

2008 TOP CLAY COUNTY YOUNG WRITERS HONORED



Andrea Litton from Clay County Middle School; "Time to Remember"; Teachers Mrs. Hamrick and Mrs. White

Grade 7—8
Carlee Hopkins from Clay County Middle School; "My Life Story"; Teachers: Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Legg

Grade 9 — 10
Megan Shaffer from Clay County High School; "Tom and Gretchen"; Teacher: Mrs. Pennington, and



Grade 11—12
Mason Hamrick from Clay County High School; "Just Another Miracle of Life"; Teacher: Mrs. Arnold

Congratulations to each of the six Clay County winners. Your teachers, principals, parents, and other family members are very proud of you. The ability to write well is a master key that unlocks many doors in life.



Edward Bulwer-Lytton is known for his famous quote, "Beneath the rule of men entirely great, **the pen is mightier than the sword.**" If this saying is indeed true, Emily, Johnna, Andrea, Carlee, Megan, and Mason must hold a great deal of potential in their "writing hands." Expect great things from them in the future! *Kenneth Tanner, Assistant, Superintendent, Clay County Board of Education*

Top L to R— Emily Morton and Mrs. Witt; Johnna Casey and Ms. Mullins; Middle L to R — Mrs. Hamrick, Andrea Litton, Mrs. White; Mrs. Legg, Carlee Hopkins, and Mrs. Butler; Bottom L to R— Megan Shaffer and Mrs. Pennington; Mrs. Arnold and Mason Hamrick

May 9, 2008 is "West Virginia Young Writers' Day." The six best young writers from Clay County Schools will travel to the University of Charleston on this day for a special ceremony, recognizing them for their high ability and achievement. Students from other counties throughout West Virginia

will participate in the ceremony as well.

The best young writers in Clay County were selected based on the results of a Young Writers' Contest, held in February and March of this year. They are:

- Grades 1 — 2

Emily Morton from Lizemores Elementary School; "My Old Teapot"; Teacher: Mrs. Witt

Grade 3 — 4
Johnna Casey from H. E. White Elementary School; "Followed"; Teacher: Ms. Mullins

Grade 5 — 6

