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their project book awards from 4-H Beef Club leader, Charles Sherman and Adams County 4-H Agent, Darlene Resh. The Ben Stine Memorial Award, recognized a 4-H Beef Club member for their involvement in the entire 4-H program and 4-H Beef Club. Bert Martin, Orrtanna was the recipient receiving a \$650 savings bond.

The club recognized one first-year member with a plaque—Erik Long, New Oxford.

4-H Beef Club leaders were introduced by Vice President Bert Martin, Orrtanna. Leaders are Charles Sherman, Karol Sherman, Deb Flickinger, Amy Godfrey, Deb Jeffcoat, Robert Martin, Kevin Diehl, Jamie Boyer, Dave Jeffcoat, Holly Martin, and Roger Stine.

The highlight of the evening was Trick Roping presented by J.R. Myers, Felton, and Shane Kuhn, Gettysburg, and the slide show featuring the 1999 4-H Beef Club activities by Darlene Resh.

The evening concluded with Charles Sherman thanking the buyers for their dedicated support of the 4-H program. Chris Jeffcoat closed the evening by thanking buyers, club members, leaders, and friends for coming. The Banquet Committee was applauded for organizing a great event. Committee members were Bert Martin, Chair; Cami Topper, Candice Flickinger, Lee Seymore, Justin Diehl, Janel Keller, Chris Jeffcoat, Mary Lynn Martin, Karol Sherman, Judy Stine, Lois Seymore, Deb Diehl, Michelle Topper, and Roger Stine.

Cumberland County 4-H

The Cumberland County Wide 4-H Dairy Club meeting was held on February 14, 2000, with President Thomas Harwood calling the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

The 4-H pledge was led by Ian Stamy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tori Fuller. Sarah Day, recording secretary, called roll by asking the question, "What is your favorite time or season of the year?" The club welcomed new member Mariah Paynter. Sarah Day read the minutes of the December meeting, which were approved as read.

Under old business Amy Kaucher gave a County Council report. Everyone that went to the PA Farm Show told how they did. Amy Kulick added, "that the Cumberland County Quiz Bowl Team got second there." The president asked for anyone that went to the PA Jr. Holstein Convention to tell something about the weekend and what they did there. The Dairy Bowl Team placed second.

Also under old business, Marilyn Zinn gave the club a report on the process of the parade

West Snyder FFA Chapter National FFA Week was celebrated at West Snyder High School during the week of George Washington's Birthday. FFA placemats were given to Rayauda's, Hunters' and Camps' Family Restaurants to use during National FFA Week. Jen McWilliams and Heather Hollenbach recorded radio spots for Big Country Radio, Selinsgrove, while Kate Heeter, Phaedra Wray, and Jen McWilliams recorded promotional spots for WLSZ radio, Beaver Springs.

A proclamation was signed by the Snyder County Commissioners to declare February 19-26 "FFA Week in Snyder County." Jennifer McWilliams, SUN Area and West Snyder FFA Chapter President and Heidi Good, Snyder County FFA Vice President were on hand for the signing of the proclamation.

The FFA Chapter scrapbook was displayed at a different business each week in February. These businesses included First National Trust Bank, Beaverstown, Keystone Financial Bank and Swineford National Bank in Beaver Springs, and B&R Farm Equipment in Beavertown.

On Monday, February 21, Chapter Vice Presidents, Kate Heeter, Jessica Walter, and Heidi Good, made a special presentation to the Mid-West School Board to say thank you for the support they have given them over the past year. An assembly for all eighth grade students at West Snyder High School was also held to inform them of FFA opportunities.

Faculty and staff received a

float. She also told the club that she received a letter from the parade committee. She said the trailer will be 48 feet long. Amy Kulick also mentioned that the club could keep the trailer at her grandparents' home.

Under new business, President Thomas Harwood announced that there is officer training on April 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Grace United Methodist Church. Donald Harwood told everyone about dairy judging. He announced when the group will practice and where and when the contest is.

Kathy Walton announced when the leaders meeting will be. The meeting will be held on March 2. She also announced about the district shows meetings.

After new business was done, Brandon Kendrick gave a demonstration on Wayne Gretzky. The program for the evening was the Hoard's Dairyman Judging contest. Kathy Walton had the club count off and split into groups. Each group judged five (5) classes of cows. When every group was done, and considerable discussion was held, Kathy asked each group what their placings were for each class of cows. As a group, the club decided on the placing of each class.

