

# OUR TOWNS Hartington

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## Hartington Public Speaks Up At State Speech Tourney

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — The hard work put in by the Hartington High School speech team spoke volumes at this year's state tournament.

The team won the Class D1 title of the Nebraska State Speech Contest, which was held March 19 at the University of Nebraska in Kearney.

"We have four individual champions this year, which is the most we've ever had. It's amazing," said coach Linda Kathol.

The team earned 11 medals overall at the competition.

"Just to even medal at the state meet is really quite an accomplishment, and for us to have 11 entries that medaled, that was really outstanding," coach A.J. Johnson said.

"There's a lot of kids that don't even make it to state, much less make it into that final group." Medalists included:  
• The team of Dana Fuelberth and Nicholas Lammers, who took top honors in Drama;  
• Johanna Bryan, who won the Extemporaneous division, with teammate Jordan Rehnstrom finishing fifth;  
• Rehnstrom also finished first in Entertainment, with teammate Alec Fuelberth finishing third;  
• Tara Loecker, who placed first in Informative, and Casey

Steiner took second;  
• Nicholas Lammers and Adam Wortmann finished fifth in Duet Acting;  
• Brittany Hinkel placed second in the Poetry division;  
• Ali Lammers took fifth in the Serious division.  
Nineteen of the team's 37 members qualified for the state competition.

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Kathol said the students gain a lot from participating.

"It teaches them the result of hard work," she said. "They do whatever we ask them to do because they know that it takes extra effort, and that extra effort usually pays off in some form. They're just great to work with. They want to be successful, and they realize what it takes to be successful. I think that's a good life lesson."

"They're the type of kids you don't have to track down for practice," Johnson added. "They want to practice. They want to get better."

Johnson said many of the students successfully juggle their time on the speech team with numerous other activities.

"A lot of our kids are in basketball, so when they get done with basketball practice —

sometimes as late as 8 o'clock at night — they come to speech practice for another half-hour to an hour," he said.

"A lot of times they're here from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 or 9 at night," Kathol added. "They work around basketball and track. Most of the kids are involved in everything."

The outgoing seniors enjoyed their time with the team for different reasons.

Ali Lammers — who participated in both Serious Prose and Duet Acting — being on the team allowed her to stay active in drama and acting in a "personal" way.

"In high school, you get to (choose) your own events, and I think just competing at a higher level is really a thrill," she said. "We know we put a lot of work into it every speech season, and so when you get all these awards, it's really nice, and it feels like you've worked hard for everything that you get."

Megan Kneil participated in Poetry, and said she sees the speech team as a good preparation for later life.

"We'll all do some public speaking at some point," she said. "It really prepares you for things down the road. Whereas other activities might not, speech really does that."

Mason Miller participated in Humorous Prose and Oral Interpretive Drama, the latter of which involved performing a



TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/P&D  
The eight senior class members of the Hartington High School speech team were among those who went to the Nebraska State Speech Contest, where the team won the Class D1 title earlier this month.

condensation of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" with several other students.

Miller said he became involved in speech "basically to get over the whole fear of talking in front of people."

Dana Fuelberth and Thomas Schumacher were also involved in Oral Interpretive Drama.

"I just had a lot of fun doing it," Fuelberth said. "I think public speaking is just a great skill to have, no matter what you do in life."

"It was always really fun," Schumacher added.

Tara Loecker said she enjoyed working with the other

team members, while Jordan Rehnstrom said he liked making people laugh.

Extemporaneous speaker Jo Bryan said her time with the group had a big impact on her future plans.

"I've always enjoyed current events, learning about what's happening in the world, and so speech helped me realize that I really want to end up on TV one day as a foreign correspondent," she said.

In an e-mail, Johnson commented, "We cannot say enough about our seniors. They have been amazing to work with for the past four years, and have

contributed so much to our team, not just as competitors, but as people. They have great character and work ethic and have been so fun to work with. We will miss them incredibly. It's hard to imagine going to a speech meet without them next year."

Other state qualifiers included juniors Nanette Heimes, Brittany Hinkel and Casey Steiner, sophomores Nick Lammers and Adam Wortmann, and freshman Alec Fuelberth.

## WIND

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said the bill is flawed because it gives wind projects a better deal than is given to other large construction projects.



Hunhoff

Rounds noted that he already signed a bill that changes refunds for all categories of construction projects, and he believes that bill should apply to wind farms. The bill he signed allows rebates of 45 percent of taxes on projects costing \$10 million to \$40 million, and 55 percent for those costing \$40 million to \$500 million. Projects of less than \$10 million or more than \$500 million would not qualify.

The new law includes the same breakdown, except there is no upper limit on the cost of projects involving the generation of electricity from wind. That means all wind farms costing more than \$40 million will get a 55 percent tax refund.

House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton said wind energy provides an amazing opportunity for the state, and a couple of companies are trying to decide where they want to locate their wind farm.

"We need to send a message to them that we're targeting them. We want them here," Hunhoff said.

## MMC

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Commissioner for Higher Education in the State of South Dakota, and provost of the University of South Dakota and USD Springfield.

Since last serving at Mount Marty, he has been active in interim leadership and consulting roles in higher education.

"We are delighted that Dr. Krause is again able and willing to serve Mount Marty in this capacity," Weber said in a press release. "He is eminently qualified to assist us in this transition period and in the search for a new president."

Krause will begin his duties at Mount Marty on April 5.

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