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Arthur County Senior Competes in National Oratorical Contest

Audrey Worthing, a senior at Arthur County High School and daughter of John and Staci Worthing, competed in the annual National American Legion Oratorical Contest held April 5-7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was awarded a check from the American Legion for \$1,500.

The first day of competition narrowed the field of 52 participants down to the “Final Three” who squared off against each other the following day. The three finalists were Patrick Junker of Iowa, Caleb Maue of Illinois, and Eden Carnes of Tennessee.

Following the eight to ten-minute rehearsed speech on an aspect of the Constitution and the three to five-minute speech on an assigned article of the Constitution, Patrick Junker was selected as the winner. He received an \$18,000 from The American Legion. Second place was awarded to Caleb Maue and he received a \$16,000 scholarship and third place was award to Eden Carnes and she received a \$14,000 scholarship from The American Legion.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans’ benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today’s armed forces. The youth Oratorical Competition is part of the Americanism pillar and helps to educate our youth on government.

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