



**By Jan Schultz**

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Two students and a teacher at Chase County Schools were recognized Sunday by members of the District 4 VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary.

Arlys Cupp, a kindergarten teacher, received the district's K-5 Outstanding Teacher Award and will represent the district in the state competition. The state winner will be announced in June.

Cupp received a \$50 check and certificate. Selection is based on the teacher's performance in the classroom as well as community service, said Sue Moore, president of the Imperial VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Kayla Schilke, a seventh grader, earned second place in the district for her Patriot's Pen essay on the theme, "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers?" She received \$100 and a certificate.

The Patriot's Pen competition is for students in grades 6-8, and requires a 300-400 word essay.

Liz Tomky, a CCS junior, took third in the district in the Voice of Democracy contest. The theme this year was "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" She received \$50, a certificate and medal.

The Voice of Democracy contest is for grades 9-12 students, who submit a three to five-minute tape of the recitation of their essay.

All three contests are sponsored by the VFW Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries in local communities. The two students advanced to districts after placing in the Imperial contests. Cupp was entered in the district competition by the VFW Post. There are also Outstanding Teacher Awards for grade levels 6-8 and 9-12.