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## **WINNERS DECIDED AT 98.3 THE COAST YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION AT BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR**

BERRIEN SPRINGS- This year's "98.3 The Coast Talent Show" sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church & School, St. Joe, was held at the Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs on August 17- 19<sup>th</sup>.

Auditions occurred on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the USA/AG EXPO building on the fairgrounds. Age categories included ages 7-10, 11-14, and 15 - 18. Of the nearly 60 acts that auditioned, ten from each age category were chosen to compete in the finals on August 17, 18 and 19.

In the 7-10 age category, Lindsey Piontek of Baroda took first place singing, Jacob Krieg of St. Joseph came in second place singing & dancing to Disney's Frozen's –"In Summer", and Who Said Kids? – Gilbert & Kevina Clear, Rosie & Benjamin Monroe were third place singing a song from Broadway Show "Newsies" – "The World Will Know".

Coming in first place for the 11-14 age category was Nate Turner of St. Joseph who juggled to "Radioactive". Natalie & Ashlie Dent of Stevensville came in second place with a Lyric/Acro Duet to "Shine" and Treble Tones – Madelyn Ostenson, Alicia Delgado & Madison Binkley of Benton Harbor came in third singing "Seasons of Love".

Madelne Schrock from St. Joseph came in first place of the 15-18 age category singing an Opera song "O Mio Babbino Caro". Kristen Clear was second place singing "Getting to Know You" and Taylor Krieger came in third singing "I Put a Spell on You".

All acts were judged during auditions and finals on 3 criteria:

### TALENT/ABILITY

Shows a high level of proficiency in the chosen area of performance.

### STAGE PRESENCE

Confident in front of audience. Pleasing overall appearance. Costumes have been well chosen and add to the overall effect of the performance.

### PRESENTATION OF TALENT

Thought has been given to details in performance. Contestant appears well prepared and rehearsed. Contestant executes performance in a skillful manner. Audience shows positive response to performance.

First Place winners from each category will receive \$250, second place winners will receive \$150, and third place winners will receive \$100. All award money is being provided by 98.3 the Coast and Trinity Lutheran Church & School, St. Joe.

All of the winners from the three competitions showcase their talents on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> in the USA/AG EXPO building. For more information regarding the 98.3 The Coast Talent Contest, please contact Sue Patzer at (269) 925-1111 or email [spatzer@wirx.com](mailto:spatzer@wirx.com).