

Do Tell



With poise and flare, 33 4-H Alberta members spoke, presented and illustrated through four hours of competition at the 2012 Provincial Communications event held in Edmonton on April 14.

To hear these speakers is to believe they are hardened professionals with decades of communications experience, but in reality they are teenagers and young adults who are just getting their feet wet. The similarity in calibre is truly a testament to the 4-H program and the hard work these members put into their craft.

This year's event, as always, was broken into two separate competitions - public speaking and presentations.

Public speaking saw 12 individuals give a 4-6 minute prepared speech as well as a 2-3 minute impromptu. As is tradition, competitors were given a generic topic by which they had to prepare a new and original speech – within 10 days of the competition. This year's topic was My Alberta and resulted in speeches range from diversity to Alberta's mace to patriotism. The impromptu topics consisted of current affairs and newsworthy topics and can typically be the more challenging of the two speeches.

Presentations can come in a few different forms, including illustrated talks, PowerPoint, and demonstrations and can be done in teams up to three members. 21 4-Hers, comprising 14 teams, wowed the audiences with topics such as Life's Greatest Mystery, Fold It!, Grease Monkeys and Snap, Crackle, Pop! As always the 8-10 minutes needed to present flew by and elicited some great questions from the judging panel and garnered a ton of interest from the crowd.



“Absolutely fabulous on all fronts”, commented Cameron Horner, 4-H Specialist on how the event turned out. “The ability of these young individuals is amazing, with any one of them being able to go into a group setting and do a great job of communicating.”

Public Speaking Results

- 1st – Jillayne Swalwell – Strathmore 4-H Multi
- 2nd – Heather Froland – Amisk 4-H Beef
- 3rd – Kaitlynn Bolduc – Stavely-Parkland 4-H Beef
- 4th – Miles Wowk Jr. – Myrnam 4-H Beef & Multi

Presentations Results

- 1st – J.T. Ross and Raymond Gallelli – Crossfield-Madden 4-H Beef
- 2nd – Jaclynne Vallee and Julie Jodoin - Lakeland 4-H Longriders Light Horse
- 3rd (tie) – Dakota Townsend – Red Deer West 4-H Beef
- 3rd (tie) – Jenna Godwin, Emily Murray and Austin Perreault - Leslieville Trail Trotters

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