

School notes

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Johnson County Spelling Bee

The following students from the Blue Valley and Leawood area were scheduled to participate in the Johnson County Spelling Bee on Friday. Please see today's Metropolitan section for the story on the bee.

- Shawnee Mission: Meagan Heubner, Mission Valley Middle; Laura Nelson, Brookwood Elementary; Mary Weatherholt, Corinth Elementary; Andrea Tudhope, Somerset Elementary.

- Blue Valley: Marianne Ahlmann, Blue Valley Middle; Chris Kurtz, Cottonwood Point Elementary; Maziar Adloo, Harmony Elementary; Kayla Hulen, Harmony Middle; Shan Bhaskar, Heartland Elementary; Andrew Ross, Indian Valley Elementary; Mary Kate Betts, Leawood Elementary; Anthony Accurso, Leawood Middle; Brittany Bates, Mission Trail Elementary; Jimmy Kirkpatrick, Morse Elementary; Laura McKelvey, Oak Hill Elementary; Jason Hoffman, Overland Trail Elementary; Elliott Ewert, Overland Trail Middle; Sabrina Williams, Oxford Middle; Emily Owens, Pleasant Ridge Middle; Matthew Nichols, Prairie Star Middle; Michael Fitzmorris, Stanley Elementary; Jennifer Silvey, Stilwell Elementary; and Alexandra Vendetti, Sunset Ridge Elementary.

- Private: Elisabeth Bronbaugh, Jo Co Independent Educators; Christopher Hall, St. Andrew's Prep Academy.

- Parochial: Collin Kowalewski, Ascension Catholic; Kaitlin Byrne, Cure of Ars; Tricia Vivona, Nativity Parish; Pratiksha Thaker, Oxford Park Academy; Grace Kay, Westminster Academy; and Amy Coffman, Whitefield Academy. Blue Valley High School

During a January forensics tournament at Blue Valley Northwest, several Blue Valley High students came away with awards.

Among students receiving recognition: Kristin Trum, fifth in house, fifth in oration and sixth in foreign extemporaneous; Tony Biagioli, first in senate, first in oration and first in foreign extemporaneous; Ashley Papon, second in oration and fifth in informative; Drew Steranko, third in oration and third in informative; Sameera Ali, sixth in oration; Anna McCallie, second in informative; Michael Stevens, second in domestic extemporaneous; Shannon Howard, fourth in foreign extemporaneous; Jennifer Bradin, sixth in prose; and Kathryn Harris, sixth in poetry. Blue Valley West

Students earned recognition during a recent forensics tournament at Blue Valley Northwest.

Among the participants and award winners: In duet acting, Anthony McMurray and Katelyn Bogucki took fourth; in improvised duet acting, Anthony McMurray and Katelyn Bogucki took second; in domestic extemporaneous, Amy Sapenoff took third; in original oration, Kari Wolverton took fourth; in dramatic interpretation, Jenny Franz took fourth; and in poetry, Rebecca Nagle took second. Blue Valley North

A long list of students made their mark during a January forensics tournament at Blue Valley Northwest.

Among the competitors and their results: Jeff Anderson and Pierce Weaver, fourth place in improvised duet acting; Jack Angers, fifth place in humorous interpretation; Jack Angers and Danny Luppino, third place in improvised duet acting; Danny Luppino, first place in prose interpretation; Carrie Bien, fourth place in prose

interpretation; Todd Bosley, fourth place in humorous interpretation; Donald Campbell, second place in house; Amy Chang, third place in house; Alex Coppaken, third place in dramatic interpretation; C.J. Edelman, first place in house; Sara Epperson and CJ Laursen, seventh place in duet acting; CJ Laursen, second place in dramatic interpretation; Jeff Garfinkle, fourth place in senate; Melissa Horen, second place in senate; Julia Jezmir, fifth place in dramatic interpretation; John Kultgen, sixth place in dramatic interpretation; John Kultgen and Meg Rosen, fifth place in duet acting; Taylor Price, fourth place in domestic extemporaneous speaking; Matt Reedy, second place in foreign extemporaneous speaking; Jessica Roberts, fifth place in senate; and Jeff Stocker, fourth place in house. Overland Trail Middle School

Students performed "The Sound of Music" this week.

