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- School faculty introduced them to Future Problem Solving in sixth grade. The interna-

tional program teaches students the tools and strategies they need to face the challenges of today and the future. The program encourages and develops the thinking skills necessary to

Eden Valley Trailblazers cross the swinging bridge to install more informative signs at Eden Valley Refuge. The Midland Middle School students hiked the park's trails, photographed points of interest and wrote descriptions of each one, then turned that information into signs for the public.

> adapt to a changing world. It teaches students to think critically, creatively and futuristically.

"The kids are given topics, usually very

Colors of evening sky caught at end of stormy day

After the wind gusts on Tuesday evening, the storm settled and a magnificent sunset could be enjoyed. The coloring in the west sky was captured near Nashville in this photo taken by Maquoketa Sentinel-Press staff member Brooke Taylor.

Youth taught problem solving skills

By KELLY GERLACH

They explored Eden Valley Refuge trails their entire lives, learning every cabin, rock face, bridge and cave the park offers. Deciding

to label these points of interest for the public earned five Midland students a trip to an inter-

national competition. Ryan Eganhouse, Tiffany Feuss, Cole Lineburg, Gabi Martens and Tyler Mullins, all seventh graders during the 2008-09 school year, devised and implemented a plan to place sign markers at various points of interest in Eden Valley Refuge, located south of Baldwin. Their carefully crafted project and hard work earned them first place in their division at the state level, then fourth place in the grade 7-9 division at the international competition held at Michigan State University in May.

Midland Extended The Learning Program (ELP) students, who call themselves the Eden Valley Trailblazers, were identified through testing and teacher recommendations to participate in the ELP program, a program similar to Talented and Gifted.

timely ones, that they then research," explained Rena Vetter, Trailblazers adviser.

At competition, participants have two hours to complete a daunting task. They read a one-

page scenario about a futuristic issue then brainstorm to come up with 16 problems associated with it. The students next develop an underlying problem and 16 solutions then determine five criteria to judge the solu-

Competitors select the best solution and write a scenario to solve it.

That's the purely mental component of Future Problem Solving.

"Although the students enjoyed participating in this competition, they were more interested in trying a more active approach to problem solving. This led them to the Community Problem Solving component of the program," Vetter said.

Community Problem Solving is just that - solving a problem in the local community. This problem solving focuses on action, allowing students to use their knowledge and hands-on skills and apply them for the community good.

Eden Valley posed the perfect challenge for the Trailblazers.

"We've been coming out to the park since we were in preschool," said Gabi Martens. "Schools take field trips

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