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Area Magician Takes 1st Place in National Abbott's Contest

Local magician, Len Radde, was awarded first place in the Senior Division at Abbott's National Magic Get-together in Colon, Michigan. Abbott's Magic Get-together is an annual event that brings the best magicians in the world together for seminars, lectures and contests.

For the last 21 years, Radde has journeyed to Colon to attend the Abbott's Magic Get-together. It took Radde all of those 21 years to build up the courage to enter the contest. Along with his award came an invitation to perform on the Saturday show in front of more than 600 other magicians.

Was he nervous? "Not as much as I was when I returned home and received a call from the producer of TV 6 Wake Up News Show", says Radde. They wanted him to do a spot on the show to talk about the 1st place award he won at the magic convention along with performing a few tricks. To top it all off, the show is done live. Len said, "The real magic was being on live television and showing people something I love doing".

Len has been entertaining and astounding audiences with his magic for over 30 years. Performances have included, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Quad Graphics, US Bank and countless other companies and organization throughout Wisconsin. What started out as a hobby has turned into a second career for Radde who works as a credit analyst for Rockwell.