

Dover girl top youth in county

Shelly Ickes, one of four valedictorians graduating from Dover High this month, has been named Tuscarawas County Youth of the Year in a competition sponsored by the Dover Exchange Club.



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Shelly, the daughter of Don Ickes of 400 E. 7th St. and Linda Wallick of 1532 Chestnut St., both Dover, was selected over five other Youth of the Month winners in the competition based on school activities, grades and an essay on the theme, "America's Responsibility, Youth's Destiny." She will receive will award tonight.

In her essay, she wrote: "America has tougher responsibilities, both at home and abroad, than any other country in the world, simply because every American is essential to our democracy.

"America's youth must realize how important we are to our democracy, even though we might seem minute and unimportant right now. Together, we can grow into a responsible and respected group of citizens working toward an even brighter future for our children."

Shelly won a \$50 savings bond for her Youth of the Month honor and a \$100 savings bond for the top award. She now will compete in the Exchange Club's district competition. A win there would qualify her for national competition, which offers a \$3,000 scholarship as its top award.

Shelly is graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade average. She is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council and the marching and concert bands; is treasurer of the senior class and Future Medical Careers Club; has been in several school plays; was chairman of the prom committee; and has served as a hospital candy striper.

Other Youth of the Month winners were Tom Morris of Dover High, Terri Helbling of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High, Debbie Yoder of Garaway High, Susan Nelson of Tuscarawas Valley High and Holly Walters of Strasburg High.