

State FFA awards

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Lancaster County schools with first-place finishers included Eastern Lancaster County with three in Parliamentary Procedure, Wildlife and Poultry Judging; Solanco with a pair in Dairy Foods and Farm Management and Mount Joy Vo-Tech in Floriculture.

Twin Valley students from Berks County finished first in Pleasure Horse and Dairy Judging.

W. B. Saul High School in Philadelphia County had the top placers in Meats Judging and Agricultural

Salesmanship.

Other area school chapters with single first-place finishers included Aston Vo-Tech, Delaware County, in Ornamental Landscape; Red Lion, York County, Interview; Upper Dauphin, Dauphin County, in Land Judging; and Octorara, Chester County, in Small Gasoline Engine team competition.

The competition opened on Tuesday afternoon on the Penn State Campus with the public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests.

On Wednesday, the FFA members scattered far and wide to take part in the remainder of the contests, which ranged from sitting behind a desk to review farm management procedures, to climbing into the show ring for dairy and livestock judging to stealthily trailing game tracks through virgin forests in the new wildlife contest.

Finally it all came together on Thursday with the closing session, which featured the passing on of the cloaks of office to the new state officers and the awards presentations.

From the opening strains of the National Anthem by the State FFA Band to the

final award, the final session was one of liveliness and participation. Several selections by both the band and State FFA Chorus, some with a lively upbeat tempo the some more traditional, set the mood for the close, which sent the jacket-clad audience scattering in as many directions as there are gold-lettered locations spelled out on their backs.

Among speakers at the final session were Donald Trimmer, of Woodsboro, Md., national FFA vice president; Kevin Holtzinger, Windsor, Pa., Star Farmer of America; and Glyn Boone, retiring state FFA president.

Among top area finishers in various contests were:

Public Speaking

Doug Hershberger, Solanco, Lancaster County, second; and Deborah Miller, Conrad Weiser, Berks County, third.

Conservation Public Speaking

Barry Geib, Manheim Central, Lancaster County, third; Steve Kearns, Twin Valley, Berks County, second.

Parliamentary Procedure

Eastern Lancaster County, first; and Northern Lebanon, second.

Eastern Lancaster County team includes Kevin Devine, Glenn Yoder, Glenn Hartz, Wanda Weber, Brian Martin, Leonard Snader, Larry Martin and Darlene Horning.

Members of the Northern Lebanon team are Dean Patches, Don Miller, Marilyn Deaven, Paul Stoltz, Mark Brehm, Doug Blauch, Mike Bare and Jeff Allison.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Bruce B. Latshaw, Kutztown, Berks County, third.

Meats Judging

Iris Hall, W.B. Saul High Philadelphia County, first; Robert Livingston, Dover, York County, second; and Darryl J. Wilson, W.B. Saul, third.

Ornamental Landscape

John Ryan, Aston Vo-Tech, Delaware County, first; Kevin Rice, E. Northampton, Northampton County, second; and Karen Silvius, Willow Street Vo-Tech, Lancaster County, third.

Interview

Beth Holtzinger, Red Lion, York County, first; Robert B. Marchesani, W.B. Saul, Philadelphia County, second; and Bonnie Lamborn, Oxford, Chester County, third.

Floriculture

Cathy Best, Mount Joy Vo-Tech, Lancaster County, first; Deborah Grube, Mount Joy Vo-Tech, second; and Holly Eshby, W. Montgomery County, third.

Forestry

Dean Long, Warwick High School, Lancaster County, second.

Wildlife

Lowell D. Graybill, Eastern Lancaster County, first; and Martin Miller, Twin Valley, Berks County, third.

Dairy Foods

Bryan Dickson, Solanco, Lancaster County, first; Brian Ressler, Penn Manor, Lancaster County, second; Melvin Marks, Red Lion, York County, third.

Agricultural Mechanics

Jim Harnish, Penn Manor, Lancaster County, second; Timothy High and Marvin Horst, both Ephrata, Lancaster County, fifth and sixth.

Pleasure Horse Judging

Linda Robinson, Twin Valley, Berks County, first.

Land Judging

Lynn Buffington, Upper Dauphin, Dauphin County, first; Charles Brown, Penn Manor, Lancaster County, second; and Joe Harvatine, Annville-Cleona, Lebanon County, third.

Agricultural Salesmanship

David Anderson Hecht, W.B. Saul High School, Philadelphia County, first.

Farm Management

David Holzhauser, Solanco, Lancaster County, first; and Christina Bucher, Solanco, second.

Poultry Judging

Cliff Horning, Eastern Lancaster County, first; Stephen Smith, Ephrata, Lancaster County, second; and Paul Garner, Red Lion, York County, third.

Small Gasoline Engine

Octorara High School team, Chester County, first.

Dairy Judging

Twin Valley team, Berks County, first; Oxford team, Chester County, second; and Manheim Central, Lancaster County, third.

Members of the top Twin Valley team are Tim Kurtz, Steve Snyder and Don Stoltzfus.

Livestock Judging

Jay Frey, Penn Manor, Lancaster County, second; and Jerry Myer, Lampeter-Strasburg, fourth.



Members of the winning parliamentary procedure team from Eastern Lancaster County include, from the left front row, Glenn Yoder, Darlene Horning, Wanda Weber, Glenn Hartz, Leonard Snader; back row, Larry Martin, Brian Martin and Kevin Devine.



Top floriculture winners are, from the left, Cathy Best and Deborah Grube, both of Lancaster County, and Holly Eselby, Montgomery County.



First three finishers in wildlife competition include, from the left, Lowell Graybill, Lancaster County; Paul Work, Jefferson County; and Martin Miller, Berks County.



Trio of dairy foods contest winners are, from the left, Bryan Dickson and Brian Ressler, both of Lancaster County; and Melvin Marks, York County.



Major winners in farm management are, from the left, David Holzhauser and Christina Bucher, Lancaster County; and Kevin Moore, Washington County.



Poultry judging's top winners are, from the left, Cliff Horning and Stephen Smith, both of Lancaster County; and Paul Garner, York County.