L’Anse Creuse Transportation Department Accomplishments

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – L’Anse Creuse Public Schools bus drivers took first place in the Annual Macomb/St. Clair County School Bus Driving Championship, held at Clintondale High School on April 27.

L’Anse Creuse entered three teams into the event. The team of Judy Mielnicki, Russ Holdwick and Kristine Zado took first place. In the individual competition, Mielnicki and Holdwick took first and second place, respectively. These placements earned them a spot at the Michigan State School Bus Driving Championship on June 15 at Romeo High School, as well as the chance to advance to the National Competition. Maureen Brennan, Barb Shock, Roger Mayfield, Michelle Callow, and Maria Stathopoulos also performed well in the competition, especially considering that most had never competed in a driving championship before and two had only been driving a school bus for less than a year.

At the competition, all school districts in Macomb and St. Clair counties recognized one employee with the Excellence in Transportation Award. L’Anse Creuse nominated Carolyn Boutin, who has been with the district for 21 years. “[Carolyn] is well-versed in her field as a transportation specialist and knows the district and the tri-county area like the back of her hand,” transportation staff wrote in a letter. “Her student management skills are exceptional, which makes each day smoother for the transportation department and the school administrators.”

The L’Anse Creuse Transportation Department is housed in the Larry F. Brender Support Services Center, located at 2440 F.V. Pankow Boulevard. For more information, please contact Associate Dispatcher Holly Vitale at vitalbe@lc-ps.org.

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