



Thirteen 4-Her's were awarded ribbons in the 2013 Chase County 4-H Public Speaking and Music Contest held March 26 at Imperial.

Youth from nine to 19 have an opportunity to participate in the 4-H Public Speaking program from county to state levels. 4-H members in four divisions, Novice for first time speakers who are eight to 11 years old and Junior (eight to 10 years of age), Intermediate (11-12 years of age) and Senior (13-18 years of age), were required to prepare an original speech about 4-H.

The top three speakers in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions will represent Chase County at the Regional 4-H Speaking Contest.

In the Public Service Announcement category, 4-H members in each of three divisions, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, were required to write a 60 second radio spot promoting 4-H and by using the theme "Taking the Lead." The top three county winners in each age division will also compete in the regional contest.

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest is sponsored by the Nebraska Rural Radio Network, which includes KRVN, KNEB and KTIC. They provide the ribbons, \$25 cash award for the top four winners in the Senior Division of the regional contests and special awards for the state speech and PSA winners.

Former 4-H'ers have said that participation in the 4-H Public Speaking program has helped them develop skills that have benefited them in high school, college and on the job. By learning how to present a speech, youth can develop organizational skills as well as communication skills. Being able to present ideas effectively helps build confidence.

This year the Chase County Music Contest was held in conjunction with the Public Speaking Contest. 4-Her's were encourage to participate by preparing a musical selection and performing it at the contest. They could enter instrumental or vocal selections in solo or group divisions.

Here are results from both events.

Speech contest

Novice Speech Division—JD Tuller, Grand Champion; Matalie Wallin, Blue.

Junior Speech Division—all selected for regional competition—Morayah Cupp, Grand Champion; Jesse Krausnick, Blue.

Intermediate Speech Division—all selected for regional competition—Ashley Bubak, Grand Champion; Ashley Grassia, Reserve Champion.

Senior Speech Division—all selected for regional competition—Hayley Vitosh, Grand Champion; Amanda Grassia, Blue.

Junior PSA Division—all selected for regional competition—Morayah Cupp, Reserve Champion; JD Tuller, Purple.

Intermediate PSA Division—all selected for regional competition—Ashley Bubak, Grand Champion; Ashley Grassia, Blue; Brady Gittlein, Blue.

Senior PSA Division—all selected for regional competition—Hayley Vitosh, Purple; Regan Gittlein, Blue; Amanda Grassia, Blue.

Music Contest

Purple Ribbon Winners—Ashley Bubak and Morayah Cupp, dance; Kendall Prior, piano solo; Matalie Wallin, piano solo.

Blue Ribbon Winners—Jordan Hopp, piano solo; Morayah Cupp, piano solo; Morayah Cupp, vocal solo; Lauren Prior, guitar solo; Lauren Prior, piano solo.