



West Snyder FFA members who participated in the SUN Area FFA tractor driving CDE included Andrew Kreamer, standing, and Jeremy Waite, seated on the tractor.



West Snyder FFA winning livestock judging team included, row 1, left to right, Jess Kessler, Doug Hollenbach, and Spencer Etzler. The first place SUN Area livestock judging team is row 2, left to right, Hannah Etzler, Derek Fetterolf, and Lance Herman. The trophies were sponsored by Zerby Livestock Farm.



West Snyder FFA dairy judging team included, seated, left to right, Amanda Shaffer, Daphne Wagner, and Chuck Kessler. Standing, left to right, Steve Yakamook, Laura Knepp, and Phaedra Wray.

West Snyder FFA Wins SUN Area Judging Events
The SUN Area FFA dairy and livestock judging and tractor driving career development events took place Tuesday, Sept. 18 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, Lance Herman, and Hannah Etzler placed first, third, and fourth respectively. This first place team, along with Spencer Etzler, earned blue ribbons in the event for West Snyder FFA.

Doug Hollenbach earned a red ribbon in the event and Jessica Kessler earned a white ribbon. Zerby Livestock Farm sponsored trophies for the top team and individual, which were captured by West Snyder FFA.

In the dairy judging event, contestants judged two classes of Holsteins and two classes of Jersey cows and calves. FFA members also gave oral reasons on the

Holstein cow class. Amanda Shaffer placed fourth in the event with a blue ribbon. Other blue ribbon winners from West Snyder FFA included Daphne Wagner and Chuck Kessler. Phaedra Wray earned a red ribbon while Laura Knepp and Steve Yakamook 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. Jeremy Waite placed fourth and earned a red ribbon for West Snyder FFA while Andrew Kreamer placed fifth with a white ribbon.

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FFA Leadership Training Conducted At

Lebanon-Schuylkill Meeting
Recently, the Lebanon-Schuylkill FFA joined to take part in a leadership training conference at Elco High School.

The Lebanon County officers started the evening with ice breakers games that helped members to get to know one another better. The Pennsylvania State FFA officers attended the conference and helped with ice-breakers and presented greetings from the Pennsylvania FFA Association.

After the evening meal provided by the Elco cafeteria staff, the Greenhand Quiz contest took place. The Quiz contest is a spelling bee style contest where first year FFA members are asked questions about the FFA.

The top four placings were as follows: Kevin Kreider, Cedar Crest, first; Mark Balmer, Cedar Crest, second; Emily Whitmoyer, Northern Lebanon, third; and Janelle Zimmerman, Cedar Crest, fourth. Prizes and money awards were given out to the winners.

After the Quiz contest, they split into four groups and participated in leadership sessions with Lebanon County and State FFA officers. Sessions included information on public speaking, official dress, teamwork, and positive attitudes.

Lebanon-Schuylkill FFA Join For Conference; Big Spring Member Will Drive In Tractor Contest

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Members of the Grassland FFA Chapter from Garden Spot High School, New Holland, were one of 46 teams participating in the National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event (CDE). From left, Brian Oberholtzer, Wes Nolt, Crystal Newswanger, Lori Stauffer, Nicole Martin, Courtney Miller; and alternates Do-reen Martin, Tammy Martin; and agricultural teacher and FFA adviser Clifford J. Day.

Big Spring FFA Member To Compete In Tractor Driving
Matt Clelan, a member of the Big Spring FFA, will be participating at the State FFA Tractor Driving Contest in June 2002.

Clelan placed first in the Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry Area

tractor-driving contest at Greenwood on Oct. 16.

In the tractor-driving contest these are three parts. Backing a wagon into a stall, moving a tractor and spreader in a fighter eight, and a safety quiz.

