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John Greer spellers take second place at county tourney

What's in a word?

Letters, and it helps to get them in the right order.

The John Greer Grade School spelling team did just that last week, finishing second among four teams at the Vermilion County Team Spelling Contest on Feb. 10 at the Bremer Conference Center at Danville Area Community College.

The John Greer team correctly spelled 74 words for their second-place finish.

Last year, the John Greer team finished first in the county.

Representing John Greer were Maya Clemmons, Brandon Davis, Michael Donley, Precious Hatton, Dustin Hurt and Aaron Yates. The team is coached by Margaret Mulcahey.

Donley was one of four spellers at the competition who perfectly spelled all his words.

The winning team was from North Ridge Middle School with 84 words. Other teams included St. Paul's Grade School with 72 words spelled correctly and Oakwood Junior High in fourth place with 64 correct words.

The teams advanced to the finals from sectional competition held Feb. 8 at North Ridge Middle



This year's John Greer spelling team members are, front row, Maya Clemmons; middle row, Precious Hatton, Aaron Yates, Brandon Davis; and back row, Margaret Mulcahey, Dustin Hurt and Michael Donley.

School in Danville. There, North Ridge squeaked past John Greer 55 to 54.

Other schools in the sectional were Mary Miller Junior High, St. Mary's Grade School and Danville Lutheran School.

Rossville-Alvin students attended sectionals at St. Paul's, finishing fourth with 35 words. Team members included Rachel Cundiff, Christi Richardson, Emily Weinard and Beth Weston.

Their team faced sectional competition

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What a busy three years for Keep Vermilion County Beautiful volunteers! Please allow us just a moment to look back before we look forward toward a clean, healthy, beautiful future for Vermilion County residents.

In 2002, a small group of individuals heard the grumblings and complaints about litter resounding

from one end of Vermilion County to the other. We decided it was time to stop complaining and start moving! KVCB was certified by the national Keep America Beautiful and state Keep Illinois Beautiful in June - and off we went!

We weren't sure how we were going to accomplish everything, nor if we would be able to get volunteers. But you should never underestimate your neighbors. Communities, townships, organizations, churches, schools, industry, business, neighborhoods and individuals stepped up. We all got busy and what an incredible result!

We have held annual Great American Cleanups for the last three years, in which communi-

ties and townships throughout the county clean up their areas. We partnered with HALO to create an ongoing Adopt-A-Spot program, with 36 groups so far making a commitment to clean up their "adopted" areas three times a year. We also worked to create an anti-littering education video for driver's education classes in schools across the county. We're partnering with U of I Extension for a beautification project - giving free seeds to individuals to plant flower gardens, with prizes to the winner. We're starting a River Cleanup program in partnership with the 2005 Leadership Tomorrow class and Middlefork Canoe Outfitters. And our "Take Pride - No Trash Outside" program continues, with over 100 signs posted

across the county. Our mascot, Spot Less, is in the schools and parades. We even have people who walk, picking up litter as they go - they're the "Trash Walkers!"

Anyone can be part of this effort. Won't you join us? There is still so much to do. We always welcome new volunteers. And memberships are \$100, a special offer for businesses right now includes cleanup kids and a "Take Pride" sign for \$150 or, for the same amount, two signs and a membership.

Don't sit on the sidelines - get involved! For more information, give me a call at (217) 283-4012.

Kristi Hudson

President, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful

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Briefly

Lions Club announces winners

The Hoopeston Lions Club has announced winners from their drawing held at Pancake Day last week. They include: Community Bank, \$100 gift certificate, Hoopeston Express Lube; Elaine Leemon, \$100 gift certificate, Hoopeston Convenience Food Mart; Rita Rethelford, \$100 gift certificate, Price-Less Foods; Ray Williams, \$100 gift certificate, Brown's Cash & Carry; Isaias Diaz, power washer; and Will Clayton, snow blower.

Tiny Tots

"Miss Spider's Picnic" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may bring sack lunches. Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Police News



LT Garrett, 29, of 513 E. Seminary, turned himself in to police at 12:59 a.m. Wednesday. Garrett, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$40 cash bond.

A **38-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone threw eggs on his Chevro-

English as a second language

Danville Area Community College will offer English As A Second Language courses starting Feb. 15. Classes will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St.

For information, call Maria G. Linares, (217) 283-7838.

Clases en Ingles comienzan el 16 de Febrero. Las clases son gratis y se ofrecen por el Colegio de Danville Area Community. Las clases se ofrecen todos martes y Jueves de 6:30-9 p.m. en la Iglesia Metodista, 403 E. Main, Hoopeston.

Para mas informacion, llame Maria G. Linarez, al (217) 283-7838.

GED review classes

Free GED review classes began Feb. 14. Classes will be offered from 3:30-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Hoop-

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 31. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 16. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 31, low 24.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

eston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

Students may register at the Multi Agency or on the first night of class. For more information, call Gene Hanson, (217) 283-6785 or the Multi Agency, 283-5544.

FFA jackets needed

The North East Vermilion FFA Chapter is seeking donations of official FFA jackets for members to use during National FFA Week and various activities remaining for this year. Anyone willing to donate a jacket or loan it to the chapter for use this year, please call (217) 748-6600 or e-mail nevffa@hotmail.com to make ar-

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