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Local High School Envirothon Team Wins State

Curtis – Five students from the Wauneta Palisade High School competed Saturday at the 2007 Nebraska State Envirothon Competition held at Fort Robinson State Park, in Crawford, NE. Under dark skies, between downpours and occasional lightening, this team scored first place with 321.7 points, 46 points more than the second place winning team, Norris High School. The five-member team included Stacey Wright, Donna Schluckebier, Luke Wright, Jesse Skelton, and Brennan Keiser. Wauneta Palisade Science Teacher Teresa Hayes coached the team. Third place was taken by Bellevue East High School team.

Thirteen teams from around the state attended the contest designed for 9th-12th grade students to learn more about our natural environment, conservation and policy. The competition tests the students' knowledge on the following topics: soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, range, environmental policy, and one area of national interest. This year's special topic is Renewable Energy. In order to qualify for the state contest, teams must first compete at a regional contest. The winning teams from each region plus nine-wildcard teams were invited to the Nebraska State Envirothon competition. The Wauneta Palisade High School team qualified with a win at the regional contest in February and the Hayes Center team was one of the chosen Wild Card teams from our district.

The Wauneta-Palisade High School team won 6 of the seven topic areas including forestry, soils, wildlife, range, aquatics and this year's special topic "renewable energy". Neligh-Oakdale won the last topic "Environmental Policy". Wauneta Palisades will be representing Nebraska at the Canon National Envirothon at the end of July in Geneva, New York.

Sponsors for the Nebraska Envirothon program are: the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Nebraska Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Nebraska Corn/Ethanol Board, Nebraska Public Power District and Mid-American Benefits, Inc.

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