

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

GINNINGS ELEMENTARY

Local fifth-grader's artwork displayed at State Capitol

Grayson Lovette, a fifth-grade student at Ginnings Elementary, was recently honored by the Texas Art Education Association and had her artwork displayed at the State Capitol as part of Youth Art Month Capitol Exhibit.

Grayson's work was the only selection from Denton County.

Kay Adamson is her art teacher.

HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Harpool competes at state quiz show in Austin

Harpool Middle was one of two teams from North Texas that qualified for the seventh annual Texas Quiz at the Texas Spirit Theater in Austin.

The Harpool quiz team includes: **Jacob Johnson, Abishek Shah** and **Ansh Pujara**. The team sponsor is **Travis Turek**, Texas History teacher.

The Texas Quiz Show is sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association in conjunction with Texas History Day.

DENTON HIGH

DHS Farm Management Team advances to FFA state contest

Denton High's Farm Management Team placed second at the Future Farmers of America Area V competition at Texas A&M University in Commerce – which qualified them for the state competition at Sam Houston State University. At the state contest, they ranked 39th with 50 of the top teams in Texas competing.

The DHS team posted the second-highest scores on the FFA farm management test, which consists of vocabulary, mathematics and farm-based economics questions. The team includes: **James King, Taylor Sorrells** and **Stephanie Watkins**.

James King also posted the second-highest individual score on the test at the Area 5 competition.

This is the first time a Denton High team qualified to attend state.

David Laney is the DHS FFA sponsor

RYAN HIGH

Raider relay teams finish in top five at state 4A track meet

The Ryan High Track Team has again brought home state honors from the UIL Class 4A state track and field meet at the University of Texas at Austin.

The boys' 1600-meter relay team proved to be among the fastest in the state for a second consecutive year. The team finished as state runner-up with a time of 3:14.59 and won the state silver medal.

The relay team includes: **Korey Chappell, Cedric Harris, Sterling Fuggett** and **Terrell Cross**.

The boys' 800-meter relay team, which was going for an unprecedented third consecutive state title, clocked a time of 1:26.98 to finish fifth. The relay team includes: **Korey Chappell, Sterling Fuggett, Reynal Caldwell** and **Cameron Williams**.

Janson Head is the head track and field coach at Ryan High.

AQUATICS

Raider relay teams finish in top five at state 4A track meet

Four Denton ISD teams qualified to compete in the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association State Water Polo Championships at the University of Texas at Austin.

Girls' Teams

Ryan High: The Girls Water Polo Team posted the district's best overall finish by taking seventh place. This was the girls' fourth appearance at the state tournament.

Team members include: **Lidia Arvisu, Devan Brumbaugh, Sarah Dickerson, Briana Hansen, Shayla Henry, Kathryn Ray, Tailar Richardson, Logan Rich, Savannah Seals, Cate Starett, Mandi Sutherland** and **Kenya Zuniga**.

Guyer High: The Guyer girls Water Polo Team finished in ninth place. This was also Guyer's fourth trip to the state meet.

Team members included: **Ashlyn Anderson, Christina Coon, Reagan Fentress, Erin Hopkins, Alex Olaniyi-Oke, Kassie Pritchard, Maria Carrelo Rodriguez, Allie Tester** and **Lauren Watts**.

Boys' Teams

Ryan High: The Ryan Raiders Boys Water Polo Team finished ninth. This was their fourth appearance.

Team members included: **Cole Anthony, Spencer Anthony, Daniel Davenport, Blaine Gaston, Aaron Lawrence, Tim Roberts, Tristan Sullivan, Morgan Sutherland** and **Alex Worden**.

Denton High: The Denton Boys Water Polo Team boys qualified for their first state tournament appearance and finished 13th.

The Broncos team members included: **Jake Boulter, Gus Cocchiarella, Craig Fleming, Josh Rowell, Levi Tunnell, Andy Ye** and **Kevin Ye**.

Denton ISD also had three individuals recognized for their play at the state water polo tournament:

- **Mandi Sutherland** earned first-team all-state for Ryan.
- **Christina Coon** earned second-team all-state for Guyer.
- **Cole Anthony** earned all-state honorable mention for Ryan.

All of the Denton ISD water polo teams are coached by **Chris Cullen**, the district's aquatics director.

HODGE ELEMENTARY

Principal Sam Kelley named finalist for national honor

Hodge Elementary School Principal **Sam Kelley** was recently named a Top 10 Finalist for the 2012 Texas National Distinguished Principal award by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. She will be honored in June by her colleagues at the state conference.

To earn a nomination - the 10 finalists had to exemplify a commitment to excellence by improving student achievement, be an advocate for students in the community, demonstrate strong leadership skills and be a principal for at least six years.

CROWNOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Crownover math teacher earns national research award

Jo Ellen Bobo, math teacher at Crownover Middle School, has received the 2012 Claudia A. Balach Teacher Researcher Award by the Professional Development School Research Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association.

Mrs. Bobo was recognized for her work on a study titled: "*Are Corrections Worth It? Action Research in Action.*"

The award is given to school district personnel, who honor the true spirit of school-university collaboration.

EP RAYZOR ELEMENTARY

EP Rayzor teacher a winner in national multimedia contest

Michelle Clayton, a second grade teacher at E.P. Rayzor Elementary, was recently named a winner in the fifth annual "Win With Classworks" contest.

Mrs. Clayton was one of four, first-place winners in the top essay contest and one of only two winners from Texas.

For being named one of the Top Four Essay Winners, Mrs. Clayton received a \$150 gift card for instructional materials from Classworks.