

Essay contest for high, middle schoolers

Deadline is Oct. 31

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CRESWELL – The Creswell VFW & Auxiliary Post No. 4039 is holding its annual essay contest in which students can win scholarships and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C., along with an adult.

The Voice of Democracy competition was established in 1947 and is the VFW’s leading scholarship program. It’s a chance for high school students, grades 9 to 12, to put their patriotic pledges to print and presentation, as they compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is, “What Makes America Great?”. The national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

The Patriot’s Pen Essay is for middle school students, grades 6 to 8, who are given the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills under the theme of “What Makes America Great?”.

The deadline for submissions is Oct.31. For entry forms and more information, call 541-255-5105.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Creswell School District Community Forum

CRESWELL – Creswell School District Community Forum will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 6-7 p.m. at the District Office Conference Room** located at Creslane Elementary School. Share your thinking and input on investing in our schools.

“Improving education in Creswell will take all of us,” said Creswell School District Superintendent Michael Johnson. “Come add your voice to the conversation and help us develop a plan for our schools and district for the next three to five years.”

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Doug Allison has been instrumental as a volunteer, and in bringing in other volunteers, for Creslane Elementary School’s Intergenerational Reading Collaboration (IRC) since its inception; the program is now in its seventh year reading with students in classrooms. As pastor at Creswell Church of Christ, Allison contacted the school district seeking volunteer opportunities just as Laurie Swanson-Gribskov was starting a pilot IRC program at Creslane, and Allison continues as a volunteer and enthusiastic advocate of the program.



Creswell High School

Jenessa Mallory has started her senior year off with a bang! As ASB president, Principal Adam Watkins says she is a great student leader, taking hold of the leadership mantle and offering suggestions to help the school provide engaging activities for students. She also excels in the classroom: Calculus teacher Scott Worsham says she’s consistently “on it” in class and excelled on the first quiz and test. “We appreciate her work ethic and attention to



detail as a leader and as a student/athlete,” Watkins said. Keep up the good work!

Creslane Elementary School Students of the Month



From left, top: Jack Wilson (5th), Addyson Larson (5th), Hunter Lowell (4th), Abigail Arnold (5th), Avery Dodson (5th), Mason Keiper (4th), Terrin Kemp (4th) and Clarity Johnson (4th). Middle: Leah McGinnis (3rd), Conner Cheatham (3rd), Sophia Nibblett (3rd), Paislee Garton (2nd), Lyric Pelham (2nd), Olivya Hook (2nd) and Olivia Swarengin (K). Lower: Adalynn Morgan (1st), Jessalyn Caldwell (1st), Addy Higley (K), Aliyah Anderson (1st), Racquel Leach (1st), Preston Sears (K) and Jessica Richey (K). Not pictured: Violet Knapp (2nd) and Kristen Gardner (3rd).

Creswell Middle School Students of the Month



From left: Talon Villines (8th), Sarah Trout (6th), Matthew Jenkins (6th), Leaghanna Sharp (8th), Sydney Brink (7th) and Aram Pisani (7th).

Creswell Christian Academy Students of the Month



From left, top: Elizabeth Stewart, Sam Abrams and Gavin Crowl; lower: Gracie Cook and Grace Azzato.