

# Lancaster County picks top FFA speakers

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**MANHEIM** — Several classrooms and the auditorium of Manheim Central High School rang repeatedly with stirring phrases on farmland preservation, confinement housing and soil conservation on Tuesday.

The occasion was the annual public speaking competition among members of FFA chapters in Lancaster County.

Competition was conducted in five categories, including prepared public speaking among upperclass members of FFA, the Soil Conservation Service public speaking, the junior public speaking among first-year students, the extemporaneous public speaking and the Parliamentary Procedure contest among teams representing various chapters.

The top winners will now move on to area competition, which is scheduled at Brownstown Vo-Tech on Thursday.

Following the close and spirited competition and the quizzing by judges, the naming of top winners included:

### Prepared Speaking

Mike Pflieger, of the Manheim FFA, captured the title among upperclass participants with a speech on animal rights. Runnerup honors went to Mike Pfautz, Cloister FFA, Ephrata; and third-place finisher was Randy Greenly, of Elizabethtown FFA.

Other participants in this category were Ken Miller, Solanco FFA; Merv Keagy, Manor FFA; James Bollinger, Cloister FFA; Randy Musselman, Grassland FFA, Eastern Lancaster County; Melissa Greider, Manor FFA; Steve Aument, Solanco FFA; and Vernon Heisey, Manheim FFA.

### SCS Speaking

Michelle Garman, of the Cloister FFA, finished as the top speaker in the conservation category.

Other conservation speakers were Ken Nolt, Manheim FFA; Nelson Ruhl, Elizabethtown FFA; Leroy Wanner, Grassland FFA; Mark Seigford, Warwick FFA; and Kent Kaylor, Elizabethtown FFA.

### Junior Speaking

Two first-year members of the Grassland FFA Chapter, Eastern Lancaster County School District, were the top speakers in the Junior Public Speaking.

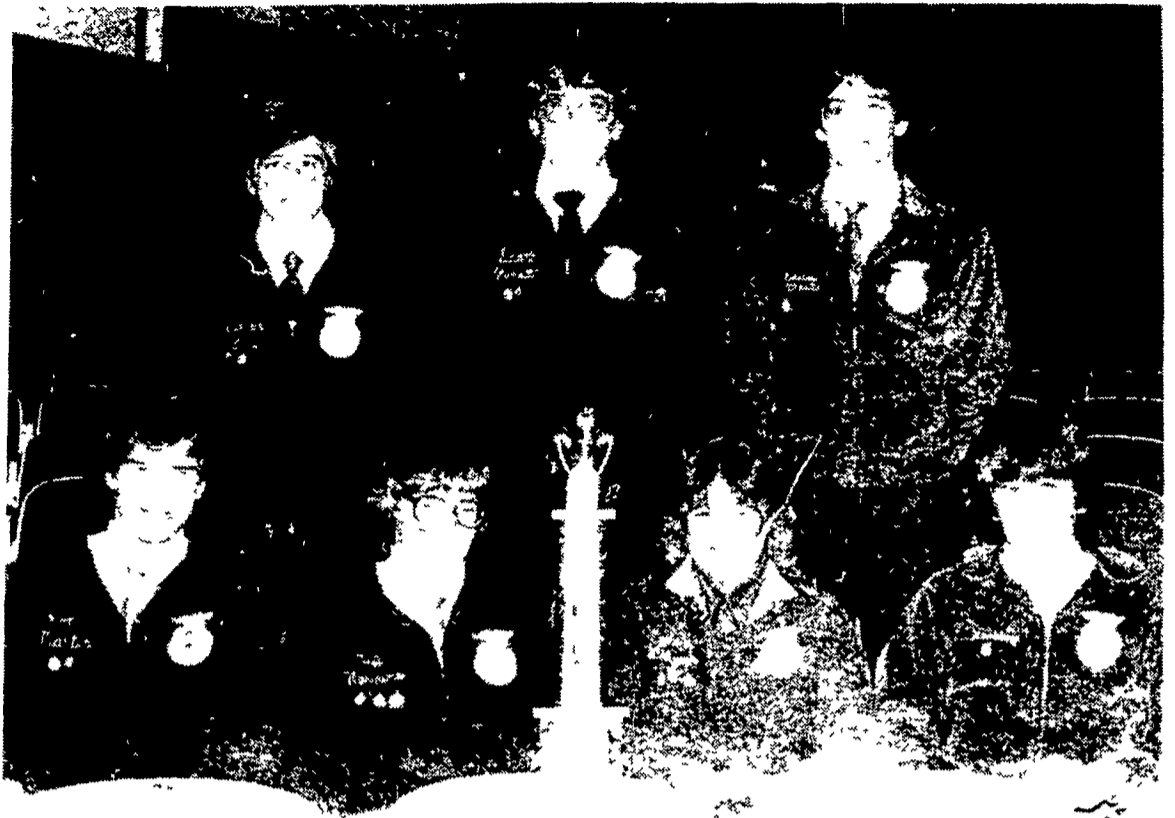
Julie Hess finished in the top spot with an inspirational talk on positive thinking and fellow chapter member Gina Black was runnerup with a speech on finding a career in agriculture.

