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Chase County's girls' team and Cody Cochran from the boys' team have qualified for the state high school bowling championships Feb. 9 in Lincoln.

The high school bowlers from Chase County Schools (CCS) qualified at the district meet held Saturday in Sidney.

The top two teams at districts qualified, as did the top four individuals if their team did not qualify.

As a team qualifier, Chase County's girls will also compete in the singles competition at state.

Coach Denise Smith said the Chase County girls faced Sidney and Kearney Catholic at districts. Sidney was the district champion, and Chase County was second by just 72 pins.

Individually, Tapainga Kahle was first and Michaela Space, fourth. Also bowling on the CCS team was Abby Polly and Emily Johnston. A fifth team member, Makayla DaMoude was unable to attend, but will be able to travel to state as part of the team, Smith said.

On the boys' side, Chase County finished third in the team standings. Ogallala won the district championship, while Sidney placed second.

However, Cochran placed third individually, so will compete in Lincoln in the singles competition.

Chase County will compete at state in Class C. The top two teams from each class (A, B, C, D) will advance to an all-class championship on Feb. 10.

Bowling is not yet affiliated with the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA).

High school bowlers participate with guidelines from the Nebraska High School Bowling Federation.

