

Following a Friday that boasted 60 degree temperatures in southwestern Nebraska, students from 18 area schools had no travel problems on Jan. 29 when they attended the annual PCHS Speech Invite.

Over 250 speakers performed in the two preliminary rounds of competition. The top six entrants in each of the nine events advanced to a final round which was scored by two judges.

In addition to the top six entrants, highest placing novices were also recognized.

PCHS speakers and medalists included: Informative—Kristin Beck, third; Rebecca Cornelius. Top Novice—Persuasive—Michi Prante third, Kylie Hanson, Top Novice, Rachel Patrick.

Entertainment: Lacey Jensen fourth, Alison Kiolbasa fifth. Extemporaneous: Tori Osler second, Trevor Lee. Poetry: Calla Mailand fifth, Lexi Schmidt, Capri Meyer. Humorous Prose: Brady Mailand. Top Novice; Ashley Kemling, Callie Meyer, Alyssa Young, Drake Jiminez, Lexi Schmidt, Elizabeth Krajewski, Rebecca Johnson, Anna Fournier, Shania Metcalf. Serious Prose: Ashley Kemling second, Calla Mailand third, Stephanie Reichert. Duet Acting: Tori Osler and Christian Miyamoto third, Lacey Jensen and Rachel Patrick fourth, Calla Mailand and Robyn Krause, Elliot Carlson and Jessie Woodmancy, Anna Fournier and Tayler Walter. Oral Interp of Drama: Michael Dreiling, Michael York, Jake Sexson and Jeremy Hagan sixth; Chase Miyamoto, Rebecca Johnson, Rebecca Cornelius, Allison Kiolbasa, and Carlie Waitley, Top Novices; Quinton Hite, Colton White, Elliot Carlson and Trevor Lee.

Ogallala took home top team honors with 82 points. Sidney finished second with 75 points and PCHS took third place with 53 points.

Other competing schools included South Platte, Arthur, Dundy County-Stratton, Wallace, Wauneta-Palisade, North Platte St. Pat's, Paxton, Chase County, Creek Valley, Hayes Center, Maxwell, Julesburg, Sutherland, Eustis-Farnam and Hershey.

Broken Bow Meet

While PCHS basketball players were playing in the SPVA Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 22, seven members of the speech team had the opportunity to compete at the Broken Bow Speech Invite where they faced competitors from Class A and B schools as well as those from smaller central Nebraska schools.

Finishing in the medals were Lacey Jensen and Rachel Patrick who placed fifth in Duet Acting, Calla Mailand who finished ninth in poetry, and Brady Mailand who earned eighth place in the novice of Humorous Prose.

Additionally, Ashley Kemling (Humorous Prose), Trevor Lee (Extemporaneous) and Calla Mailand and Robyn Krause (Duet Acting) all received recognition for performances judged as superior.

Next Meet

Sixteen members of the PCHS team will travel to Sutherland for competition on Feb. 5.

