

Commendations

Thank you to EMC Insurance and Rowles-Hayes & Carney Insurance for their donation of 5 laptops to Perry High School. EMC partnered with Rowles-Hayes & Carney Insurance, to select Perry High School, one of 12 schools in the state that received computer equipment from EMC as part of an effort to combine learning and technology. The goal of the initiative is to give students a competitive edge in today's tech-savvy world.

Thank you to John McLaughlin, KCCI Meteorologist, for visiting with Perry Middle School students in the Perry Performing Arts Center. Thank you Cinthia Naranjo, a middle school student, and Mr. Essary for contacting Mr. McLaughlin and making the arrangements for his visit.

Thank you to Officer Jans and Officer Hill for providing Drug Abuse Resistance Education to Perry 5th graders. Also, thank you to Jessica Nichols, ISU athlete and former Perry State Track Champion, for speaking at the DARE graduation ceremony.

Thank you to Jenny Eklund and Perry Paint and Design for sponsoring three point goals at home Jayette basketball games this year. (\$300 donation)

Thank you to Susan Brelsford & Clean Works Auto for sponsoring three point goals at home Bluejay basketball games this year. (\$420 donation)

Congratulations to Will Whiton and Ben Daniels for qualifying in the long jump at the Drake Relays. Also, congratulations to Will for receiving the 6th place medal.

Phil Gasche and Jason Krueger competed in Fort Dodge for the Iowa Central Industrial Technology High School Competition Day. Phil competed in Welding and received 2nd Place in TIG, MIG, and Gas Welding and 3rd in Arc Welding. For his efforts Phil won a welding jacket and other equipment. Jason competed in Diesel Technology and WON! For winning Jason brought home a \$2000 Snap-on toolbox. Congratulations to Jason and Phil.

Congratulations to Perry Middle School Band members and their instructor Mrs. Christensen. The Middle School Band received a division 1+ rating at DC-G for large group contest.

Congratulations to Perry High School Instrumental and Vocal students received a II rating at the IHSMA State Large Group Contest in Grimes. Thanks instructors Mr. Cook and Mr. Weishaar.

Thank you to ISU for providing the Trio program which is offered free to students to help them prepare for high school and college. Perry Trio students took trips to Simpson College, Iowa State University, and AIB College in April.

Perry Elementary had 16 talented singers attend the Midwest Children's Choir Festival at CY Stephens in Ames on Friday, April 26th. They performed in a choir of 400 singers made up of Iowa students, Ames Children's Choir singers, and singers from the Madison, Wisconsin Children's Choirs.

Perry High School SkillsUSA members attended the State of Iowa SkillsUSA Contests at Des Moines Area Community College and the Air National Guard Base on April 25th and April 26th and accomplished some great results. 23 students in 16 different contests placed first in their contests and have earned the right to compete in the National SkillsUSA contests in Kansas City on June 24th thru the 28th.

The first place contestants were the team of Kory Fellom, Zach Snow, and Nate Lenz in Automated Manufacturing, the team of Kayla Pruitt, Tiffany Hull, and Maria Arceo in Chapter Display, Connor Sackett in Automotive Service Technology, Matt Delataur in Masonry, Connor Sackett in Motorcycle Service Technology, Andrea Kirk in Customer Service, Caleb Long in Power Equipment Technology for the fourth year in a row, Samantha Sweet in Job Interview and Preschool Teaching Assistant contests, in Criminal Justice Ashley Davis and Tiffany Hull, Michael Reuter in Basic Health Care Knowledge, Jason Krueger in Diesel Equipment Technology, Kelly Wilhelmi in Extemporaneous Speaking and Prepared Speech, Keary Proctor in Photography, and lastly the Quiz bowl team of Jason Krueger, Michael Reuter, Caitlyn Sheehy, Maria Arceo, and Samantha Sweet.

8 students in 6 different contests placed second in their contests. Of the 8 second place winners; 6 placed second to Perry first place winners. The second place finishers were Ashley Davis, Tiffany Hull in Criminal Justice, Andrea Kirk in Job Interview, Kayla Pruitt in Preschool Teaching Assistant, the Promotional Bulletin Board Team of Chelsea Meier, Emily Snow, Angelica Isley, Ryley Anderson in Residential Wiring, and Christopher Benjamin in Technical Drafting.

Nine different students placed third in three different contests. Third place finishers were as follows: Quiz Bowl team of Kelly Wilhelmi, Connor Sackett, Andrea Kirk, Cavan Finn, and Katie England, Rudy Ramirez in Power Equipment Technology, and the Promotional Bulletin Board team of Marisol Macias, Jenna Paul, and Caitlyn Sheehy.

SkillsUSA Iowa also offers three contests that are not done at nationals, but still receive medals. The first one is National T-shirt Design which the winner designs a shirt for all members to wear at the National Competition this summer. Michael Reuter placed 2nd and Tiffany Hull placed 3rd.

In SkillsUSA State T-shirt Design, Cavan Finn placed 1st and Katie England placed 3rd.

In the SkillsUSA National Pin Design contest competitors design a Pin that all students will wear at Nationals as well as trade with people and vendors from across the conference! Katie England placed 1st, Tiffany Hull 2nd, and Andrea Kirk 3rd.

Over all Perry won 16 of the 21 contests they entered and came home with 47 top three medals in the state. Altogether there were 31 students representing the Perry Industrial Technology SkillsUSA Chapter!

The following senior students from Perry were recognized for their outstanding leadership accomplishments, commitment, and leadership to the Perry Industrial Technology department! Your presence, dedication, knowledge will be missed and hard to replace!

