Grand Challenge: Developing Tomorrow’s Leaders
Title: 4-H Club Day and Public Presentation 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 that works for them, as well as 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 5th. 4-Hers compete in categories such as impromptu speaking, demonstrations, and musical performances. There are also chances to learn about presenting as a team and parliamentary procedure with model meetings and club skits.

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 47 Shawnee County 4-Hers gave 61 presentations. They had conference style judging where they were given feedback and ribbon placings.

There are 14 members who will be representing Shawnee County 4-H at the Regional Club Day event in March.