicheal, chaplain; Garret Neff, parliamentarian; Allan Herr, sentinel; and Steve Apple, historian.



Luke Zerby, West Snyder Chapter president with Samuel Hayes, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture after Hayes was awarded the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree at the West Snyder FFA Awards Banquet. Hayes served as the keynote speaker.