The seniors are Matt DeLateur, Andrea Kirk, Kory Fellom, Phillip Gasche, Nate Lenz, Kayla Pruitt, Michael Reuter, Ashley Davis, and Caleb Long.

Perry also had 16 students recognized at the State Conference during the opening ceremonies on Thursday and received Academic Achievement awards for their high academics in school with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

The students are Caitlyn Sheehy, Caleb Long, Cavan Finn, Christopher Benjamin, Emily Snow, Ernesto Fuentes, Jason Krueger, Katie England, Kayla Pruitt, Kelly Wilhelmi, Kory Fellom, Maria Arceo, Michael Reuter, Nathaniel Lenz, Samantha Sweet, and Zachary Snow.

Andrea Kirk, Michael Reuter, Kayla Pruitt and Jason Krueger served as State Officers this year. They did great job representing Perry with dedication, passion, and loyalty throughout the year and helped to conduct an exciting Opening Ceremony and Awards / Closing Ceremony. Also elected to the State officer team for next year while at the conference were Jason Krueger, Connor Sackett, Tiffany Hull and Kelly Wilhelmi,

A great thing about this activity is the students must work in the concessions stand and raise money to cover the costs of the expenses to attend the events connected with this organization including dues, registration, hotel, and transportation. This is a huge commitment of time and dedication for these students, but is well earned as well as worth the time that they must put in.

The students were accompanied by advisors Darin Steva and Curt Cornelius.

Congratulations to the following high school students for their efforts at State TSA competition. Connor Sackett and Kody Olsen placed 5th and Kayla Pruitt and Tiffany Hull placed 3rd in Problem Solving. The team of Ashley Davis, Ernesto Fuentes, and Connor Sackett placed 3rd in Technology Quiz Bowl. The RC car team of Chris Rothfus, Dalton Timmons, and Rudy Ramirez placed 5th and Alex Stammer, Kaleb Ackerman, and Ryley Anderson placed 2nd. In the CADD competition Ernesto Fuentes and Christopher Benjamin tied for 4th place.

Congratulations to the following middle school students for their efforts at State TSA. Austin Soll and Daniel Brinton placed 2nd in Problem Solving. Devin Patrick received 2nd Place and Daniel Brinton 9th Place in Transportation Challenge. Jairo and Jacob Murillo placed 2nd in Structural Engineering.

Seven DMACC Perry VanKirk Career Academy students competed at the DECA ICDC International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA:

The students are Emily Beeler – Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan, Alexa Gilmore – Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making, Shelby Townsend – Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making, Amanda Meyer – Advertising Campaign, Hawn Wong – Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making, Jackson VanKirk – Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan, and Connor Keenan – Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making.

The competition consists of an exam or written document and a presentation in front of a judge.

There were 16,000 high school students there from all over the world including Canada, Mexico, Germany, and The United States.

DMACC DECA Instructor is Ann Gadbury.

RRC Track Conference Boys 2nd Place Team students are Walter Juarez – 1st Discus, Ben Daniels – 1st Long Jump, Will Whiton 2nd Long Jump, 4x800 – 1st (Victor Trinidad, Kory Fellom, Atem Akok, Christian Morales), Keegan Pfau – 4th 3200, Will Whiton 1st, 100, 200, 4x200 4th (Caleb Jans, Kory Fellom, Will Whiton, Ben Daniels), 1600 Medley – 2nd (Caleb Jans, Kory Fellom, Ben Daniels, Christian Morales), Atem Akok – 1st 800, 4x400 – 2nd (Atem Akok, Kory Fellom, Ben Daniels, Christian Morales)

Cody Eichmeier was named RRC Coach of the Year.

Daisy Cerna placed 4th in the 1500.

RRC Soccer Academic All-Conference (3.25 GPA/Higher, Letter winner Grades 10-12) students are Jason Mena, Oscar Chavez, Serenity Ewing, Alexa Gilmore, Katerine Mena, and Erica Tenold.

The Golf RRC All-Conference player is Shelby Townsend.

The RRC Golf - Academic All-Conference (3.25 GPA/Higher, Letter winner Grades 10-12) students are Reagan Hawbaker, Jackson VanKirk, Jason Krueger.

The boys' golf team earned the Golf IHSAA – Excellence in Academics Team Award (3.00-3.24 GPA).

The RRC Golf - Academic All-Conference (3.25 GPA/Higher, Letter winner Grades 10-12) students are Emily Beeler, Melissa McNamara, Samantha Sweet, and Shelby Townsend.

The girls' golf team earned the Golf IHSAA – Excellence in Academics Award (Team 3.20-3.60 GPA).

The RRC Track - Academic All-Conference (3.25 GPA/Higher, Letter winner Grades 10-12) students are Caleb Jans, Jason Mena, Cody Chance, Riley Kimrey, Michael Pentico, Andy Wolter, Bryce Bucklew, Scott James, Zach Roberts, Will Whiton,

Nic Wilhelmi, Rachel Rothmeyer, Daisy Cerna, Laura Finneseth, Maggie Beidler, Amy Marckres, Shelby Townsend, Lesley Oblea, Maggie Lowe, Emily Pace, Leah Reuter, and Mary Wilhelmi.

Thank you Guthrie County Hospital & GCH Family Medicine athletic physical program for the donation of the cost of athletic physicals back to Perry High School.

Good news! Perry Elementary School was awarded the Fresh Fruit and Veggie snack grant for the 2013-2014 school year. According to the Dept. of Ed, Bureau of Nutrition and Health received over 160 applications from schools across Iowa.