

place winners will also receive a medal of achievement and certificate.

At the U.S. National championship. At the event, each student competes for Champion in his or her category:

previous week was much nicer in this area of the country!

Temperatures and moisture for the last two week period

18 – high 8, low minus 12, trace of moisture; January 19 – high minus 1, low minus 17; January Continued Page 4

drop it off at the Herald office, 102 S. Park Street, Hebron, and we'll try to get your items sold for you!

Bearcat Daycare Den received \$6,000 grant

A check in the amount of \$6,000 was presented to the Bearcat Daycare Den Monday, January 24. The funds came from a grant from the Northern Plains Conference of the United Church of Christ. Both the First Congregational United Church of Christ and the St. John Church are members of the Northern Plains Conference.

Rev. Gaylund Olson reported "As an outgrowth of our former conference minister's involvement in a program called "Communities Acting Together for Change and Hope" (CATCH), the Northern Plains Conference of the United Church of Christ established a mission and outreach grant to fund or help fund projects which reach outside of the local church but which are a blessing and for the betterment of the local community. Both the First Congregational Church and St. John Church in Hebron are members of the Northern Plains Conference. The conference grants were especially to be in support of projects which grew out of community interest, involvement, and commitment".

Rev. Olson continued by saying "After speaking to Rev. Marcy Dawson, chairwoman of the Conference's Mission and Outreach committee, the St. John Church council agreed to apply for a grant on behalf of the Bearcat Den Daycare facility. While the Bearcat Den Daycare is an independent, non-profit organization, a poll by the Economic Development Committee indicated daycare was one of the top needs within the community, so folks started looking into the possibility of establishing one in Hebron and Hebron now has a licensed daycare facility which is already approaching the number of children it is licensed to care for".

"As this was a project the church valued for its positive effects for children and families, but is outside of the local church, we thought it might be appropriate to apply for a grant from the Northern Plains Conference. With Pastor Marcy's encouragement that is what we did and were pleased to receive a grant of \$6,000 which will go towards the purchase of

the building which houses the Bearcat Daycare center."

The daycare center's directors are deeply appreciative of the

involvement of people from the community churches in this endeavor; and are especially

thankful for the gift of the grant from the Northern Plains Conference.



Three members of the Bearcat Daycare Den (BDD) Board of Directors presented a check in the amount of \$6,000 to Erin McCutchan, left, treasurer of the BDD Monday morning. Allen Sayler, who served on the BDD committee to obtain a building for the day care, presented the check to McCutchan. To his right is Robin Reynolds, who is in charge of raising funds to pay for the daycare and Rev. Gaylund Olson, a member of the Board of Directors and Pastor of the St. John Church. The \$6,000 grant came from the Northern Plains Conference of the United Church of Christ.