



The Perkins County speech team competed in the SPVA Conference Speech Meet at Sutherland on Tuesday, March 5, and walked away with the first place plaque.

SPVA allows only two competitors from a school in each event. Also, a student may only enter two events. Because of the small size, only four students advance to finals. Several students who did not make finals finished in the top six. There was a Perkins County finalist in each event, and in three events, both contestants made it to finals.

Students can earn team points in the preliminary rounds by earning excellent and superior speaker ratings. Each excellent (35-44 speaker points) is worth three team points. Each superior (45-50 speaker points) is worth five team points. So those students who did not make finals were still an essential part in team results.

As a team, students earned superior ratings on 31 of the 36 preliminary ballots. When both preliminary ballots for a competitor were combined, there were 17 of 18 earning a superior rating average.

Team points: first place Perkins Co. with 234 points, second place Maxwell with 186 points, third place went to Chase Co. totaling 177 points and fourth place with 161 points went to North Platte St. Pat's.

PCHS speakers and medalist include: Entertainment-Allison Kiolbasa, first; Sammy Snogren, second; OID-Lacey Jensen, Rachel Patrick, Lila Konecky, Hannah Beck and Sammy Snogren, first; OID-Elliot Carlson, Blake Poppe, Jacob Sexson, Colton White and Quinton Hite, third; Extemporaneous-Kaleb Gaar, second; Jakelynn Broeder, third; Duet-Rachel Patrick and Lacey Jensen, second; Mariah Curtis and Brandie Ross; Persuasive-Callie Meyer, second; Tayler Walter; Informative-Hannah Beck, second and Allison Kiolbasa; Poetry-Lila Konecky, third, Lexi Schmidt; Humorous-Lexi Schmidt, third, Brady Mailand; Serious-Rachel Carrig, third and Colton White.