

# Eastern Region FFA'ers Talk Their Way To The Top

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NEWMANSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — With polished speeches and every hair in place, 70 FFA'ers participated in the Eastern Regional Public Speaking Contest on Tuesday. Three winners from six categories were selected to advance to state competition to be held at Penn State during FFA Activities Week, June 15-17.

Participants needed to place in the top three during county and area competition before advancing to the regional contest, which covers a 19-county area.

Contestants are judged on voice, stage presence, power of expression, response to questions, and, in the prepared speech categories, content and composition of manuscript.

In the extemporaneous category, participants were allotted 30 minutes to prepare a 4 to 6 minute speech.

Judges Tony Mikliche, Monroe Co. vocational technical teacher; Jay Hess, former contest winner from Penn Manor; and Kelli Sturtevant, English teacher from Ephrata chose Jason Reifsnnyder, Garden Spot High School, as first-place winner; Kyle P. Harnish, Penn Manor, as second-place; and Ryan Marshall, Twin Valley, as third.

Creed winners judged by Cheryl Blevins, administrator at Cedar Crest High School, and Glenn Wenger of Wenger Equipment, Myerstown, selected the following winners: Jennifer Reinhold of Tulpehocken, first; Andrea Becker, Conrad Weiser High School, second; and Jon Harnish, Cedar Crest, third.

Parliamentary Procedure competition required teammates to participate in a 20-minute demonstration of parliamentary law. First place winner was the team from Cedar Crest High School, which included Jamie Risser, Scott Nolt, Jeff Zimmerman, Stacy Krall, Dan Atkins, Jon Harnish, Andrew Martin, and Matt Sensenig.

Ray Bickel, retired ag teacher from Lebanon County, and Dr. Arba Henry, Solanco ag teacher, placed Northern Lebanon High School, second, and Eastern Lebanon County, third, in parliamentary procedure.

Named conservation public speakers were Marci Harnish of Manheim High School as first-place winner, Tony Miller of Pequea High School, as second, and Jeannine Oxenreider of Conrad Weiser High School, as third.

Judges were Bob Gregory, administrator for Lancaster Conservation District, and Jerry Phillips, from Keystone Farm Credit, Lancaster.

In the Junior Prepared Speaking contest, Cari Gonzales of Garden High School placed first, Anne Mielnik of

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Cedar Crest High School are first place winners in Parliamentary Procedure. From left front are team members Jamie Risser, Scott Nolt, Jeff Zimmerman, and Stacy Krall. Back, Dan Atkins, Jon Harnish, Andrew Martin, and Matt Sensenig.





Extemporaneous speaking honors went to, from left, Ryan Marshall of Twin Valley, third; Jason Reifsnnyder of Garden Spot, first; and Kyle P. Harnish of Penn Manor, second.



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