4-H HAPPENINGS



2001 4-H Blair County high scorer members: left to right, front: Wes Noye, Junior, Bellwood Swine Club; Steve Plummer, first year, Blair County Swine Club; Jeremy Mock, Junior Beef Club and Blair County Swine Club; Wade Harclerode, Junior Goat Club; Michelle Edwards, first year Lamb Club. Back: Zack Doyle, first year, Bellwood Swine Club; David Bigelow, Senior Goat Club; Barb Koontz, Senior Beef Club; Julie Dell, Junior Lamb Club; Rita Wise-Favinger, Senior Lamb Club.

Blair County Youth Livestock Banquet
Members of the Blair County Youth Livestock Clubs conducted their annual banquet Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Martinsburg Memorial Park.

Diana Bigelow gave the welcome and invocation; Nick Burket and David Bigelow led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Zack Biddle led the 4-H Pledge. Tracy Bigelow read the names of the 4-H and FFA members, and Rita Wise-Favinger and Sarah Dell read the names of the buyers who purchased animals at the sale in August. Wade Pearson read the names of the sponsors who donated for the purchase of trophies.

Diana Bigelow reminded all the buyers and sponsors how important they are to the 4-H program. She also thanked the leaders, parents, and grandparents

for their help and support. "Through everyone's help and support, you help make us better members and citizens for the future," she said.

Ken Weaver was recognized for purchasing a steer every year since 1960, and Bill Campbell from Hoss's was also recognized for supporting Blair County plus other counties in Pennsylvania.

The awards were given by the following clubs:

Kids For Kids — The Goat Club: Certificates were given to each for their participation. High Point Award winners: Senior, David Bigelow. Junior, Wade Harclerode.

Lamb Chops: High Point Award: Senior, Rita Wise-Favinger, first; Sarah Dell, second. Junior, Julie Dell, first; Jeremy Mock, second. First year, Michelle Edwards, first; Suzanna Stern, second. Shepherds Con-

test: Senior, Rita Wise-Favinger, first; Elizabeth Biddle, second. Junior, Wade Pearson, first; Miranda Lynn, second. First year, Michelle Edwards, first; Suzanna Stern, second. Weight Gain: Bethany Hileman, first; Julie Dell and Kyle Detwiler, tied for second. EWE Award: Jeremy Mock, first; Sarah Dell, second. Cooking Contest: Wade Harclerode and Kyle Detwiler, first; Andrew Eastep, Daniel Eastep and Alyssa Brumbaugh, second. Guess of Finished Weight: Kyle Detwiler, first; Miranda Lynn, second. Perfect Attendance of eight meetings: Dakota Biddle, Elizabeth Biddle, Olivia Biddle, Bobby Decker, Julie Dell, Sarah Dell, Kody Detwiler, Kyle Detwiler, Zack Doyle, Michelle Edwards, Jordan Greaser, Wade Harclerode, Bethany Hileman, Miranda Lynn, Shawna Lynn, Jeremy Mock, Amber Noye, and Rita Wise-Favinger. Perfect Attendance of five years or more: Sarah Dell, seven years; Elizabeth Biddle, six years; and Julie Dell, five years. Ninety-two percent of the eight meetings were attended by the 28 members of the club. Over the Hill Award — last year in 4-H: Sarrah Biddle and Rita Wise-Favinger.

Blair County Swine Club: High Point Award winners: Senior, Andrew Eastep. Junior, Jeremy Mock. First year, Steve Plummer.

Bellwood Swine Club: High Point Award winners: Senior, Justin Lindstrom. Junior, Wesley Noye. First year, Zack Doyle.

Baby Beef Club: High Point Award winners: Senior, Barbara Koontz. Junior, Jeremy Mock. First year, Dakota Biddle. Perfect Attendance: Jordan Baker, David Bigelow, Diana Bigelow, Katie Bigelow, Kristy Bigelow, Wayne Bigelow, Andy Hileman, Bethany Hileman, Barbara Koontz, Jeremy Mock. Guess of Finished Weight: Jordan Baker. Weight Gain: Each member received a check from Dennie Dively and Lynn Lovell from the Central Bank. The member received 2 cents for each pound their steer gained.