

Winners



Artist: EHS senior Karen Billingsley took home first place honors in a Fourth Congressional District high school art competition. The oil painting is part of a series depicting family members and images of the Billingsley ranch. Each painting only takes Karen a couple of days to complete. The pickup in the winning painting has special significance for the Billingsley family. “My mom learned to drive in that truck,” Karen said. “It’s been parked out at the ranch for years.”



Billingsley’s painting will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol complex in Washington, D.C. along-side other winning entries from districts across the nation. She will travel to Washington, D.C. in July to see her painting displayed in the Capitol where she will be a guest of Representative Dan Newhouse. In the fall she plans to attend Washington State University to pursue a career in nursing. She indicated that she will “always keep art as a hobby and a way to relax.”

Golf Champion: Kenedee Peters, EHS senior, has become a three-time state 2A girls golf champion; the most individual titles in school history. It took a 5 ½ hour marathon round to capture her third title in four years. Peters broke 2A scoring records in winning her first title in 2015. The EHS team won the state title that year. In 2016 she finished in second; to recover in 2017 to earn her second state gold medal.

In each of Peters’ four-years of play in the Central Washington Athletic Conference she was designated as the Most Valuable Player, adding to the numerous titles and championships she has won along the way. Washington State University is where Kenedee Peters will begin the next chapter of her golfing successes.



Track Champion: EHS freshman Kye Mangold, who is vision impaired, made history for the boys track team by winning four events in the ambulatory division at the regional meet held in Ephrata. He won the 100-meters at 21.5, shot-put for 20-5 ½, the discus for 34-11 and the javelin in 35-8. This qualified Mangold to participate in the Star Track-37 Meet in Tacoma where he placed 1st in the 100 meters, 1st in the javelin, 2nd in the discus and 4th in the shotput competitions.

The WIAA created the ambulatory division two years ago to allow students who suffer from vision impairment, hearing loss and other developmental disabilities to compete in track and field in six different events. Mangold was diagnosed in infancy with congenital glaucoma. His vision I classified as 1/20.

“To be able to be with kids my own age and feel normal in a sense. That’s the big thing for me – its what I wanted,” Kye Mangold said. “Being with peers is my way to escape being blind.”

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