

Education

GOVERNOR'S CUP RESULTS



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The ALES Championship Team is pictured. Front Row, from left, is Maria Wade, Norah Phelps, Raylan Skaggs, Brent Rowe, Darren Eagle, and Harbour Powell. Second Row is Kathy Ross, Nolan Crain, Vivianne Perkins, Burke Phelps, Pepper Goeing, Grayson Budd, Colton Kresel, and Andrew Coy.



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The HES Future Problem Solving Team placed first. Pictured, from left, is Wyatt Allen, Eric Mittelstadt, Scarlett Shaw, and Sebastian Murray.

Taylor County Intermediate School was the place to be on Saturday, Feb. 7 as Academic Teams from Abraham Lincoln and Hodgenville

Elementary participated in the District 50 Governor's Cup. This statewide event is sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Academic

Competition.

Abraham Lincoln Elementary once again captured the District Championship with multiple wins in quick recall,



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ALES Quick Recall team members include, front row from left, Raylan Skaggs, Braylee Perdue, Nolan Crain, Burke Phelps, and Harbour Powell. Second row is Vivianne Perkins, Norah Phelps, Brent Rowe, Grayson Budd, and Darren Eagle.

written composition, and subject area assessments. Members of the quick recall team were Brent Rowe, Burke Phelps, Nolan Crain, Vivianne Perkins, Grayson Budd, Darren Eagle, Harbour Powell, Raylan Skaggs, Norah Phelps, and Braylee Perdue. Vivianne Perkins captured fifth place in written composition and Brent Rowe took first in math. In language arts, Burke Phelps

placed first and Maria Wade took third. Nolan Crain placed third and Darren Eagle achieved first place in arts and humanities followed by Norah Phelps in fourth place. The ALES social studies team made a clean sweep as Burke Phelps placed first, followed by Grayson Budd in second and Nolan Crain in fifth.

Hodgenville Elementary student Landry Price placed

fifth in math and the HES Future Problem Solving Team made up of Sebastin Murray, Scarlett Shaw, Eric Mittelstadt, and Wyatt Allen placed first.

These students advance to Regional competition on February 28 which will be held at ALES this year. HES was coached by Jennifer Bryan and Melissa Clark. ALES was coached by Andrew Coy and Kathy Ross.

Heather Bewley Named ExCEL Award Finalist at LCHS

For Heather Bewley, teaching is more than

works to ensure every student is prepared not just for graduation, but for a happy, healthy adulthood where they can contribute meaningfully to their community.

their needs," she said.

Though she moved out of the district years ago and now commutes daily, she continues to choose LaRue County Schools because of its commitment to doing what is best for students. Being named an ExCEL Award finalist, she said, is especially meaningful because it affirms that her MSD students are seen and valued members of the school community.

LCHS Principal Whit-

ney Choate says Bewley exemplifies excellence in both word and action. "Mrs. Bewley is a remarkable educator who consistently places student needs before her own," Choate said. Beyond academics, Bewley helps students develop daily living skills, social confidence, and meaningful community connections. She actively supports inclusion through the B.O.S.S. (Buddies of Special Students) Club, creating opportunities for all students to build relationships and celebrate differences.

Her impact extends well beyond her classroom. Bewley has been instrumental in sustaining the Hawk Pantry initiative, ensuring families facing food insecurity have access to needed resources. She spends her lunch periods managing the share cart with students and often returns to campus during school breaks to restock supplies.

Fellow educator Nikki Waldeck describes Bewley as a "helper", someone who steps up regardless of whether something falls within her job description.

"She does not do these things for recognition," Waldeck said. "Her love of community makes her approachable by students and colleagues from diverse backgrounds."

Perhaps the clearest picture of Bewley's impact comes from her students. They say she teaches them to work, uses sign language, reads books, cheers them on, helps with math, bakes cookies, dances, and even sits beside them during difficult moments.

In her words, and in the life she models daily, excellence is evident.



CALEB PHELPS



Heather Bewley

HOUSE

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licensing boards to collect workforce participation data during license renewals, giving policymakers clearer insight into provider availability and shortages. The bill also allows the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists to grant licenses to qualified applicants already licensed in other states, helping attract experienced professionals while maintaining high standards of care.

HB 508 would create guidelines for private companies who charge a fee to help Kentucky veterans access benefits. The measure would not impact the free options available through nonprofit veterans' service organizations and would require for-profit companies to provide written notification that there are free services available. The bill would limit the fees charged for advising or assisting with veteran benefits; ban deceptive or aggressive soliciting practices; provide notification that free services are available; and

protect veterans personal, medical, and financial information. **HB 508** would also require compensated advisors to file annual report with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and enforces violations under the Consumer Protection Act.

HCR 44 urges Congress to create an accreditation pathway for private companies that assist veterans in navigating the benefits system.

HJR 25 would declare

Kentucky a Food is Medicine state and encourage state agencies to expand programs that use nutrition as part of medical care and disease

prevention.

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