Other Greenhand participants included Ken Nolt, Manheim FFA; Margaret Herr, Grassland FFA; Phil Nissley, Manheim FFA; Kim Erikson, Elizabethtown FFA; Randy Kreiser, Manheim FFA; Matt Pflieger, Manheim FFA; Yvette Waidley, Grassland FFA; and Ray Schlouch, Grassland FFA.

### Extemporaneous

The top three finishers in the extemporaneous public speaking competition were Gail Ginder, Manheim FFA, first; Jeff Burkholder, Manor FFA, second; and Angie Booth, Manor FFA, third.

Other participants included Glenn Ellis, Elizabethtown FFA; Ed Sensenich, Manheim FFA; Rodger Weaver, Grassland FFA; Ronald Weaver, Cloister FFA; Andrea Patterson, Cloister FFA; and John Amsbaugh Jr., Elizabethtown FFA.



First-place Parliamentary Procedure team from Grassland FFA Chapter includes, front row from the left, Ron Martin, student advisor; Cliff Horning, sentinel; Carolyn Witmer, secretary; Darrell Gockley, president; back

row from the left, William Hursh, vice president; Scott Hurst, treasurer; and Ernest Mast, chaplain. Also on the team but missing from photo is Loretta Clisham, reporter.

### Parliamentary Procedure

The team from the Grassland FFA Chapter was the winner of the Parliamentary Procedure competition. The first-place team consisted of Darrell Gockley, president; William Hursh, vice president; Carolyn Witmer,

secretary; Scott Hurst, treasurer; Ernest Mast, chaplain; Cliff Horning, sentinel; Ron Martin, student advisor; and Loretta Clisham, reporter.

The runnerup team was from the

host Manheim FFA chapter.

Other teams competing represented Solanco FFA, Manor FFA; Cloister FFA and the Hans Herr FFA Chapter at the Willow Street Vo-Tech School.



Prepared speaking winners from Lancaster County FFA chapters include, from the left, Mike Pflieger, Manheim, first; Mike Pfautz, Cloister, second; and Randy Greenly, Elizabethtown, third.



Finishing in top position in conservation speaking competition in Lancaster County is Michelle Garman, Cloister Chapter.



Top two winners in the Lancaster County FFA junior public speaking are Gina Black, left, second; and Julie Hess, first, both of the Grassland Chapter.



Extemporaneous speaking trio of top winners include, from the left, Gail Ginder, Manheim, first; Jeff Burkholder, Manor, second; and Angie Booth, Manor, third.

## FFA completes exhibit hall

MOUNT VERNON, Va. — The Future Farmers of America have announced the completion of their quarter of a million dollar FFA National Hall of Achievement. The FFA exhibits, located near Mount Vernon, Va., at the National FFA Center, deal with historical events significant to agriculture and FFA.

The FFA National Hall of Achievement features museum quality exhibitions and audiovisual presentations on seven major themes. In addition to the exhibits, a modern FFA library house information pertinent to agriculture education and the FFA.

The Hall was built through funds donated by FFA members and supporters. Major business contributors include the John Deere Company, International Harvester, Philip Morris Incorporated, Sperry New Holland,

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., The Upjohn Company, Ford Motor Company Fund, DeKalb AgResearch, Inc., the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc., and Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.

The National FFA Center is located near Woodlawn Plantation

three miles south of Mount Vernon on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Touring hours for small groups are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tours of the entire FFA Center are available by appointment.

## USDA honey loan rate higher

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Honey producers will receive average loan and purchase rates from U.S. Department of Agriculture of 60.4 cents per pound on their 1982 production, 3 cents above the 1981 level and the minimum required under current legislation.

According to Everett Rank, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the 1982 level represents 60 percent of the April 1982 adjusted parity price of \$1.007 cents per pound.