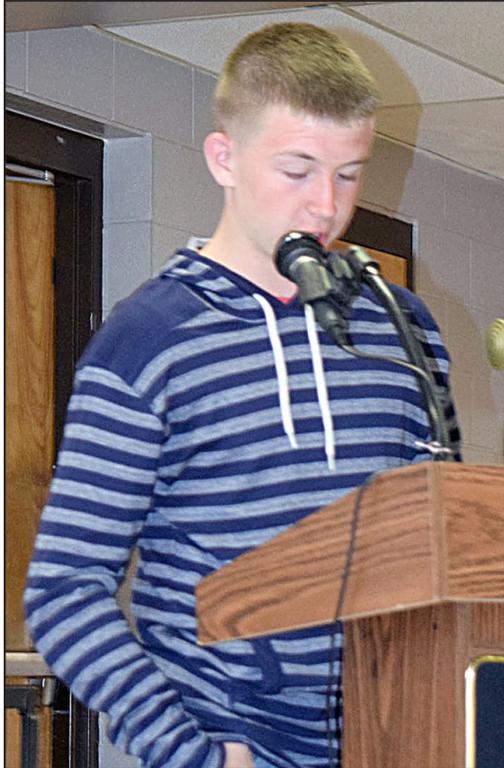


BOE recognizes Tolsia High students



Members of the Tolsia High School football team that were able to attend a Wayne County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday pose with certificates honoring them for being AA State runners-up. WCN photos by Nikki Dotson



Tolsia High School sophomore James Spaulding reads a short story that has been nominated for a state competition during a Wayne County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday.

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GLENHAYES – The Wayne County Board of Education hosted a meeting at Tolsia High School to recognize accomplishments of a sophomore student along with athletes from the school on Tuesday.

James Spaulding, a 10th grader, was recognized for his participation in a writing contest in which he wrote a story about a desk that his teacher Noah Copley is very confident will win a state contest.

“If James doesn’t win, I’m willing to say I’d quit my job because that’s how much confidence I have in his story,” Copley said.

Spaulding read the short story aloud for the audience and board members.

Also honored during the event were three athletic teams from the school who participated in state competitions this year.

First the THS football team was honored for being AA State Runners-up at Wheeling Central this year.

Head coach Mike Smith presented players that were able to attend with certificates.

“They have come through some tough times,” he said. “They started on bottom of totem pole, and to end up the way they did is just a special year for myself, these boys and the Tolsia community.”

Then the THS cheerleaders were honored for also

finishing as the runners up in state competition action and for also being the AA Regional Champions.

Superintendent Sandra Pertee said these girls have “put Tolsia back on the map.”

Coach Trina Fitzpatrick presented the girls with certificates.

“This is the best personally I’ve done as a coach,” she said. “I know my kids are good, and to hear everyone in state rave, and for my kids to bring pride and make Tolsia be where it was in the past to was worth it all.”

Finally, the THS girls basketball team was recognized for big Section II Champions, Region IV champions and for being a state participant.

Coach Ric Morrone presented the team comprised of just 8 girls with plaques and certificates.

“This team is made up of eight brave souls that persevered,” he said. “These girls work hard. What they do behind the scenes to prepare, you can be very proud of.”

Board President Trey Morrone said it is important to recognize student achievements in the county.

“It is very important for us to do recognitions,” Morrone said. “We do special things like these when our students are competing on a state level. We want to have a special event like this to recognize them.”



Members of the Tolsia High School cheerleading team that were able to attend a Wayne County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday pose with certificates honoring them for being AA State runners-up.



Members of the Tolsia High School girls basketball team pose with certificates honoring them for being Section II Champions, Region IV champions and for being a state participants at Wayne County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday.

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