

Solanco Holds FFA Contests

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Solanco School District hosted two FFA County Contests recently: the dairy foods contest and the agriculture mechanics contest.

Students from seven county school districts participated in the contests, including Solanco, Lancaster Mennonite, Ephrata, Penn Manor, Garden Spot, Manheim Central, and Pequea Valley.

Gus Birchler, Penn Manor agriculture teacher, was the chairman for the dairy foods contest, which was held at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville. The students were required to take a general knowledge written examination, followed by several "hands-on" evaluation stations which tested their knowledge of dairy foods. The various stations included milk flavor evaluation, California mastitis test, milker units test, identification of cheeses, and real vs. artificial dairy products.

The tests challenged the parti-

cipants in the contest to identify 10 types of cheeses, evaluate the flavor of 10 different flavors of milk, checking milk for the presence of mastitis by performing the California mastitis test, identify defects on milker parts, and identify which dairy products displayed are real and which are artificial including cheese, butter, whipped cream, creamer, and ice cream.

The results of the dairy foods contest are as follows:

Individual winners: 1. Tony Miller, Pequea Valley; 2. Cathy Hurst, Ephrata; 3. Joel Hoover, Pequea Valley; 4. Randy Miller, Pequea Valley; 5. Joel Fry, Penn Manor; 6. Keith Bollinger, Ephrata; 7. Jessica Hostetter, Penn Manor; 8. Joe Best, Penn Manor.

Team winners: 1. Pequea Valley; 2. Penn Manor; 3. Ephrata; 4. Solanco; 5. Garden Spot; 6. Lancaster Mennonite; 7. Manheim Central.

Carey Kalupson, Solanco High School agriculture teacher, was

the chairman for the agriculture mechanics contest, which was held in the Solanco High School Agriculture Mechanics classroom. Eighteen students participated in the contest from five different school districts. The contest included a written exam. The hands-on requirements of the contest were broken down into two areas: problem solving and skills.

Under problem solving were soil and water tests, a small engine test, and building construction. Under the skills category, students were required to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in baler identification, gas cut welding skills, and electrical wiring skills.

Individual results in the Agriculture Mechanics Contest are as follows: 1. Travis Hartranft, Manheim Central; 2. Travis Metzler, Pequea Valley; 3. Will Stoner - Manheim Central; 4. Barry Graver, Penn Manor; 5. Jerry O'Donnell, Solanco; 6. Donnie Ammerman, Solanco; 7. Neil Ebersole, Penn Manor; 8. Jeff

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Hershey, Manheim Central; 9. Dwayne Graver, Penn Manor; 10. Marvin Martin, Ephrata; 11. Kevin Martin, Ephrata; 12. Dave Roland, Solanco; 13. Shawn Per-

ry, Solanco; 14. Matt Wenger, Ephrata; 15. Dave Parker, Penn Manor; 16. Stan Knight, Penn Manor.



Kevin Martin, Ephrata, works on the gas cut (torch cutting) segment of the agriculture mechanics county contest.



A group of students work on the wiring segment of the agriculture mechanics contest during the county FFA contests held at Solanco High School.

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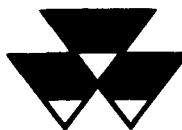
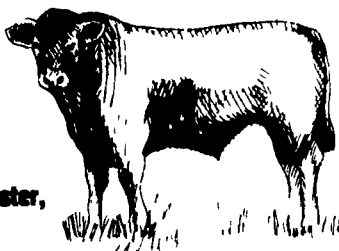


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