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This will be the first year for Chase County's 9th St. Singers' attendance at the Gateway High School's Mic Check Festival in Denver.

Director Randy Hayes said a combination of show choirs from Colorado and Nebraska will be participating Saturday.

Chase County warms up at 12:30 p.m., and will take the stage at 1 p.m. They are the first performance of the day.

Hayes noted Gateway High School has competed at the Scottsbluff Festival for several years and have won the Most Outstanding Show Choir title there the past two years.

The Imperial group plans to visit Makenna Wallin at Children's Hospital while in Denver, Hayes said.

First place at GI

On Feb. 23, the 9th St. Singers took first in their division at the Grand Island Show Choir Festival.

It was the first time in three years of competition there that Chase County placed at the top of the B/C class, despite being the smallest of 24 choirs at the festival, Hayes said.

"I thought our students performed well and represented our school and community in high fashion. I was very impressed with our whole performance," Hayes said.

The 9th St. Singers and high school choir, as well as the CCS instrumentalists, are also preparing for the SPVA conference contest later this month on March 19.