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The Chase County Schools speech team came in fourth in a 13-school speech tournament at Wallace Jan. 18. Perkins County High School took first place, with Hershey, St. Pat's Catholic and Chase County High Schools "close in points" for the top spots, according to Coach Jill Bauerle.

Individually, Anna Bauerle took first place in persuasive speaking.

Jessica Hartman took second place in informative speaking, fourth in entertainment speaking and seventh in oral interpretation of serious prose.

The oral interpretation of drama (OID) team of Anna Bauerle, Emma Bauerle, MaKenna Ketter and Emma Engbrecht took sixth place in its division.

Mindy Castle earned sixth place in extemporaneous speaking, while Calen Griffin took seventh place in the same category.

Others competing at Wallace included the OID team of Kelly Christensen, Rose Sullivan and Josie Peterson, eighth place; Sullivan and Christensen, ninth in duet speaking; Kady Milner and Hunter Bartels, 10th in duet speaking; Andrea Hogsett, seventh in poetry; Emma Bauerle, ninth in poetry and Christensen, 10th in poetry.

Jill Bauerle said "We will miss the points earned by some upper classmen who chose not to be on the speech team this year. However, there are several talented freshmen who will be competitive before conference time."

She added that returning juniors and seniors will provide "leadership, talent and the desire to be competitive."

The next speech contest will be at Perkins County High School in Grant Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m.