

Speech Contests



Laurie Stogdill, the English and speech teacher, came to the Optimist Club with some of her eighth grade students to have them read their essays about the benefits and risks of buying a home. The paper was limited to 300 words. The eighth grade students in Treynor competed in the Iowa contest. Of 250 contestants, the five finalists were all from Treynor. The entire eighth grade class of 55 competed in the contest.

Kay Ticer received a \$1000 scholarship at the State speech contest. Lexi Wood, Madison Hough, Megan Peters, and Kay Ticer read

their papers at the Optimist Club.

In speech class the youth learn use a variety of activities to gain experience. For example, in one exercise they draw a topic from a bowl and then talk on that topic while wrapping a long string around your hand.