

**By Carolyn Lee**

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The Chase County Schools speech team finished in first place at the Roughriders Speech Meet in Bartley last Saturday. Coach Jill Bauerle said, "Since we didn't have a full team and other teams had more participants, we were pleasantly surprised."

"The final results were very close," she said, "so we are so excited to bring home a champion plaque."

Second place went to Hayes Center, with Southern Valley taking third place. Other schools participating were Sutherland, Eustis-Farnam, Southwest and McCook High Schools.

The Oral Interpretation of Drama team of MaKenna Ketter, Anna Bauerle and Emma Bauerle took first place with "Deliver Us Not," a piece by Lee Howard and Greg Gamble about three fetuses pondering the next world.

The Duet Acting team of Ryan Moline and Emma Bauerle took second place with "Open to Interpretation;" Andrea Hogsett took second in poetry and fifth in humorous prose, and Korey Krutsinger took second in persuasive speaking and fourth in informative speaking.

Jessica Hartman took third place in serious prose, while Blair Hartman took third place in persuasive speaking. Moline took third place in entertainment speaking.

Sabrina Hayes took fourth place in poetry, while Mindy Castle took sixth place in extemporaneous speaking.

Also participating in the meet were Calen Griffen in extemporaneous speaking and Darin Knobbe in both poetry and extemporaneous speaking.

The team will compete in Ogallala Saturday. The meet begins at 8 a.m. and is open to the public free of charge.