

Bridgeport High School freshman Cole Retchless won the creed speaking event at the Nebraska State FFA Convention held April 3-5 in Lincoln.

During the competition, the competitors were required to recite the FFA's five paragraph creed in front of a panel of judges from memory. The judges would then ask questions about the creed itself, about the agriculture industry, and about current events. Retchless advances to compete at the national convention in Louisville, Ky. in October.

He is the son of Marty and Amy Retchless and the great-grandson of Elmer Pankonin and the late Gerry Pankonin.