

(Neb.)-Drummer Wins Stars Of Tomorrow

By: Chris Fankhauser Posted at: 04/07/2014 07:48 AM

(Chadron)- After being the runner-up last year, Chadron High School senior Phillip Duncan was the winner of Division IV at the Chadron Kiwanis Club's annual Stars of Tomorrow contest on Sunday.

Duncan played an improvised solo, using five drums of various dimensions and eight sets of cymbals. He added some mystic to his presentation by having the lights turned out while he played with lighted drum sticks that he recently purchased on E-Bay for \$18.

As the winner of Division IV, Duncan receives a \$150 scholarship and is eligible to compete at the Rocky Mountain District contest on April 26 in Longmont, Colo. However, he said Sunday night that he probably won't enter the district event because he also is a distance runner on the Chadron High track team and the Cardinals have a meet that date.

The runners-up in Division IV were Quinn and Sage Tiensvold, who sang a duet, "Hallelujah." The Tiensvold sisters have a Rushville address, but attend Hay Springs High School.

There was a wide variety of presentations on this year's program.

The first place winner in Division I for kindergartners through third graders was Kylah Jo Vogel of Crawford, who sang "Let It Go." Piano soloists Lucy Rischling and Sophia Wess, both of Chadron, placed second and third, respectively.

There were 13 entries in Division II made up of fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Gracie Jones won top honors with her dance called "Beat It." Second went to Joshua Fernau with a vocal solo "Don't Laugh at Me" and third place was awarded to Maralee Rischling for her piano solo.

The competition also was stiff in Division III that was open to seventh through ninth graders. Jared Fernau received the first place trophy for his magic act that he called "Fooled, Fooled Again." Second place went to Josie Stewart, who sang "Daddy's Hands," and third was awarded to the dance duo comprised of Taurie Pourier and Brooklyn Stack.

All the placewinners in Divisions II and III have Chadron addresses, but Stewart attends the Hemingford schools.

While the judges were deliberating, last year's Division IV winner, Kodi Baumann of Chadron, sang a couple of numbers. Baumann is also the reigning Miss Chadron.

(Story courtesy Con Marshall)