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## West Snyder FFA Members Earn Sun Area Degrees

BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.) -- Five West Snyder FFA members received their Sun Area FFA degrees at the SUN Area FFA Fall Meeting in November at West Snyder High School.

West Snyder FFA members included Jessica Catherman, Good, Jennifer Heidi McWilliams, Sandra Opdyke, and Jessica Walter.

In order to receive the SUN Area FFA degree, members must have completed two years of agricultural courses and earned or invested at least \$500 or worked at least 300 hours in a supervised agriculture experience (SAE) project. Members must participate in two programs presented to the public and represented the chapter above the area level.

Also at the SUN Area Fall Meeting, Jennifer McWilliams, daughter of Lester and Barb McWilliams of Beavertown, was named SUN Area Star Farmer. This award is given to the member who has shown premiere leadership and an outstanding supervised occupational experience program in the SUN Area.

Jennifer is vice president of chapter development for the West Snyder FFA Chapter. Jennifer has attended the National FFA Convention, the Washington Leadership Conference, and Made For Excellence Leadership conferences. She has exhibited her dairy animals in district and state competition and placed first in the SUN Area Dairy

Judging Event. Her SAE projects include dairy herd and onfarm work experience.

The SUN Area FFA Fall Meeting was chaired by SUN Area FFA President Maria Trego. Maria also is West Snyder FFA treasurer. Jennifer Balatincz, SUN Area FFA secretary; Rose Carper, SUN Area FFA Treasurer; Jennifer Kuhns, SUN Area sentinel; Shane Eia, SUN Area FFA student adviser; and Michele Fetterolf, SUN Area FFA chaplain, also participated in the program.

The Honorary SUN Area FFA Degree was presented to David Graybill, Midd-West Young Farmer adviser.

The West Snyder team which presented the Honorary Degree (Turn to Page A42)



West Snyder FFA members who recently earned their SUN Area FFA Degrees at the SUN Area FFA Fall meeting included, from left, Jessica Catherman, Jennifer McWilliams, Heidi Good, and Sandy Opdyke. Absent from picture was Jessica Walter.

