

Congratulations to Harlan County High School junior Kylie Royce on being select Grand Champion in the 2017 Pam Holcomb Memorial Storytelling Showcase.

Other winners included:
Primary Winner: Emily Marsee, Rosspoint Elementary
Elementary Winner: Rikki Marsee, Rosspoint Elementary
Middle School Winner: Dalton Combs, Fleming-Neon Middle School

These winners are now eligible to compete in the Kentucky Youth Storytelling Showcase and the National Youth Storytelling Showcase.



The competition has been going on for 11 years, but this year it was renamed the Pam Holcomb Memorial Storytelling Showcase. Pam was a professional storyteller and former teacher in the Harlan County School System and was instrumental in helping start the competition and connecting it with the Kentucky Storytelling Association's Youth Program, enabling our winners to move on in competition.

Royce won the high school division this year and then was named Grand Champion. She developed her story, about trying out for a high school play, as part of her Dual Credit Speech class, taught by Carlton Hughes.

All winners are now eligible for state competition. They will be videoed telling their stories, and those videos will be judged by a KSA committee. If they win, they'll receive a cash prize and be eligible to tell stories at next year's Kentucky State Fair and at other statewide events. They'll also be eligible for the National Youth Storytelling Showcase.

The Swappin' Meetin' competition boasts 10 state champions and seven national champions. Visit www.kystory.org for more information.