

West Snyder FFA Wins SUN Area Event

The SUN Area FFA dairy and livestock judging and tractor driving career development events were conducted Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Beaver Community Fair.

The West Snyder FFA livestock judging team won the top honors by judging market steers, hogs, lambs, and breeding sheep. Oral reasons were given on the

market hogs and steers.

In the livestock judging event, Derek Fetterolf, Brandon Herman, Hannah Etzler, and Lance Herman earned the top four spots by placing first through fourth place respectively. These members earned blue ribbons and the first place team honors for West Snyder FFA.



West Snyder FFA Tractor Driving Career Development Event participants included, from left, Mike Sassaman and Andrew Kreamer.



West Snyder FFA Dairy Judging Team included, seated, from left, Phaedra Wray, Daphne Wagner, and Melissa McWilliams. Standing, Amanda Shaffer and Spencer Etzler.



West Snyder FFA first place livestock judging team in the SUN Area included, from left, Lance Herman, Hannah Etzler, Brandon Herman, Derek Fetterolf, Heather Hollenbach, and Doug Hollenbach.

Heather Hollenbach and Doug Hollenbach earned red ribbons in the event. Trophies for the top team and individual were sponsored by Zerby Livestock Farm.

In the dairy judging event, contestants judged three classes of Holsteins and a class of Jersey cows. FFA members also judged a class of pedigrees and took a written dairy management test. On an individual basis, Amanda Shaffer placed eighth and earned a blue ribbon. Daphne Wagner and Melissa McWilliams earned red ribbons and Phaedra Wray, Travis Catherman, and Spencer Etzler earned white ribbons.

In the tractor driving event, students backed a four-wheeled wagon into an area that was four-inches wider than the wagon. They also took a written test and demonstrated tractor maintenance proficiency. Mike Sassaman and Andrew Kreamer placed seventh and eighth respectively and earned red ribbons.

Food For Profit Workshop

MERCER (Mercer Co.) — Thinking of starting a home-based food business?

Penn State Cooperative Extension is having a workshop on Dec. 6 which is designed to help you decide if selling a food product from a home-based or small business will be a reasonable profitable thing to do. The focus of the workshop will be on developing a business plan, including information on identifying sources of financing, planning your risk management, finding out the legal and tax requirements for starting a business, effective marketing strategies, and much more.

An economic development agent and a panel of local people will offer marketing strategies. A business instructor will discuss pricing products. A representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will talk about the licensing, registration, and the inspection process. A food safety educator will offer important details to assist you in the safe preparation of products. How to maximize shelf life and reduce the risk of foodborne illness will be included.

The workshop will be held at the Mercer County Extension office, 1½ miles north of Mercer on Route 19, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2000. A notebook of information and lunch will be provided for \$25. Call the Mercer County Extension office at (724) 662-3141 for more information. Registration deadline is Nov. 29.

Holiday Tours

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The Carroll County Farm Museum invites visitors to attend the holiday tour. This year's theme is "Christmas Past and Present."

Christmas music will accompany visitors as they tour the Farmhouse. Food will be available for purchase in the summer kitchen. Also featured are Santa visits, poinsettia sales, artisan demonstrations, and wagon rides; the General Store will be open for holiday purchases.

Dates are Friday, Dec. 1; Saturday, Dec. 2; Sunday, Dec. 3; and Friday, Dec. 8; Saturday, Dec. 9; and Sunday, Dec. 10. Hours on Fridays are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The fee of \$1 per person; Children age 6 and under accompanied by a paying guest will receive free entry.

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