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YorkCounts recognizes winners of student art, essay contest

York, March 30, 2010 – Three York County students received \$250 savings bonds for winning YorkCounts’ first student art and essay contest. The students were recognized March 26 during the 2010 YorkCounts Summit.

The contest challenged students to answer this question: “What Makes York County One Great Community?” Each winner received a \$250 savings bond from PeoplesBank. The winners were:

- Elementary: Kirsten E. Arcarese of East Berlin, Grade 6, North Salem Elementary School, essay
- Middle School: Adin M. Brubaker of Red Lion, Grade 8, Logos Academy, essay
- High School: Jaquell Dewberry, Grade 10, William Penn Senior High School, illustration

Arcarese wrote an essay highlighting the county’s educational opportunities, its system of parks and the annual Envirothon competition that brings together education and the outdoors.

Brubaker wrote about proximity to transportation, which gives lots of travel options and puts York close to recreational opportunities in Hershey, Gettysburg and Lancaster..

Dewberry made an illustration that highlighted institutions such as the Salvation Army and Penn State York to create a message of a community that cares for all individuals.

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