Local Pilot Grove students win annual essay contest

Winners of the local Knights of Columbus Essay Contest were made known to the Pilot Grove School yesterday. The essay contest is an annual event and is sponsored by the Clear Creek Council of the Knights.

The topic for the essay this year was "Is Christian Influence On The Exploration and Development of our country 200 years ago still felt today?"

Only two participants were chosen from the high school group. Willard Haley, first place winner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ray Haley and Jennifer Martin, second place winner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin.

Three winners were chosen from a seventh and eighth grade group. First place winner in the seventh and eighth grade group was Denise McKenzie, eighth grade. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie. Second place winner was Joel Felten, seventh grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemus Felten and third place winner was Barbara Gerke, eighth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gerke.

In the fifth and sixth grade group, winners were: first place, Eugene Twenter, fifth grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Twenter; second place, Brenda Gerke, sixth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gerke; third place, Sandy Gerling, sixth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerling, Jr.

First place winners received a $10 check, second place winners, a $7.50 check and second place winners, a $5 check.