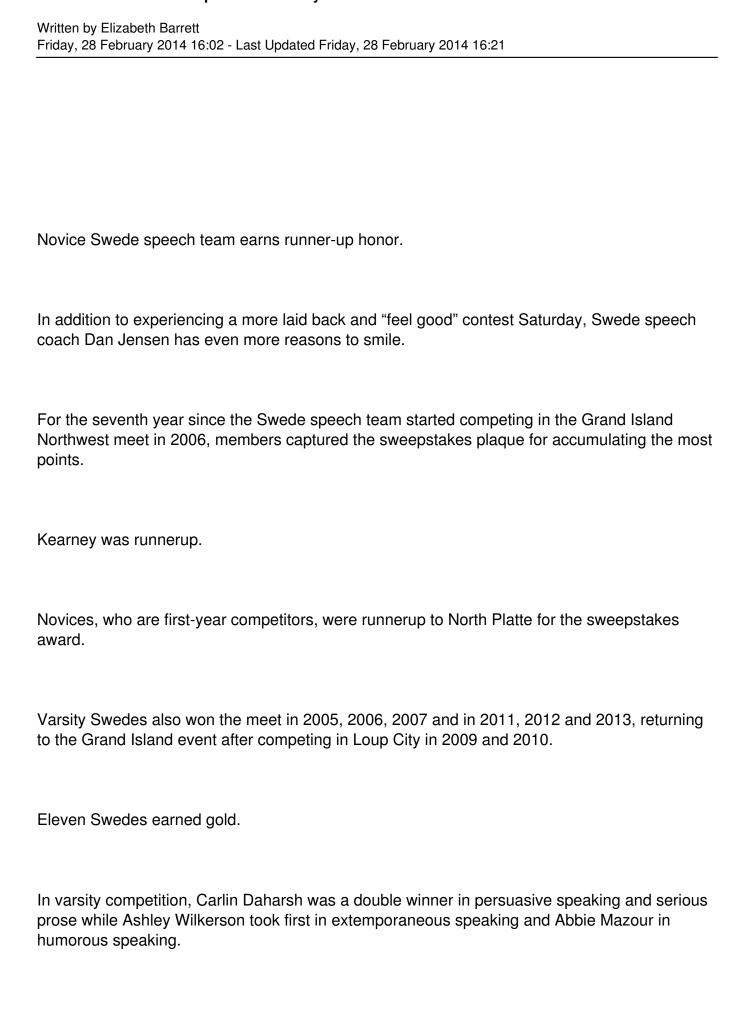
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Alayna Collins won gold in entertainment speaking and Drake Langley and Kayla Trevino teamed up to win duet acting.

Trenton Long and Brett Mann captured first in a fun event at the contest known as improvised duet. Competitors have 30 minutes to create a skit (with a given topic) and present it to judges.

In the novice division, twins Jason Jobman and Nathan Jobman were judged first in duet acting and Julyssa Rocha stood in the winner's circle for persuasive speaking.

The Swedes dominated two events—humorous speaking and serious prose—as they were four of the top six medalists and took first in both events.

In addition to Gothenburg and Grand Island Northwest, schools represented at the meet included Fairbury, Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Grand Island Central Catholic, Milford, North Platte, Shelton, Holdrege, Arapahoe, Adams Central, Doniphan Trumbull, Lexington, Central City, Alma, Litchfield and St. Paul.

About the sweepsteakes win, Jensen said it was great to get ready for the SWC and district meets with a positive attitude and on a winning streak.

Still, he worries about maintaining a competitive edge.

"The students have had their material polished long enough that their performances can become stale," Jensen explained. "It's hard to tell a story like it's the first time it's been told when you have been competing with the material for seven weeks."

On Tuesday, the varsity team was cut in half since the Southwest Conference and district meets only allow two competitors per event.

Varsity: 1. Alayna Collins

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The next meet will be the Best of the West in North Platte on March 8 followed by Southwest Conference in Ogallala on March 11. Districts are set for March 20 in Gering.

Medalists included: Extemporaneous speaking Varsity: 1. Ashley Wilkerson, 6. Faith Rickertsen Novice: 2. Alex Meyer Persuasive speaking Varsity: 1. Carlin Daharsh, 2. Sara Picci, 5. Alayna Collins Novice: 1. Julyssa Rocha, 2. Ebony Anderson, 4. Kaelyn Young Informative speaking Varsity: 4. Rachel Rice, 6. Trenton Long Entertainment speaking

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Novice: 3. Alex Meyer, 6. Dominic Long Humorous prose Varsity: 1. Abbie Mazour, 3. Dylan France, 4. Jett Seimer, 5. Brett Mann Serious prose Varsity: 1. Carlin Daharsh, 2. Abbie Mazour, 3. Betsy Potter, 5. Drake Brand Poetry Varsity: 2. Carlin Daharsh, 3. Betsy Potter, 5. Roman Schmidt Duet acting Varsity: 1. Kayla Trevino and Drake Langley, 4. Drake Brand and Brett Mann, 5. Jett Seimer and Joseph Darling Novice: 1. Jason Jobman and Nathan Jobman Improvised duet acting

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Varsity: 1. Brett Mann and Trenton Long, 4. Drake Brand and Dylan France

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Varsity: 2. Gage Taylor, Kaylee Beyea, Kayla Trevino, Alayna Collins, Trenton Long

Also competing were Kennedy Wahlgren Rebecca Riley, Kaelyn Young, Brianna Richey and Macy Schroeder.