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Grand Challenge: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

Title: 4-H Club Day Improves Communication Skills

Why is this issue important?

In an increasingly connected and online world, it is becoming vital that youth learn the value of public speaking skills. Youth need opportunities to develop multiple styles of communication, and opportunities to build confidence and independence. 4-H Club Day is an excellent channel for youth to build these skills while speaking about their own interests.

How did Extension address this issue?

Shawnee County hosted a 4-H Club Day event on February 26th. 4-Hers compete in categories ranging from impromptu presentations, to prepared speeches, to music. 4-Hers also have the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills by competing in team events such as Gavel Games and Model Meeting.



These presentations are scored using the Danish Ribbon System and the top presenters in each group advance on to the Regional Club Day in March.

What was the impact?

A total of 42 Shawnee County 4-Hers gave 57 presentations. They had conference style judging where they were given feedback and ribbon placings.

There are 20 members who will be representing Shawnee County 4-H at the Regional Club Day event in March.

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