The cast includes: Alyssa Wall as Maria Rainer, Sara Blakesley as the Mother Abbess, Emily Newport as Sister Berthe, Kendra Halvorson as Sister Margaretta, Meagan Pick as Sister Sophia, JaNae Contag as Sister Theresa, Mallory Davis as Sister Gabrielle, Callie Finkle as Sister Katrina, Joel Morrison as Captain Georg von Trapp, Molly Nichols as Liesl, Justin Byous as Friedrich, Emma Casey as Louisa, Sam Burke as Kurt, Michelle Hammer as Brigitta, Alison Woodward as Marta, Emily Hooser as Gretl, Nick Giggy as Franz the Butler, Josephine Borich as Frau Schmidt the housekeeper, Andrew Okenfuss as Rolf Gruber, Victoria Solorzano as Elsa Schrader, Alex Bigus as Max Detweiler, Alex Neumann as Herr Zeller, Julia Bondar as Frau Zeller, Elliot Ewert as Baron Elberfeld, Blair Miller as Baroness Elberfeld, Chris Carter as Admiral von Schreiber, Becky Dellwig as Ursula the Servant, Brian Eby as Festival Master of Ceremonies and Hannah Hoisington as Festival Mistress of Ceremonies.

Among the ensemble players were Dana Aks, Sara Barton, Eden Blair, Karthik Bonam, Annie Brendel, Maggie Cargill, Betsy Cowin, Tiernan Damas, Rebecca Delaney, Becky Dellwig, Caitlin Diel, Michael Elyachar, Paige Fisher, Amy Gaston, Stephen Genova, Garrett Griffin, Kelsie Haire, Lindsay Hall, Jake Hannebutt, Maria Hartfield, Molly Heil, Amanda Heisey, Emily Higgins, Jack Holt, David Horen, Stephanie Horton, Danielle Kemp, Niki Kocourek, Cara Lauster, Erik Lee, Emmy Lieser, Kate LoScalzo, Melissa Mallin, Josh Mark, Kerry McGuire, Abby Meehan, Mindy Moeller, Juliana Norris, Chris Ortals, Preeti Paruleka, Mallory Planchon, Maggie Powell, Laura Ponath, Bailey Price, Lily Rosamond, Rebecca Rosamond, Zach Ruben, Rachael Rutter, Suzanne Rutter, Katie Sachs, Naomi Sadasivan, Alessandra Severoni, Allyson Shaw, Kat Sodders, Ashley Sosebee, Ali Steen, Beth Summers, Samantha Swade, Sara Swezy, Dana Szymkowski, Sara Thompson, Tapasyaa Thumulati, Laura Titus, Aditi Trehan, Akriti Trehan, Bryan Vincent, Julia Vorndran, Nicholas Watine and Kathryn Weaver.

Crew members include Colin Driscoll, Amy Sword, Austin Wallis, Michelle Yu, Ben Tannenwald, Sara Taylor, Paul Tung, Dez Johnston, Colin Kennedy, Nicole Kornspan, Michelle Eden, Michael Shields, Kell Bogdan, Josh Goldenberg, Alex Raich, Joey Vavra, Tiffany Bottcher, Micaela Damas, Ashley Ryan, Drew Hertel, Stephanie Smith, Claire Marberg, Sarah Bell, Esmie Tseng, Kristi Fisk, Anna Gonzalez, Amber Atkins, Kenny Flanagan, Lizz Albert, Chris Cody, Jessie Thompson, Peter Delnero, Madison Jackson, Julian Bjerkan, Melissa Barnes, Jake Lowenberg, Megan Scardino, Colin Fogarty, Austin Baker, Matt Perll and Brooke Estell.

On Tuesday students gave a benefit performance with proceeds going to Hope House and the Shriners Hospital. Bill and Joanna Woodward, parents of eighth-grader Alison Woodward, organized the benefit. Eighth-grader Nick Giggy was to present the proceeds to the recipients. Shawnee Mission East

Students involved with SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) at East will sponsor the annual Grim Reaper Day on Friday. The Grim Reaper will silence people every 22 minutes between 7:40 a.m. and 2:10 p.m., signifying the number of people who will die each day because of a drunk driving-related accident. An assembly will be held at 2:10 p.m. to discuss the events of the day. Oxford Middle

Sabrina Williams, an eighth-grader, won first place in the school spelling bee. Second place went to sixth-grader Kelsey Hill, followed by seventh-grader Ash Mahapatra in third and sixth-grader Miguel Miranda in

fourth. Other participants in the school bee included sixth-graders Katie Green, Ashley Hough, Mona Akbarnia, Cheyenne Russell and Casey Perry; seventh-graders Monica Roberts, Kyu-Sun Cha, Taylor Curry, Holly Cooper, Peter Colletti and Laura Chisholm; and eighth-graders Hannah Baker, Heather Cho, Jimmy Chen, Mason Wu, Mallory Jensen, Kim Winnubst and Jennie Wilson. Harmony Middle

Kayla Hulen, a sixth-grader, won the school spelling bee. Jeff Cabatingan, an eighth-grader, finished second and Emily Fuller, a sixth-grader, came in third. Prairie Star Middle

Matt Nichols, an eighth-grader, won the school spelling bee. Sixth-grader Kelsey Sparrow is the runner-up. Somerset Elementary

Andrea Tudhope was the winner of the school's spelling bee. Runner-up was Hunter Stewart, and Tina Poindexter was second.

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