

West Snyder FFA Chapter Hosts Annual Awards Banquet

WEST SNYDER (Snyder Co.) — More than 200 members and guests gathered for the West Snyder FFA Chapter Annual Awards Banquet on May 44.

After the dinner, Dr. Susie Whittington, Associate Professor in the Penn State Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, served as the keynote speaker for the evening. She congratulated the members on their honors and shared stories about the dedication and work ethic of FFA

members.

Throughout the evening, many FFA members received honors. Four first year members were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Jenna Briggs received the overall Star Greenhand award. The Star Greenhand of Leadership Award went to Phaedra Wray, while Hannah Etzler received the Star Greenhand of Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Derek Fetterolf earned the Star Greenhand of Career Development Events.

Star Chapter Farmer went to Chuck Kessler, while Todd Esbshade earned the Star Agribusinessman award. Kenneth Boyer, high school principal, recognized Jennifer McWilliams as the Dekalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award winner and Heidi Good as the recipient of the Agricultural Leadership Award.

Nevin Zerby of Zerby Livestock Farm presented Brandon Herman with the Zerby Livestock Award. Barry Sands of

AgChoice Farm Credit presented Jennifer McWilliams with a plaque and \$50 for having the top SAE record book in Snyder County. Mr. Boyer presented the 1999-2000 officer team with pins.

Honorary Degree winners were Mr. and Mrs. Lester McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Good, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Opdyke, Roger Walter, Sue Catherman, Robin Soki, Jan Kessler, and Dr. Susie Whittington. Nevin and Isabel Zerby, parents of seven Keystone

Degree winners, three American Farmers, and three past State FFA Officers, were awarded the Blue and Gold Award from the West Snyder FFA Chapter for their unlimited dedication to the FFA

12 students received FFA scholarship awards, while 25 students received chapter proficiency awards. Jodi Fetterolf and Kate Heeter, co-chairpersons of the banquet committee, serves as Mistresses of Ceremonies during the banquet.



Senior award winners at the West Snyder FFA Banquet stand with Kenneth Boyer, school principal. From left are Heidi Good, agricultural leadership award winner, and Jen McWilliams, Dekalb Award winner.



West Snyder FFA recently won the North Central regional parliamentary procedure contest held at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Team members are from left (front) Jen McWilliams, Phaedra Wray, Kate Heeter, Heather Hollenbach, (back) Derek Fetterolf, Heidi Good, James Wright, and Jodi Fetterolf. The team will compete in the state competition in June.



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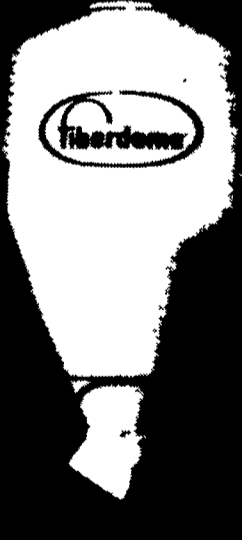
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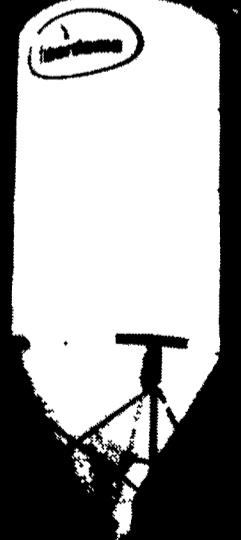
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