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Historic Sites Board contest winner announced

The Greene County Historic Sites Board has named Isaac Tovar as the winner of its Local History Poster and Essay Contest.

Isaac, age 12, is a 7th-grader home-schooled in Springfield by his mother, Carol Tovar. Isaac composed a three-page essay about Civil War Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, who commanded the Union forces and died at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1861. Lyon was the first Union general killed in action during the Civil War.

"Isaac presented a well researched essay that was clear, concise and informative," said Don Garrett, chair of the Historic Sites Board.

Isaac was recognized by the Greene County Commission during its regular session Monday morning. The Historic Sites Board also awarded Isaac a certificate and a \$50 prize.

The contest, open to all Greene County students in grades 6 through 8, was designed to encourage students' interest in Greene County history and highlight resource material available at the Greene County Archives.

For more information, call Don Garrett, Chairman of Greene County Historic Sites Board, at 881-5521, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 829-6019 or 379-5713.

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