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FFA Members Attend Conference

BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.) — The Pennsylvania FFA Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success (ACES) Leadership Conference took place on Saturday, Feb. 15, through Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg.

West Snyder FFA members who attended the conference included Hannah Etzler, Elizabeth

Heckert, Amanda Shaffer, Jessica Harper, Jess Kessler, and Stacy Sassaman.

While at the conference, students learned their role as an FFA member, developed team building skills, and attended workshops on goal setting, time management, cooperation, and citizenship.

30 West Snyder FFA'ers Enter State Record Book CDE

BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.) — Thirty West Snyder FFA members entered their SAE record books in the state FFA record keeping CDE. Thirty of these members earned 36 gold, silver, or bronze medals. Members earned the right to compete at the state level after competing at the SUN Area level in January.

Nine gold medals were awarded to the following FFA members: Amanda Shaffer, dairy herd, on-farm employment; Jessica Kessler, market lambs, practicum skills; Jenna Briggs, practicum skills; Tiffany Esbenshade, practicum skills; Derek Fetterolf, market hogs; Jeremy Roush, practicum skills; and Jeremy Waite, dairy-beef.

Eight silver medals were awarded to West Snyder FFA members including: Cody DeLong, practicum skills; Tiffany Esbenshade, on-farm work; Joe Hillgrube, practicum skills; Jessica Harper, practicum skills; Elizabeth Heckert, practicum skills; Shane Kremer, beef finishing; Hannah Etzler, sheep breeding; and Brad Novinger, on-farm employment.



West Snyder FFA members earned nine Gold medals in the state FFA contest. Seated, from left, Amanda Shaffer and Jessica Kessler earned two gold medals, while standing, from left, Derek Fetterolf, Tiffany Esbenshade, Jeremy Waite, Jenna Briggs, and Jeremy Roush earned a single gold medal in state competition.

Nineteen bronze medals were won by the following members: Kelly Bedlyon, practicum skills; Adam Guzanski, practicum skills; Isaac Hassinger, practicum skills; Nick Herbster, practicum skills; Barron Knepp, practicum

skills; Melinda Parthemmer, practicum skills; Mike Fultz, practicum skills; Hannah Etzler, sheep finishing; Shane Kremer, swine finishing; Bradley Mitch, practicum skills; Steve Yakamook, practicum skills; Ryan Royer, practicum skills, off-farm employment; Stacy Sassaman, practicum skills; Brad Novinger, rabbit production; Jeremy Waite, practicum skills; Roger Wilt, practicum skills; and Tyler Miller, on-farm employment.

Amanda Shaffer was named the North Central Regional winner for her two gold medals she earned on the state level. Amanda was recognized at the Pennsylvania FFA Activities Week. She will receive \$250 from Pennsylvania AgChoice Farm Credit.

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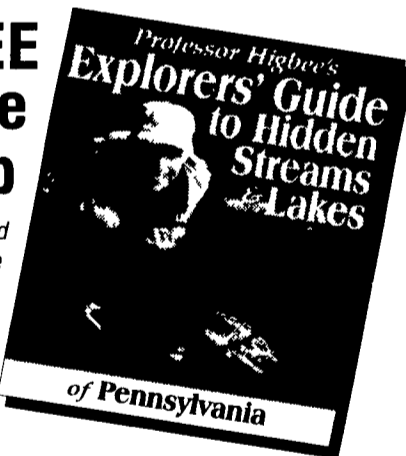
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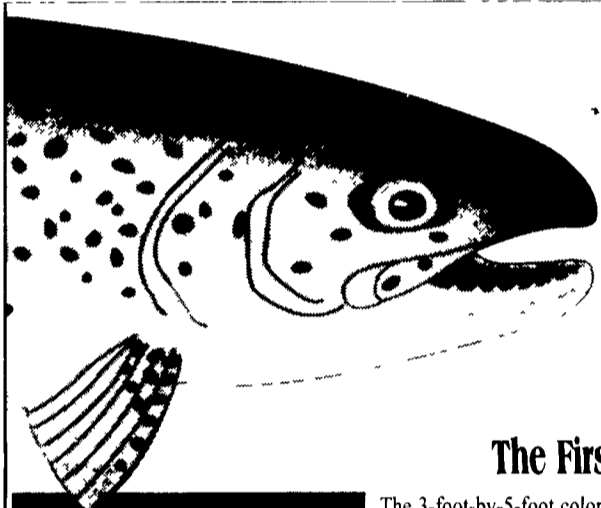
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The STREAM MAP OF OHIO resembles another map--known to Pennsylvania anglers as the "Lost Stream Map"

The "Stream Map of Pennsylvania" was completed in 1965 after a 30 year effort by Howard Higbee, a former Penn State Professor

Professor Higbee succeeded in creating a map of the highest detail possible -- a map that shows every stream and lake. He painstakingly plotted by hand, the location of 45,000 miles of streams onto a 3 by 5 foot map

The map sold extremely well -- until it was lost several years later. Incredibly, the printer entrusted with the original drawing and printing plates declared bankruptcy, then carelessly hauled Higbee's 30 years of work to the landfill

The few remaining dog-eared copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

The experts had always told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computers made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day"

Then, by combining Professor Higbee's knowledge with computer technology -- the STREAM MAP OF OHIO was created

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