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BURNS FFA CHAPTER MEMBER WINS TWO STATE FFA SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS



CHEYENNE— Rachel Derner of the Burns FFA Chapter in was named Wyoming’s top speaker in both the 2014 Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Events on April 9, 2014, at the Wyoming FFA State Convention in Cheyenne.

The Extemporaneous Public Speaking competition is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific agricultural issue in a well thought out and logical manner. Members select one topic from a choice of categories, have thirty minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech, and respond to five minutes of questions following delivery.

The prepared public speaking competition is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific agricultural issue in a well thought out and logical manner in a competitive setting. Members prepare and deliver a six-to eight-minute speech from

memory and respond to five minutes of questions. Derner’s speech was titled “Hunger on the Home Front.”

Derner said she’s been competing in speaking the last three years.

“I have always loved to talk since I was little. I love agriculture and I want to promote it in any way possible,” she said.

Derner was coached by Craig Spatz, Burns FFA Advisor.

These are two of many educational activities at the state FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. Derner now looks forward to representing Wyoming at the national competition, to be held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., in October. The extemporaneous public speaking champion is sponsored by Hageman Law, P.C. The prepared public speaking champion is sponsored by the Northern Ag network.

“You have got to speak. Speaking is something you have to do all throughout your life,” said Derner. “Once you do it the first time it’s easier the second time, it’s easier the third time. By the time you’re done it is something you are comfortable with and it is going to help you out no matter what you end up doing in life.”

Other Extemporaneous Public Speaking results were:

SIXTH PLACE	Kerinan Brandt, High Plains FFA
FIFTH PLACE	Afton Peterson, Ten Sleep FFA
FOURTH PLACE	Kenna Noble, Southeast FFA
THIRD PLACE	Hannah Smylie, Douglas FFA
SECOND PLACE	Kamisha Morris, Buffalo FFA
CHAMPION EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKER	Rachel Derner, Burns FFA

Other Prepared Public Speaking results were:

SIXTH PLACE	Amanda Lewton, Ten Sleep FFA
FIFTH PLACE	Mackenzie Klipstein, High Plains FFA

FOURTH PLACE	Sara Kostur, Torrington/Lingle FFA
THIRD PLACE	Harley Rhodes, Thermopolis FFA
SECOND PLACE	Taylor Wright, Riverton FFA
CHAMPION PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKER	Rachel Derner, Burns FFA

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This youth organization has more than half a million student members nationwide, and more than 2,000 in 50 chapters in Wyoming. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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