

4-Hers give talks on projects; sing and dance

Sherman County 4-H Days Talks and Talent night was held on Friday, March 26.

In junior project talks Christopher Berls got regional blue, Jessi Duell regional blue and Travor Daise alternate regional blue.

In junior demonstrations Parker Nemechek got regional blue, Truman Hooker regional blue and Sierra Vandiver alternate regional blue.

In intermediate project talks Dani Mangus got regional blue, Austin Neufeld regional blue, Sarah Johnson alternate regional blue, Jessica

Johnson blue, Kinsey Volk blue, Layne Goodwin blue and Koal Artzer red.

In intermediate demonstration Layne Goodwin won regional blue, Ashley Anderson regional blue, Siage Vandiver alternate regional blue and Kaitlyn Daise blue.

In senior public speaking Hope Cochran got regional blue, Sydney Winston regional blue and Garrett Nemechek blue.

In senior demonstration and illustrated talks Sydney Winston got regional blue, Mikail Freeman regional blue, Katelyn Coon alternate

regional blue, Kendra Promise blue and Cody Hooker blue.

In junior piano solo Jessi Duell got regional blue, Trent Coon blue, Christopher Berls red, Ryan Volk red and Hannah Dechant red.

In intermediate piano solo Kinsey Volk got regional blue, Amanda Coon alternate regional blue, Kate Zelfer blue and Kelsey White red.

In senior piano solo Berkley White got regional blue and Brianna White red.

In vocal ensemble Country Clover 4-H Club got regional blue.

In junior vocal duet Christopher

Berls and Ryan Volk got regional blue.

In senior vocal duet Matt Murray and Hope Cochran got regional blue.

In pre 4-H vocal solo Matthew Nemechek got a blue.

In intermediate vocal solo Dani Mangus got regional blue, Layne Goodwin alternate regional blue, Amanda Coon blue and Kate Zelfer blue.

In senior vocal solo Brooke Lockhart got regional blue and Hope Cochran alternate regional blue.

In intermediate instrumental solo

Kaitlyn Daise got regional blue, Makayla Kennedy red and Kinsey Volk red.

In intermediate instrumental ensemble Kaitlyn Daise and Dani Mangus got region blue.

In senior instrumental solo Kendra Promise got regional blue.

In senior dance Sydney Winston got regional blue.

In junior dance Brooke Keim got regional blue.

In junior reading Manten Crow got regional blue.

In intermediate reading Amanda Coon got regional blue.

In other talent Manten Crow and Trent Coon got regional blue.

In the skits Prairie Dale 4-H Club got regional blue, Sunflower 4-H alternate regional blue, Glendale Livewires 4-H blue and Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H blue.

On Mondays March 8 and March 15 judging for Sherman County 4-H Model Meeting was held. Sunflower 4-H got regional blue, Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H alternate regional blue, Beaver Valley 4-H blue, Country Clover 4-H blue, Glendale Livewires 4-H blue and Prairie Dale 4-H blue.

Parents should locate their kids before starting car

It's springtime, and that means more children are playing outside. Unfortunately, in that rush to get to the store before it closes, or in the frenzy of getting the entire family in the car to go to Grandma's house, the focus is often on what is in the car - not what is around it.

Safe Kids Kansas encourages anyone driving a vehicle to walk completely around it to check for children, pets, or toys before getting in and starting the engine.

In the United States in 2007, it was estimated there were 5,000 injuries and 205 deaths to children

under age 14 as a result of being hit by a vehicle in a driveway or parking area.

These incidences are known as "backovers" or "frontovers," depending on direction.

"We believe these injuries and deaths are preventable as too many result from a driver not seeing children who might be playing, running after, or standing near their vehicle," says Cherie Sage, State Director of Safe Kids Kansas.

"What is truly tragic about these stories is that oftentimes, the drivers are friends or even family mem-

bers."

Parents and caregivers can follow these simple, low-tech tips to help make sure that children remain safe around vehicles:

- Before getting in the car and starting the engine - walk all the way around the parked vehicle to make sure children and pets are not under or behind it. When possible, engage older kids as helpers to accomplish this.
- Ensure that young children are always accompanied by an adult when getting in and out of a vehicle.

- Talk to your children and identify a safe play area for them to use far away from parked or moving vehicles.
- Identify a safe spot for children to go when nearby vehicles are about to move.
- Know where the children are. When walking near moving vehicles, in driveways, in parking lots, or on sidewalks - make sure to firmly hold the hand of each child that is with you.
- Avoid using driveways as play areas if moving cars have access entering or exiting these areas.

- Supervise children at play. Remind them not to play in neighbors' driveways or alleys where drivers may not be expecting or watching for children.

"Every vehicle has blind zones, in front and in back, regardless of how large or small that vehicle is. So, no matter how important it is at that moment for you to get to your destination on time," says Sage, "taking a five-second walk around your car to make sure that children are not in harm's way could save your family and your child from a lifetime of physical and emotional

pain."

To learn more about keeping your children safe in and around cars, visit www.usa.safekids.org and search for "Spot the Tot".

Safe Kids Kansas a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury.

The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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