

## **Patriotic work sends five students to state contest**

Five students from Edythe J. Hayes Middle School have advanced to the state-level competition in the Junior American Citizens contest sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. A first-place local wins mean the following students will move on to the state contest in their respective category:

- Stamp Design: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kellie Ramsdale and Hudson Kemp
- Short Story: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Aaron Meek
- Poetry: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kaeleigh Ellis
- Photo Essay: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Oliver Griffen

Other winners from Edythe J. Hayes included:

- Stamp Design: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Zach Atwell; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Maya Hastings.
- Group 2 Stamp Design: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Justice Warner; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, You Sugimura.
- Poetry: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Michael Ho.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution encourages patriotism, history and love of country. This year's contest theme was "America: Land of Opportunity." The Junior American Citizens contest, which is open to grades K-12, has several categories: banner, stamp design, short story, poetry, community service, photo essay and poster. The Bryan Station chapter of the NSDAR sponsored the entries from Edythe J. Hayes Middle School.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution also offers an American history essay contest for grades 5-8 and a Christopher Columbus contest for high school students.