

## Matt Wilcox earns 4th in state VOD contest

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Haxtun High School junior Matt Wilcox is pictured (middle) receiving a plaque and certificate after being named the fourth-place finisher in state Voice of Democracy contest. Wilcox, who took runner-up honors at the local level and first in the district, spent Friday-Sunday Jan. 27-29 in Golden for the Voice of Democracy banquet. He was sponsored by Post 6482 of Holyoke and represented District 4.

Wilcox and the other state winners gathered Friday night, Jan. 27 for a pizza party and dinner theatre. Saturday, they enjoyed an IMax, Denver History Museum and the awards banquet. Sunday morning a going away breakfast was held for the students.

Alison Gordon of Greeley captured first place and her essay will move on for the national contest. Wilcox is the son of Carl and Laurie Wilcox of Haxtun who attended the banquet with their son.

The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to write and record a broadcast script on a patriotic theme, competing for more than \$2.1 million in college scholarships and incentives. Department (state) winners are taken to Washington, D.C., in March to enjoy the nation's capital and compete for \$149,000 in scholarships—first place receiving a \$30,000 scholarship.

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