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The Chase County Schools (CCS) speech team has been spending a lot of time on buses this past week, all the while polishing their speeches for two tournaments.

During the Best of the West Meet at North Platte High School Saturday, none of the students made the finals. Coach Jill Bauerle said it was a gigantic meet with many large schools.

She said the students learned a lot from some of the students at “bigger schools, bigger teams. The meet was obviously very competitive.”

Those participating from CCS were:

Seniors—Calen Griffin, extemporaneous speaking; Anna Bauerle, persuasive speaking; Andrea Hogsett, extemporaneous speaking, poetry.

Juniors—Emma Bauerle, entertainment speaking; Jessica Hartman, entertainment, informative and serious prose speaking; Mindy Castle, extemporaneous speaking; Claire Kuenne, oral interpretation of drama (OID) #1.

Freshmen—Kadyn Milner, duet acting, serious prose, OID #2; Tagan Mays, duet acting, OID #2; Hunter Bartels, humorous prose, OID #2; Bridgette Odens, OID #2; Rose Sullivan, OID #1; Kelly Christensen, poetry, OID #1; Josie Peterson, OID #1.

SPVA

The CCS speech team placed third in the SPVA meet in Maxwell Monday. The final point total was as follows:

Perkins County, 225; Maxwell, 181; Chase County, 165; St. Pat’s Catholic, 161; Kimball, 125; Hershey, 100; Sutherland, 95.

Emma Bauerle took first in entertainment, while Anna Bauerle took second in persuasive speaking and Tagan Mays and Kadyn Milner took second in duet speaking.

Andrea Hogsett took third in poetry and Calen Griffin was third in extemporaneous speaking.

Jessica Hartman was fourth in informative speaking and fifth in entertainment speaking.

Mindy Castle took fifth in extemporaneous speaking.

The oral interpretation of drama team of Rose Sullivan, Josie Peterson, Kelly Christensen and Claire Kuenne placed fifth.

At conference, competitors earn team points according to preliminary scores. Not making finals but contributing points to the team were the following:

Molly Luhrs and Anna Bauerle in serious prose; Hunter Bartels and Dawn Castle in humorous prose and the OID team of Mays, Milner, Luhrs, Bartels and Bridgette Odens.

The team will travel to Gering for the district meet March 20. Competition begins at 8 a.m. MT.

“We will meet some really tough competition, Coach Jill Bauerle commented. “However, with some hard work and focus, we have competitors who can earn their way to state.”

