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Art Class Members Show Their Faces at School & at Contests

by Shannon Homesley

On Friday, January 21, seven ninth grade art students traveled to Rockingham for the Junior High Art Olympics. Once they arrived, they chose three categories and started drawing. After all that hard work, the AHS contestants came out on top. Gary Her, Angie Vanore, Kong Vang, Lowell Grooms, John Cresswell, Donald Parrish, and Ricky Hopkins won many first, second,

and third place trophies and numerous ribbons.

By the way, if you have seen Mrs. Hopkins around the halls taking pictures of strange looking people, do not worry. It is only her art students making plaster masks of each other. Be on the lookout for clones of your friends and classmates.



Congratulations to our aspiring artists!

Second Quarter and Semester Honor Roll

The second nine weeks and the first semester ended on January 13. Congratulations to the 174 people who received honor roll.

9th grade Kirby Adcock, Danyl Bailey, Brandon Bivens, Tenaya Brown, Kelly Broyles, Michael Bryan, Wesley Burris, Jeremy Clarke, Stacy Cosgrove, Kristi Dennis, Robert Doby, Connie Edwards, David Eford, Katie Ellis, Stephen Eudy, Heather Freshly, Allen Furr, Devron Furr, Katherine Garrison, Michelle Harris, Jennifer Hartley, Beth Hathcock, Gary Her, Jennifer Holbrook, William Holt, Ricky Hopkins, Allison Hudson, Jennifer Ingram, Melissa Jones, Kerry Kirkpatrick, Elsa Lee, Daniel Lewis, Jennifer Lowder, Erin Mauldin, Kelly Miller, James Monroe, Greg Nahrgang, Michael Payne, Kelly Rakes, Susan Rose, Misty Rummage, Josh Sells, Jason Smith, Tony Thompson, Marci Tucker, Angela Vanore, Dennis Wallace, Carolyn Griffin, Jamie Kennedy, Tresshia Smith, Tabitha Taylor.

10th grade Stephen Anderson, April Bailey, Cedric Baldwin, Matthew Bowers, John Brooks, Alison Burbeau, Chris Burris, Susan Byrd, Kelly Carter, Laura Cauble, Stephanie Cooper, Michael Crowder, Lisa Deppe, Ashley Eford, Shawna Euto, Renee Fink, Jason Hedrick, Mondarius Henry, Brian Herring, Grant Hopkins, Mary Jenkins, Chris Kubik, Josh Lawson, David Little, Eric Lowder, Ginger McGill, Amy Miskell, Kelley Morehead, Mary Nance, Eloise Odom, Allison Pinion, Dustin Poplin, Mandy Poston, Lolita Rivers, Kristina Scott, Mary K. Sharpe, Stephen Smith, Ketan Vaidya, Beth Vanhoy, Ashley Whitley, Kendra Whittington, Chris Woodard, Annette Boysworth, Heather Braley, James Cotton, Sasha Eury, Jennifer Lowder, Thomas Taylor, Beth Vanderburg, Laura Beth Whitley, Gresham Wilhelm.

11th grade Stephen Allen, Alyson Almond, Steve Bost, Courtney Bowers, Andrew Burleson, Ellen Burleson, Michael Carrickhoff, Kevin Carter, Jeremy Clark, Michael Greene, Kara Griffith, Megan Hamilton, Kat Harris, Shannon Homesley, Dale Hopkins, Steven Houck, Marcus Ingram, Debbie Kimrey, Will Lisk, Eric Little, Aleshia Lowder, Keshia Lowder, Rebecca Montgomery, Amy Morehead, Nong Moua, Jeff Nahrgang, Eric Niederer, Anna Norwood, Kellie Palmer, Teresa Pleasant, Mitchell Potter, Aneshia Ridenhour, Deneshia Ridenhour, Heather Smith, Jill Story, Marti Sullivan, Lee Timberlake, Molly Tripp, Sam Tuzenew, Mai Vang, Catherine Weber, Misty Whitley, Michael Davis.

12th grade Scott Anderson, Mary Jo Austin, Robby Bailey, Daniel Brown, Melody Buiwe, Carla Cauble, Jessica Dennis, Jamie Dunn, Elissa Freshly, Kevin Garrison, Kristi Kirkpatrick, Ella Lee, Leigh Ann Mauldin, Jamie Measmer, Brigitte Myers, Hannah Oettinger, Amanda Pelt, Erin Pettit, Jason Phibbs, Elizabeth Redwine, Courtney Rogers, David Smith, Laura Smith, Brett Speight, Emily Stonestreet, Marisa Tuzenew, Candice Vanore, Ami Whitmore, Molly Worth.

Jesse Owens: A Track Legend

by Kim Thomas

Jesse Owens, legendary gold medalist of the 1936 Olympics, is a role model for all young people. Born in Decatur, Alabama, in 1913, young Jesse was the tenth child in his family. He was born an unhealthy child, with chronic bronchial congestion. This and little heat in the winters led to a powerful fight with bad fevers and pneumonia. More so, he was always getting hurt, and once, he stepped in a steel hunting trap.

However, these childhood misfortunes would not keep Jesse Owens down. As the years passed, he became interested in track and field and became one of the very few of his time to receive a track scholarship to college. At Ohio State, Jesse became widely recognized for his athletic abilities, and in 1936, he became a part of the U.S. Olympic team. The Olympics, held in Berlin, Germany, became a tool for Hitler to show off his special handpicked white athletes. However, Jesse Owens, from a poor black family in Alabama, ruined Hitler's dreams of supremacy in the track events. He became the first American to win three gold medals and he set records in the following events; 100 meters, 10.3 seconds; running broad jump, 26 feet 5 8/10 inches; 200 meter, 26.4 seconds. Hitler left the viewing stands and refused to acknowledge the great ability of Jesse Owens. However, the German people and the German athletes did recognize Jesse as the outstanding person and athlete that he was.

Not only did he accomplish Olympic victory, but he became noticed as something else among

his own people... a hero. In a time when whites dominated everything else as well as sports, to see a black man rise to the top was a sign that times were changing. This recognition gave Owens great influence, but he chose to use it in a positive way - he used his influence to help achieve world peace and ease racial tension. "To gain power, you must use your mind and not your fists" was a favorite saying of this great American. Let us honor Jesse Owens during this month of Black History and also during this month of Olympic competition.



Jesse Owens-1936 Olympic Star

Brain Games

by Shannon Homesley

The AHS Quiz Bowl Team has been working long and hard during many Wednesday practices for their upcoming contests. Marcus Ingram, Kelly Carter, Amy Miskell, Jason Phibbs, Robby Bailey, Catherine Weber, and Derek Cook, under the supervision of Mrs. Grigg, competed at the Hi-Q Contest at Davidson College on January 29. There were 64 teams there in all. They also competed in the Stanly County Quiz Bowl Contest at the Stanly County Public Library on February 6. The four county schools were the only teams competing. So, to all you brains, may the wheels of your mind keep turning.



The Quiz Bowl team is hard at work.

Fellows' Finalists

by Shannon Homesley

The Teaching Fellows Scholarship is a \$20,000 scholarship for rising college students interested in a career in education. AHS applicants, Jamie Measmer, Courtney Rogers, Eric Burleson, and Brigitte Myers, advanced to the next level but are still only four of 650 students left in the contest. Only 400 students get the scholarship. The winners must teach in North Carolina for five years to pay back the scholarship. Workshops in Charlotte and Asheville are being offered to those who are district finalists. Our four seniors should know in the spring about their selection! Good luck to all of you rising teachers!



Eric, Jamie, Brigitte, and Courtney are now students but hope to be teachers.