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**County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Results**

**Contact:**

(Number of youth who participated in the contest) 4-H members were awarded ribbons at the 2013 (County) 4-H Public Speaking Contest, held (Date) at (Location).

Youth from ages 9 to 19 have an opportunity to participate in the 4-H Public Speaking program from county to state levels. 4-H members in three divisions, Junior (8 to 10 years of age) Intermediate (11 to 12 years of age) and Senior (13 to 18 years of age) were required to prepare an original speech about 4-H. The top three speakers in each division will represent (Your county) at one of four Regional 4-H Speaking Contest.

In the Public Service Announcement category, 4-H members in each age division were required to write a 60 second radio spot using the theme: *Taking the Lead*. The top three county winners in each age division will also compete in the (Your District) Regional Contest on (date.)

(Insert names under each category.)

**Junior Speech Division**

**Intermediate Speech Division**

**Senior Speech Division**

**Junior PSA Division**

**Intermediate PSA Division**

**Senior PSA Division**

Former 4-H members have said that participation in the 4-H Public Speaking program has helped them develop skills that have benefited them in high school, college and on the job. By learning how to present a speech youth develop organizational skills, as well as, communication skills. Being able to present your ideas effectively helps build confidence. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest is sponsored by the Nebraska Rural Radio Network, which includes KRVN, KNEB, and KTIC. They provide the ribbons, $25 cash award for the top four winners in the Senior Division of the Regional Contests who participate in the state contest and special awards for the top state speech and PSA winners.