

## Area FFA public speaking winners selected

**BROWNSTOWN** — With words that carried deep and meaningful feelings, Doug Hershberger, of Solanco High School, presented "The Cry of the American Farm Boy" to win the Area FFA Public Speaking Contest Monday at the Brownstown Vo-Tech School.

Hershberger completed a sweep of individual honors by also capturing first place

in the extemporaneous competition.

Top winner in the parliamentary procedure contest was the team from Owen J. Roberts High School, Chester County.

The area contest included individual and team competitors from Lancaster, Chester and Delaware counties.

"What can be done for an

American farm boy like myself who wishes to purchase the farm of his dreams?" Hershberger asked in his winning presentation.

Answering this central question on the minds of many farm youths in these times of inflated operating costs combined with dwindling market prices and availability of land, Hershberger called on fellow FFA members to take three essential actions.

These include slowing non-agricultural development of prime farmland, conservation of all resources and getting involved in governmental activities.

"We can no longer afford to allow major farm

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Members of the top parliamentary procedure team in area FFA competition from Owen J. Roberts High School include, seated from left, Dan Eppel, Dale Keen, Kathy Soltys, Andrew Batdorf; standing from left, Alan Golden Kulp, Loren Ruth, Mike Jankowski and Karen John.

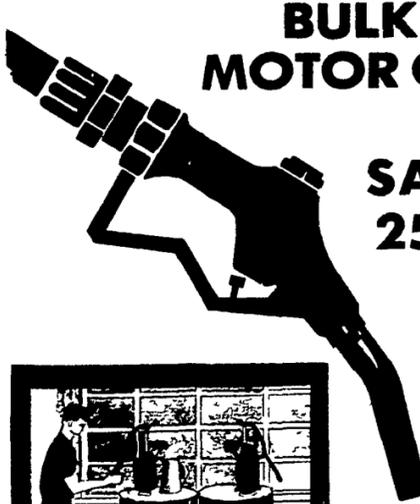


Flanking Doug Hershberger, Solanco High School, first-place winner in Area FFA Public Speaking Contest, are Loren Ruth, left Owen J. Roberts High School, second; and Lisa Russell, Garden Spot High School, third.



Extemporaneous public speaking winners in area FFA competition include, from the left, Fred Manna, Folcroft High School, fourth; Doug Hershberger, Solanco, first; and Darrone Ryan, Delaware County Vo-Tech, third. Missing from photo is Barbara Herr, Garden Spot High School, second.

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