

## Shoshone News Press, Sunday, June 28, 2009 – by Stephen Shepperd

# Domy finished sixth at National History Day

The Kellogg contingent of National History Day participants has returned from competition last week at the University of Maryland – College Park.

While all four of the group members — Silas Domy, Sarah Gibb, Kylie Johnson and Emalie Bumgardner — returned with memories of a wonderful trip to the nation's capitol and the excitement of the competition, one member of the team brought back some national recognition for his efforts.

Domy of Kellogg High School finished sixth in the nation in a field of 89 total entries in the Senior Historical Paper Category. As a result, he became the Kellogg school district's first national award winner by being named the Idaho Outstanding Senior Entry for his paper "Studs Terkel: The People's Oral Historian."

The other participants gained valuable experience through their national participation, but fell short of placing in the top 14 projects selected to compete in the national finals.

Gibb and Johnson competed against 87 other Junior Division students with their Group Performance "Eleanor Roosevelt's Life of Independence."

Bumgardner competed against 91 others from across the nation with her Junior Division Individual Documentary "Noah Kellogg: The Man, The Myth, and the Legacy." Gibb, Johnson and Bumgardner will be Kellogg Middle School seventh-grade students next school year.

Two students from Rocky Mountain Middle School in Idaho Falls, Marissa Lords and Tyler Stephens, brought home the gold for their Junior Division Group Exhibit: "Fighting For Victory One Stamp at a Time: Buster Hill."

In addition to the gold medals awarded them as national champions, Lords and Stephens will share the National History Day prize of \$1000. This signaled the first time that an Idaho entry had placed in the top three at the national competition.

A total of 1356 students in 16 categories competed in the national competition.

The Kellogg students would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses that supported their trip through generous donations of rummage items and money. The experience was a wonderful one, made possible through your excellent support.