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Photo Caption: Kellie Ford, member of the New Beginnings 4-H Club in Kent County, was the winner of the Junior Division of the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

Delaware 4-Hers were recently given the chance to compete in a state-wide 4-H Public Speaking competition at the Delaware State Fair. The contestants, who have all ready won contests at the county level, further honed their public speaking skills, practiced projecting their voices, and overcame that last little bit of stage fright to speak to their audiences. They competed in four different divisions, determined by age, and gave speeches that lasted from two minutes, for the youngest group, to up to seven minutes for the high schoolers.

The results were:

Beginner (8-9 years old)

1. Rachel Winston – “The Crab Hunt” - Sussex
2. Mary Beth Robbins – “You Ruined My Fun Day” - Kent
3. Bobby Johnston – “Getting Messy at Environmental Science Camp” - New Castle

Novice (10-11 years old)

1. Josiah Winston – “The Coolest Vacation Ever” - Sussex
2. Daniel Shea – “Frogs of Our Time” - New Castle
3. Justin Grimminger – “Bats – Hunters or Helpers” - Kent

Junior (12-13 years old)

1. Kellie Ford – “Majestic Reindeer” - Kent
2. Joy Winston – “Running the Waves” -Sussex
3. Hannah Harvey – “Homelessness and Hunger: You CAN Make a Difference” -New Castle

Senior (14 and older)

1. Brian Tinsman – “Bigger, Faster, Stronger, Better?” - Sussex
2. Lindsay Schultze – “Animal Testing: A Dying Cause” - Kent
3. Emily Harvey – “The Bosnian Exchange: The Experience of a Lifetime” - New Castle

4-H is the world’s largest youth group, teaching leadership, creativity and other life skills. 4-Hers participate in many events, contests and project areas. Delaware 4-H is a non-profit organization that does not discriminate against sex, race or religion. Delaware 4-H is a part of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Services.