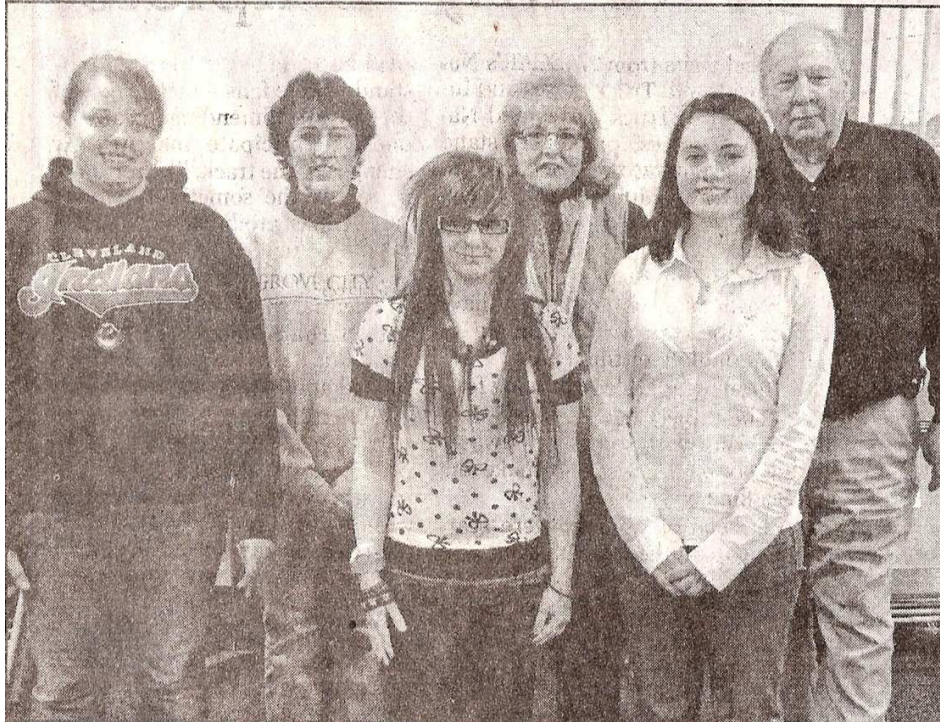


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MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS

State-level winners in the Moose Youth Awareness Program pose Tuesday night at a banquet in their honor at Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 276 with local program organizers. They are from left, Kelly Burns, a junior at Jamestown School District; Heidi Grinnell, a program organizer at Jamestown; Arien Skiba, a sophomore at Commodore Perry School District; Tina McCartney, local chapter coordinator; Alexis Grinnell, a sophomore at Commodore Perry; and Paul Chianese, Moose administrator. Through the program, the students had to present three lessons to preschool to elementary school aged children. Burns' lesson on animal safety, Skiba's on seatbelt safety, and Grinnell's on healthy eating. Skiba, Grinnell and Burns all won scholarships at the state level of the competition — \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 respectively. Skiba placed second for the state and Grinnell placed first for the western half of the state; both will move on to the International Youth Awareness Congress to be held at the end of April in Charlotte, N.C. Also participating were Sara Werwie and Kara Stromyer, both of Commodore Perry, and Seth Herrick of Jamestown. All participating students earned \$100 savings bonds from the local lodge and chapter for completing their kids' talks.



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GET READY FOR ... CHILI COOK-OFF SATURDAY

Children in the Even Start program at The Literacy Council in Greenville put the finishing touches on a poster announcing the seventh annual chili cook-off to take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Moose Family Center, 32 Shenango St., Greenville. From left are Jazmyne Richardson, Alexia Baker, Kyle McGirr, and Liam Richardson. Their parents, who are learners in the Adult Education Class, will be one of the groups cooking chili in the hopes of winning a trophy or a cash prize. Co-hosted by Greenville Moose Riders, the cook-off benefits the many services, including Even Start, provided free of charge by The Literacy Council, and highlights Literacy Awareness Month in Mercer County. At least 18 cooks will serve up their favorite chili recipes from hot and spicy to vegetarian and everything in between. Tickets are available at the door or at The Literacy Council located on the corner of Main and Mercer streets in Greenville.