No meeting will be held in March due to the banquet on March 13 at New Hope Church Annex at 7:00 p.m.

West Snyder FFA highlighter compliments of the FFA Chapter, was served cherry pie and ice cream with the homemade pies made by members' mothers, and were invited to complete an FFA quiz. Cookbooks were awarded as prizes to the winners.

Throughout the week, many events occurred in the school. A large FFA emblem was displayed in the main lobby, a display was set up at the main entrance, and a display case was decorated in the hall.

On February 4-6, West Snyder FFA Chapter entered fifty-one enterprises from forty-three members in the state FFA record keeping contest. West Snyder members came home with forty-five state medals.

Twenty-four of these medals were gold medals. Chuck Kessler, Heather Hollenbach, Hannah Etzler, and Jodi Fetterolf won gold medals in swine finishing. Gold medal winners in on-farm employment include Jennifer McWilliams, Melissa McWilliams, Kate Heeter, Jason Wray, Chuck Kessler, Amanda Shaffer, Brandon Heckman, Jessica Walter, Jessica Catherman, and Kevin Walter.

Gold medal winners in practicum skills included Jenna Briggs, Andrew Kreamer, Tiffany Esbenschade, and Phaedra Wray. Sandy Opdyke, Jennifer McWilliams, Melissa McWilliams, and Amanda Shaffer earned gold medals in dairy herd. Other gold medal winners included Heidi Good in pleasure horse while Brandon Heckman earned a gold medal in corn for grain.

Eighteen silver medals were

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West Snyder FFA members earning two gold medals from the state FFA Record Book Contest included from left Amanda Shaffer, Brandon Heckman, Melissa McWilliams, Jennifer McWilliams, and Chuck Kessler.

awarded to West Snyder FFA members including: Todd Esbenschade, two on-farm employment enterprises; Laura Knepp, on farm employment; Hannah Etzler, sheep finishing; Vic Adams, practicum skills; Tiffany Esbenschade; on farm employment; Heather Hollenbach, on-farm employment; Carolyn Howard, off-farm employment; Kate Heeter, beef finishing; Douglas Hollenbach, sheep finishing; Derek Fetterolf, swine finishing and practicum skills; Lance Herman, practicum skills, Travis Catherman, practicum skills, Brandon Herman, beef finishing; Daphne Wagner, practicum skills; Joe VanKirk, practicum skills; Heidi Good, off

farm employment; Kate Heeter, beef finishing; and Brandon Heckman, corn for grain.

Nine bronze medals were won by: Douglas Hollenbach, practicum skills; Chris Foor, on farm employment and off-farm employment; Mike Brouse, practicum skills; Laura Knepp, practicum skills; Dan Renninger, on farm employment; Chad Kreamer, on farm employment; James Wright, poultry-meat; Josh Ewing, on farm employment. FFA members invested many hours of record keeping into these financial records.

Jennifer McWilliams earned the Snyder County record-keeping award sponsored by AgChoice Farm Credit.

West Snyder FFA Safety Bowl Team Wins State Competition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Heidi Good, Jennifer McWilliams, James Wright, Jessica Walter, and Craig Baker won the second annual Pennsylvania FFA Safety Challenge contest at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Wednesday, Jan. 12. Samuel Hayes, Jr., Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture presented the West Snyder team with \$500 and Farm Safety/Agri-medicine sweatshirts. The event was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The Safety Challenge used the academic college bowl format to quiz students on their knowledge of farm safety and occupational health issues. Members had to "buzz in" and answer the question within 15 seconds on various safety and health topics. A random drawing faced West Snyder FFA against Penn Manor FFA from Lancaster County in the semifinal round. They defeated Penn Manor by a score of 150-45. They faced Mifflinburg FFA Chapter



The Snyder County Commissioners from left are (back row) Steve Bilger, Rick Bailey, and Greg Shambach with Snyder County FFA members from left (front row) Jennifer McWilliams, Heidi Good, Amos Aurand, and Dustin Smith.

in the final round where they won 165-155. The safety team participated in the Safety Chal-

lenge event by qualifying for the semi-finals in August at Ag Progress Days.

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