Teen opens fire, kills at least two at Kentucky high school

BENTON, KY. (AP) — A 15-year-old student killed two classmates and hit a dozen others with gunfire Tuesday, methodically firing a handgun inside a crowded atrium at his rural Kentucky high school.

"He was determined. He knew what he was doing," said Alexandria Caporali, who grabbed her stunned friend and ran into a classroom as their classmates hit the floor.

"It was one right after another – bang, bang, bang, bang, bang," she added. "You could see his arm jerking as he was pulling the trigger."

Police led a teenager away in handcuffs minutes later, and said the suspect will be charged with murder. Authorities did not identify the gunman responsible for the nation's first fatal school shooting of 2018, nor did they release any details about a motive

Kentucky State Police Lt. Michael Webb said detectives are looking into his home and background.

"He was apprehended by the sheriff's department here on site, at the school, thankfully before any more lives could be taken," Webb said.

Seventeen students were injured -- 12 of them hit with bullets and five others hurt in the scramble as hundreds of students fled for their lives from Marshall County High School. Many jumped into cars or ran down the highway, some not stopping until they reached a McDonald's restaurant more than a mile away. Parents left their cars on both sides of an adjacent road, desperately trying to find their teenagers.

Photo provided

Warren County A&L Fair board members taking part in the recent Tennessee Association of Fairs 2018 Convention are, front row, from left, Marla Cantrell, Jenny Kelsey, Jewel Medlen, Nedra Davenport, Chrystal Patton, Haile Adams, Becky Clark, Tracey Scott holding Hattie Scott, Carol Grandey, Beckee Bell, and Susan Burks. Back row, Steven Helton, Brian Scott, Joey Clark, Nate Harris, Wayne Davenport, Kevin Wilson, Jeff Carter, Kenneth Medlen, Steve Grandey, Steve Helton, Jeff Matheny, Justin Rich, Dustin Chisam and Mike Pelham.

Fair

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Medlen continued, "Our carnival, provided by Kissel Entertainment, sets us apart because they are so family oriented and organized."

While at the state convention, attendees took part in business meetings, breakout sessions, visited the exhibits at the trade show and other educational functions. A total of 57 fair associations took part in the convention.

Numerous other categories of competition are available for entry with Warren County submitting several. Our fair was awarded first place for a hat, second for a quilt entry, second for a fair shirt, and second place for snapshots of the fair collection.

The Tennessee Fairest of the Fair competition is a highlight with Warren County's Haile West Adams being named second runner-up in the statewide pageant.

"She is a lovely young lady and I think she should have won," said Medlen. "She represented Warren County very well and we are proud of her."

The 2018 Warren County A&L Fair will take place Sept. 7-15. Medlin and the board are already working to make it bigger and better with the hopes of better weather, and the possibility of getting a new ride for the midway.

"Being part of the fair just gets in your blood and we all enjoy working together," said Medlen. "We work hard to make it great, but we are totally supported by the community and for that we are very grateful."

By virtue of winning the state AA award, Warren County will get to compete against the A Division winner and AAA Division winner in the Champion of Champions competition next January.

Clay wins district Oratorical Contest

Covenant Academy student Erica Clay brought home a first-place win during the American Legion's District Oratorical Contest after advancing from local competition in second place. She will represent her school, as well as American Legion Post 173 and American Legion 5th District, during division competition in February.

BY **LISA HOBBS**
Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Student Erica Clay is a shining example as to why you shouldn't discount second place.

Clay came in second during a post-level Oratorical Contest offered by American Legion Post 173 at Covenant Academy in December. She advanced to district competition along with Emma Kate Wrather, who was favored to win after taking first place.

The underdog was victorious.

"I think I won because I wasn't as nervous the second time," said Clay. "I was more prepared. I wanted to do better and win."

District competition was held by the Department of Tennessee American Legion 5th District in Manchester. Second place went to Cannon County High School student Bryson Bell.

Clay says she was concerned about Bell.

"I was worried about the boy from Cannon County. They said he spoke really well and did well. They said I had a better speech than him, though."

The Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Clay's speech compared the document to building and maintaining a house.

"I talked about the whole Constitution and how I think the Constitution is the framework of our democracy," said Clay. "Just as you build a house, you need a good framework. We started off with God creating the world and Him helping our founding fathers. Whenever you build a house, you need land."

Federalist Papers are the blueprint for building the house.

"The Federalist Papers help us understand what the writers of the constitution had in mind when they drafted it so long ago, just as a set of blueprints helps a builder," said Clay.

Among other comparisons, Clay says the Legislative Branch is the foundation for the house by strengthening the country by passing laws. The Judicial Branch is the roof on the house because it offers protection. Amendments to the constitution are repairs to the house, she said.

Third place went to Covenant Academy student Brandy Pennington and fourth to Wrather.

"I was shocked Emma came in fourth," said John Davis, American Legion member. "I thought she did a wonderful job, even better than she did at the post level, but she placed fourth at district. I guess you never can tell what judges are looking for and how things will turn out. We're proud of Miss Clay. She also did a wonderful job. Now, we're on to the divisional contest where I'm sure she will represent us well."

Young orators can earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. The overall national contest winner gets an $18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home $16,000, and third gets $14,000. Each state winner who is certified into, and participates in, the national contest's first round receives a $1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional $1,500 scholarship.

Clay alone will represent Post 175 and the 5th District in the Divisional Oratorical Contest to be held at Bradley Academy in Murfreesboro on Feb. 17.

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