

Miss Merry Christmas raises money for Quapaw StuCo

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Quapaw High School math teacher and Student Council sponsor Kerra Myers started a unique fundraiser 20 years ago to help the QHS Student Council raise money.

The annual Miss Merry Christmas contest is always popular and a successful fundraising event for the student organization.

"The girls raise money by setting out cans and asking for donations," explained Myers. "We have all three buildings participate [elementary, middle and high schools] and there's a winner from each building."

Winners are chosen based on whoever raises the most money. All three winners rode in the Quapaw, Commerce and Miami Christmas parades, which were all held on Saturday, Dec. 4 at various times.

"They also receive a nice piece of jewelry and of course a crown and flowers," Myers said.

During this year's event, the Quapaw Elementary School winner was Hayzlee Evelyn Mouse who was escorted by Jeremiah Ten Bears Attocknie.

Hayzlee enjoys playing, riding bikes, ballet, playing soccer, reading books and playing with



Miss Merry Christmas for Quapaw Elementary Hayzlee Evelyn Mouse, escorted by Jeremiah Ten Bears Attocknie

Landon at school. She also loves coloring, arts and crafts, elephants and being in Mrs. Flanigans class.

Jeremiah likes playing baseball, swimming, playing with Power Rangers, gourd dancing with his uncle Jason and playing outside. He also enjoys eating bacon and Slim Jims.

The Quapaw Middle School winner was Charlie Rendel who was escorted by Landon Millard.

Charlie's activities include softball, basketball, track, spending time with her family and friends, listening to music and playing with her dogs.

Landon's activities are basketball, art, playing with his brothers and sister, spending time with his mom and dad and reading.

The Quapaw High School winner was Taylor Welch who was escorted by Kolton Harris.

Taylor's activities are FFA, Student Council, cheer and National Honor Society. She's a concurrent student at NEO and a member of Fairland Christian Church.

Kolton's activities are FFA, football, baseball and rodeo. He attends the House of Prayer Church in Riverton, Kansas.



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