## Tahoe Valley choir competes on high note



Tahoe Valley singers earn high marks. Photo/Provided

The Tahoe Valley Thunderbird Choir shined at the Music in the Parks Choir Festival in April.

Students grades 3-5 traveled off the hill to Vanden High School in Fairfield on April 21 to be adjudicated for the first time. The intention was to provide the students with the opportunity and experience of performing under pressure in the presence of top quality competitors.

The result was an outstanding showing that netted the choir first place in their division as well as first place in the overall elementary choir category, and a rating of excellence from the panel of judges. For their efforts they were award two trophies, one of which was almost as tall as many of the singers. One budding young star, Lucia Solorzano, was selected as the most outstanding elementary vocalist. With an ear-to-ear smile, she was recognized in front of the entire auditorium for her outstanding performance.

"I had a feeling we would perform well, but these kids blew me away, then to have the adjudicators verify that it wasn't just me being biased was just awesome," said choir director Allyssa Little. "All of the work to make this trip possible instantly seemed more than worth it when we saw the smiles on the kids' faces and when we got to experience the excitement at the school when they saw our trophies."

This also wouldn't have been possible without the help of many teachers at Tahoe Valley and parent chaperones.

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