

Mifflinburg FFA Members Attend Washington Leadership Conference



From left: Kevin Richard, (WLC) staff member and former Oregon State FFA secretary; Rhonda Hook and Penny Spangler, Mifflinburg FFA members attending conference.

MIFFLINBURG (Snyder Co.) — Rhonda Hook and Penny Spangler of the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter recently attended the 2002 Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in Washington, D.C.

Rhonda is the daughter of Steve and Wanda Hook of RR Middleburg and is presently serving as the president of the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter. Penny is the daughter of Lee and Kathy Spangler of RR Mifflinburg and is the assistant vice president for the chapter. Both are active in the FFA and will be showing livestock at the upcoming Union County West End Fair.

The week-long interactive program helps FFA members build their leadership skills and self confidence while preparing for roles in their chapters, communities and future careers. They attended workshop sessions on persuasive communication, character leadership and building re-

lationships, and participated in discussions on citizenship.

"We live in an increasingly competitive world," says Dr. Larry Case, National FFA advisor and coordinator, agricultural and rural education with the U.S. Department of Education. "Tomorrow's leaders must develop skills in these areas to effectively compete. Every student leaves WLC with an advantage, because it gives those young people cutting-edge leadership skills and

valuable insight for productive citizenship."

Students also increased their understanding of the nation's heritage with visits to Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt Memorials and other historic sights in Washington, D.C.

The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.



At the Hatfield Fore FFA Golf Tournament and Auction, Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Co. purchased the lamb for the third year in a row. Pictured with representatives of the company, from left, are Bob Lauffer, ag teacher at Garden Spot H.S.; and Tom Walsh, bidder for Lancaster Leaf. At the halter is Sarah Nolt, Grassland FFA chapter officer, who will exhibit the lamb at the Denver, Ephrata and New Holland fairs. When she sells the lamb at New Holland half of the proceeds will go to the RD Herr Scholarship fund for a deserving Garden Spot senior who has shown livestock during their FFA career and/or will be majoring in animal science or agricultural education after high school.




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