

6 students compete in Fremont Rotary speech contest

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Ross senior Grant Gallagher, winner of the Fremont Rotary Club's 'Four-Way Speech Contest,' speaks about the benefits of fishing.(Photo: David Yonke/The News-Messenger)Buy Photo

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FREMONT - Six Ross High School students competed in the Fremont Rotary Club's "Four-Way Speech Contest" on Monday, with senior Grant Gallagher taking the first-place prize of \$300 for his talk titled "Hook, Line and Sinkers."

The contest, held Monday, allotted students five to seven minutes each to give unique talks that cover the four points of Rotary's Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Gallagher spoke with enthusiasm about the benefits of fishing, giving such examples as how spending time on the water can build friendships and how everyone can benefit by helping to preserve nature and the environment. He will go on to compete in a regional Rotary Four-Way Test Speech competition in Van Wert on April 8.

Finishing second was Clarita Diaz, a junior at Ross, who was awarded \$200, and third place went to junior McKayla Henry, who won \$100.

Tied for fourth were senior Alfred Parraz and juniors Savannah Krueger and Jazmin Bulger.

The event, held at Fremont Country Club, was the third annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest sponsored by the Fremont Rotary Club.



Ross High School junior Clarita Diaz finished second in the Fremont Rotary Club's 'Four-Way Test Speech Contest.' (Photo: David Yonke/The News-Messenger)



Ross students who competed in the Fremont Rotary Club's 'Four-Way Speech Contest' are, from left, McKayla Henry, Grant Gallagher, Clarita Diaz, Jazmin Bulger, Alfredo Parraz, and Savannah Krueger. At right is Rotary President Doug Beck. (Photo: David Yonke/The News-Messenger)



Ross junior McKayla Henry, who won second place, speaks about her experience as a musician in the school band. David Yonke/The News-Messenger



Jazmin Bulger, Ross junior, speaks on the importance of putting an end to bullying. David Yonke/The News-Messenger



Ross senior Alfredo Parraz spoke about overcoming circumstances in life, such as his experience of growing up in a Detroit ghetto. David Yonke/The News-Messenger



Savannah Krueger, a junior at Ross, spoke first in the speech contest and focused on the Ability to communicate with others. David Yonke/The News-Messenger



Timm Ellenberger, co-chair of the Fremont Rotary Club's 'Four-Way Speech Test.'
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Angie Morelock, co-chair of the Fremont Rotary's 2017 'Four-Way Speech Contest.'
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