

MJHS Olympiad team heading to state competition

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MITCHELL — The Mitchell Junior High School Science Olympiad team competed in the Division B regional tournament at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington on Feb. 4. Placing second, the team earned the chance to compete in the state tournament Saturday at Indiana University.

The Mitchell High School team competed in the Division C regional tournament at Vincennes University on Feb. 18, but did not advance to the state tournament.

According to sponsor Robyn Embry, a team may have up to 15 students. There are 23 different events. Some events involve building devices, such as airplanes, towers, hovercraft and Rube Goldberg devices, which are tested at the competition. Some events are tests that students study for and take at the competition, such as anatomy, ecology, rocks and minerals, and some are tasks that students complete on-site, such as experimental design and fast facts.

Those who competed at regional, their category and places are as follows: Anatomy & Physiology, Abby Embry and Marah Roop, gold; Disease Detectives, Embry and Roop, gold; Dynamic Planet, Embry and Roop, gold; Ecology, Embry and Roop, gold; Food Science, Candra Teagarden and Nevaeh Jones, bronze; Hovercraft, Braydon Nicholas and Carl Teagarden, bronze; Invasive Species, Harrison Hall, gold; Meteorology, Hall, silver; Microbe Mission, Elizabeth Gillespie and Hannah Burcham, silver; Mission Possible, Carl Teagarden, gold; Reach for the Stars, Gillespie and Burcham, bronze; Rocks and Minerals, Embry and Roop, gold; Windpower, Preston Tolbert and Hall,

silver; Wright Stuff, Nicholas and Tolbert, gold; and Write It Do It, Hall and Tolbert, bronze.

In addition to the students who competed at the regional, the following students will compete at the state tournament: Hannah Bell, John McLain, Mattie Leamer and Mandie Leamer.

Warren Crawford coaches the team with Robyn Embry. Their spouses, Susan Crawford and Phil Embry, assist at competitions.