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On behalf of our corporate sponsor BMO Harris Bank, congratulations to the Champion of the 70th Annual Yavapai County Spelling Bee, Tanner Dodt, a sixth grader at Heritage Christian Home Educators. We would also like to recognize the accomplishments of Anna Fulton, a 6th grader at Granite Mountain Middle School as the runner up, Naina Misra, a 7th grader at Bagdad Middle School who finished 3rd and Makayla Boyd, a 6th grader at Mayer Elementary who finished 4th. 38 students participated in the bee representing district schools, charter schools, private schools, and home school groups.

Good luck and best wishes to Tanner as he represents Yavapai County in the Arizona State Spelling Bee at the studios of KAET-TV on the campus of Arizona State University on March 19, 2016.

Special recognition goes to Prescott Unified School District and Superintendent Joe Howard for hosting this event. Superintendent Howard and the staff of Ruth Street Theater were wonderful to work with. Special thanks to Garry Chartier for his cooperative and attentive attitude.

A special thanks to the former and current Spelling Bee Coordinators, Laurin Custis and Jenn Nelson of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency, for all of their hard work and organizational talents and to Dr. Kristen Rex, our Pronouncer.

Our appreciation also goes to judges Tara O'Neill, Education Faculty at Yavapai College, Karen Otis, Community Involvement Coordinator with Drake Cement and Ray Newton, Retired, NAU Professor Emeritus, for their continued dedication to education and our spellers.

We would also like to thank the Home Depot - Prescott, Fastenal Tools –Prescott Valley, McDonald's, Sonic and Taco Bell for generous contributions to the Spelling Bee participants.

BMO Harris Bank, with offices in Prescott, Prescott Valley and Sedona provide a significant financial contribution in support of the Spelling Bee. Their financial support of our students and the communities they serve, along with providing a family friendly business environment is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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