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We wish them continued success!



(From left) Lorna Byrne students Erik Carter, Cody Chiverton, Daniel Nordal, Eddie Goynes, Meghin Pitts, Stacey Miller, Amanda Maher, Rusty Wilson, Kevin Snook, Danny Yates and Stephanie Christianson.



(Rear, from left) Evergreen students Cheyenne Johnson, Andrew McLaughlin, CeCe Emerti, Caitlyn Jones, Felisha Ripley, Jaimme Foster, Rebekah Sawall, Myane Dhenin and Bradley Sawall. (Front, from left) Marisol Sanchez, Thea Barker-Cortrecht, Tyler Robbins, Danielle LaVassaur, Joseph Schlabach, Devon DeNoon and Cooper Chapman.



(Rear, from left) Lorna Byrne Middle School students Ben Kendall, Tracie Losey, Trinity LaRue, Aleesia Hennings, Lydia Mae Anawalt, Sara Austin, Jared Blair, McKenzie Yeoman and Cedar Cosner. (Front, from left) Desiree Miatke, Selina Barrett, Ryan Andrews, Desare Foster, Harlan Mechling and David Mier.



(Rear, from left) Evergreen students Imani Hess, Josh Badgett, Jonathan Nichols, Brana Grabarz, Savannah Richardson, Daniel Gomez and Seth Williams. (Front, from left) Rachel Miller, Amber Webb, David Williams, Amanda Brooks and Samantha Milner.



(Rear, from left) Lorna Byrne students Kara Tyler, Sierra Burch, Sabrina Swartz, Marina Gail, AJ Barber, Cello Nordal, Craig Meichtry and Jalene Morris. (Front, from left) DeAnne Papillion, Forrest Oxley, Audrey Mechling, Lindsey Aria, Ashley Webb, Marissa Litak, and Kieran Rose.



(Rear, from left) Evergreen Elementary School students Lander Nordal, Bryce Gardenshire, Luke Mulligan, James Williams, Rickey Keith. (Front, from left) Brelyn Dhenin, Liam Dwyer and Kristina Williams.

Lorna Byrne Middle School pupils turn out for annual speech tourney

A volunteer crew of 26 citizens served as judges for a speech tournament at Lorna Byrne Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 24.

The event, organized by teachers Lacey Fox and Julie Barnes, lasted approximately three hours.

Principal Peter Maluk noted that it is the first such event since Jack Dwyer retired as a teacher two years ago. Previously, it was held annually, and indications are that it will reach that frequency again.

Top winners:
 *Impromptu - Eddie Goynes 1st, Forrest Oxley 2nd, Craig Meichtry 3rd, Jalene Morris, 4th, Sara Austin 5th.
 *Readers Theater -

1st place with "Two Pigs," Sara Austin, David Mier, Harlan Mechling, McKenzie Yeoman, Lydia Mae Anawalt, Cedar Cosner, Jared Blair.

2nd place, "Boy Meets Girl," Marina Gail and AJ Barber.

3rd place, "Ladies First," Kara Faye Tyler, Sierra Burch, Sabrina Swartz.

*Humorous poetry - Bryan Mendivil, Cody Chiverton, Amanda Maher.

*Choral reading - 1st: Danny Yates, Rusty Wilson, Meghin Pitts, Tonya Tyler.

2nd: Marissa Litak and Kieran Rose.

3rd: Ryan Andrews and Selina Barrett.

*Storytelling - Desiree

Miatke, Desare Foster, Ashley Webb, Craig Meichtry.

*Speeches - 1st, Daniel Nordal. 2nd, Lindsey Aria. 3rd, Stacey Miller.

*Serious poetry - 1st, Sara Austin. 2nd, Forrest Oxley. 3rd, Erik Carter.

*Serious read-aloud - 1st, Audrey Mechling. 2nd, Stephanie Christiansen.

3rd, Kevin Snook.

*Read-aloud humor - 1st, Celilo Nordal. 2nd, DeAnna Papillion.

*Children's lit - 1st, Aleesia Hennings. 2nd, Ben Kendall. 3rd, Tracie Losey.

Honorable mention, Trinity LaRue.

IVHS equestrian team gallops to district meet

The Illinois Valley High School Equestrian Team competed at its first district meet on Feb. 4, 5 and 6 at Jackson County Expo.

There are 14 schools in the Southern District with 160 participants.

I.V.'s team consists of

seniors, Kaylah Arnett, Echo Reagan and Brent Rollins; junior, Sarah Arnold; sophomores, Kelsey Arnett, Angel Cavallo, Tony Cavallo, Tiffany Thom; and freshmen, Nicole Farr and Abram Mahoney.

"We have a great group

of riders," said the coaches. "They all did an exceptional job at the first meet."

Team classes: The IVHS eight-member drill team -- Kaylah, Kelsey, Sarah, Tony, Nicole, Abram, Echo and Brent --

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Evergreen Elementary students win at Three Rivers District Science Fair

Forty projects from Evergreen Elementary School were entered in the annual Three Rivers School District Science Fair in Murphy on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

According to teacher Pat Brandt, the following Evergreen students entered projects:

Cooper Chapman, silver; (all the rest, bronze) Josh Badgett, Sarah Spring, Devon DeNoon, Myana Dhenin, Cheyenne Johnson. Daniel Gomez, Briana Grabarz, Sierra Heikka, Imania Hess, Dalton Jones, CeCe Imerti, Robert Lowden, Brandi Matheson, Luna Healy, Rose Summers.

Andrew McLaughlin, Rachel Miller, Samantha

Milner, Shelbie Mason, Savannah Richardson, Tyler Robbins, Danielle LaVassaur, Bradley Sawall.

Zach Silva, Jamie Sawall, Marisol Sanchez, Joseph Schlabach, Levi Vasquez, Xenia Velasco, Kristen Vidales, Amber Webb, David Williams.

Participation awards: Joyce Bowles, Jaimme Foster, Carly Jensen, Catie Jones, Felisha Ripley, Rebekah Sawall, Gus Wicheloe, Seth Williams.

The following Evergreen students participated, received an award, and place in their science categories:

Thea Barker and Jonathan Nichols (class project,

teacher Tammy Griffis), bronze award and honorable mention.

Ashley Barto (class project), bronze and honorable mention.

Brelyn Dhenin, bronze and second place.

LiamDwyer, silver and second place.

Bryce Gardenshire and Luke Mulligan (class project, teacher Mary Orton), participation award and honorable mention.

Lander Nordal, silver and second place.

Kristina Thomas, silver and second place.

James Williams and Rickey Keith (class project, teacher Becky Kelly), bronze and third place.

Trees, though they are cut and lopped, grow up again quickly, but if men are destroyed, it is not easy to get them again.

- Pericles -