West Snyder FFA Members Earn SUN Area Degrees

BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.) — West Snyder FFA Chapter hosted the SUN Area FFA fall meeting Thursday, Nov. 9 in the high school auditorium.

At the meeting, Chuck Kessler, son of Charles and Jan Kessler of Beavertown, was named Snyder County Star Farmer.

This award is given to the member who has shown premiere leadership and an outstanding supervised occupational experience program in Snyder County. Chuck serves as an assistant officer for the West Snyder FFA Chapter.

Chuck has attended the National FFA Convention where he was a presenter at the National PALS Conference and the Pennsylvania FFA State Legislative Leadership Conference. He has exhibited his dairy animals, as

well as his market hogs and lambs at the Beaver Community Fair.

Three West Snyder FFA members also received their SUN Area FFA degrees at the SUN Area FFA fall meeting. Those West Snyder FFA members included Chuck Kessler, Jason Brosius, and Laura Knepp. 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 agricultural experience (SAE) project. Members must participate in two programs presented to the public and represented the chapter above the area level.

The SUN Area FFA fall meeting was chaired by SUN Area FFA President Kate Heeter of

the West Snyder FFA Chapter. Other West Snyder FFA members who serve as SUN Area FFA officers and participated in the meeting include Heather Hollenbach; reporter, Melissa McWilliams; student adviser, and James Wright; chaplain. Heidi Good, a graduate of West Snyder FFA who is serving as north central regional vice president for the Pennsylvania FFA Association, gave a motivational speech to the members at the meeting.

The Honorary SUN Area FFA Degree was presented to Mrs. Jaci Harner, Line Mountain FFA adviser. The West Snyder team which presented the honorary degree included Andrew Kreamer; president, Doug Hollenbach; vice president, Victoria Adams; secretary, Derek Fetterolf; trea-

surer, Jenna Briggs; reporter, and Tiffany Esbenshade; sentinel.

West Snyder FFA member Chuck Kessler, right, was awarded the Snyder County Star Farmer award recently. He was congratulated by Ken Boyer, West Snyder High School principal.

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