

Wallace High School hosted a speech invitational for 12 area schools on Jan. 14. Students from Chase County, Hayes Center, Julesburg, Medicine Valley, Paxton, South Platte, Southwest, St. Pats, Sutherland, Wauneta-Palisade, Wallace and Perkins County competed in two preliminary rounds with the top six contestants advancing to a final round of afternoon speaking.

PCHS speakers, events, and standings: Informative: Rebecca Cornelius—second; Persuasive: Tori Olser—first, Callie Meyer—third; Entertainment: Sammy Snogren—second, Allison Kiolbasa—fifth, Kaleb Gaar; Extemporaneous—Tori Olser, second, Trevor Lee—fourth, Kaleb Gaar; Poetry: Lila Konecky, fifth, Lexi Schmidt—sixth, Rachel Carrig; Humorous Prose: Ashley Kemling—fourth, Lexi Schmidt—fifth, Brady Mailand—seventh, Lila Konecky; Serious Prose: Kylie Hanson—sixth, Ashley Kemling—seventh, Rachel Carrig; Duet: Rachel Patrick and Lacey Jensen—first, Lexi Schmidt and Kylie Hanson—third, Sammy Snogren and Mariah Curtis fourth, Callie Meyer and Colton White—fifth, Allison Kiolbasa and Rebecca Johnson, Tayler Walter and Elizabeth Krajewski; Oral Interpretation of Drama—Elliot Carlson, Michael Dreiling, Quinton Hite, Jake Sexson and Colton White—first; Lacey Jensen, Trevor Lee, and Rachel Patrick—second.

PCHS speakers finished first with 97 points. Wallace and Paxton tied for second place with 44 points each and third place went to Chase County.