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Sweetwater Wins Poetry Contest!

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As discussed in a previous article, Sweetwater 1st through 8th graders participated in a poetry contest here in Sweetwater. The top six students in each class went on to participate in a contest in Hammon, OK. After weeks of hard work and preparation, our 7th-8th Grade students achieved Sweepstakes Winner of the 5-County Conference Speech Contest! The following are the students and their final scores:

1st Grade

- Maci Bratcher - I
- Ryker Coslow - I
- Robyn Crumpton - I
- Kaitlyn Dembo - I
- Emmalynn Drake - I
- Jeorgia Johnson - I

2nd Grade

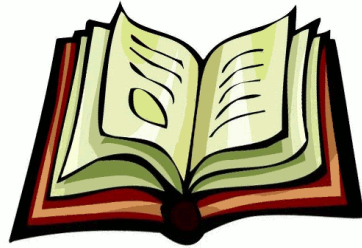
- Jordan Balough - I
- Lance Billingsley - I
- Aireona Lawrence - I+
- Tirstan Pair - I
- Jaden Pair - I+
- James Vinson - I

3rd Grade

- Destiny Ausher - I+
- Ian Gilbreath - I
- Joshua Johnson - I+
- Grayson Kennedy - I
- Ruby Miller - I
- Grant Powers - I

4th Grade

- Tristan Billingsley - I
- Rafe Coslow - I+
- Nathaniel Crook - I+
- Jessi Lowry - I
- Austin Megli - I+
- Chayton Richardson - I



5th Grade

- Trinitee Kirk - I+
- Reagan Meacham - I-
- Ryleigh North - I
- Rosalinda Rangel - I-
- Francisco Thomas - I-

6th Grade

- Addy Burckhalter - I+
- Haylee Dykes - I
- Jona Jessop - I
- Kelsie Johnson - I+
- Kiah Lawrence - I+
- Abby Watson - I+

7th Grade

- Kiera Coslow - I+
- John Gilbreath - I+
- Aubbri Johnston - I+
- Cloie McCalip - I+
- Zoie McCalip - I+
- Kyrene Sandlin - I+

8th Grade

- Haley Grant - I+
- Tori Hill - I+
- Abby Johnson - I+
- Lexi McCalip - I+
- Zeb Seymour - I+
- Evelyn Walker - I+



The scoring system was arranged with the highest possible score a I+, the next highest a I, then a I-, then a 2, a 3, and the lowest 4. I spoke with Zeb Seymour about the contest, and he said, "It was fun!" Congratulations to our poetry contest winners!



7th-8th grade poetry contest participants.



Elementary poetry contest participants.

Sheep Jackpot

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On January 27, 2018, Sweetwater FFA hosted their second annual sheep jackpot! With participants from Canute, Cheyenne, Cordell, Elk City, Tipton, Hollis, Sayre, and Sweetwater, the jackpot had a head count of 44 sheep total. Ag teacher Chris Hall traveled from Alex, OK, to judge the jackpot. The following are the Sweetwater students who participated and their placings:

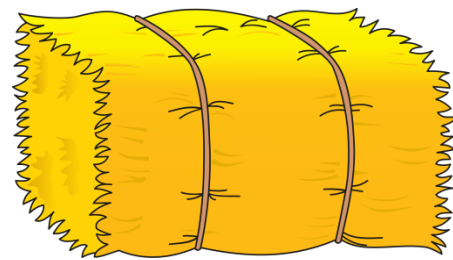
- Destaney Edwards - 3rd place Suffolk Ewe, 1st place Speckled Faced Wether
- Abby Watson - 3rd place Hamp Ewe, 2nd place Crossbred Ewe
- Hanna Hill - 2nd place Hamp Ewe, 4th place Hamp Wether, 1st place Natural Wether, 1st place Crossbred Wether
- Veronica Watson - 3rd place Crossbred Ewe
- Grayson Kennedy - 1st place Hair Wether, Breed Champion Hair Wether
- Langston - 2nd place Dorset Wether
- Jamie Harrell - 3rd place Speckled Faced Ewe

I spoke with Mr. Johnson February 1, 2018, about the show, and he said, "I think it went smoothly, and we had a good turnout." Congratulations to the students who participated. Good luck to our show students as they continue show season!

Sweetwater Show Team is selling Ozark suckers for one dollar a piece!



Abby Watson (left) and Hanna Hill (right) showing at the Sweetwater Sheep Jackpot.



Langston Kennedy (left) and Zeb Seymour (right) preparing for the jackpot.



BULLDOG BASKETBALL!

High School Bulldog's Play Mountain View-Gotebo!

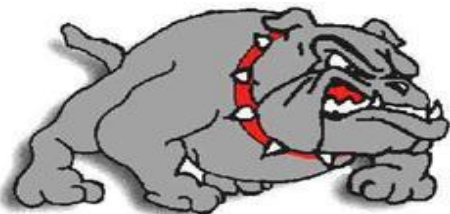
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On Friday, January 26, 2018, Sweetwater's high school basketball teams played the Mountain View-Gotebo Tigers. Sweetwater travelled to Mountain View to play the first of their last three away games before districts. With the season quickly wrapping up, our Bulldog athletes took the court with elbow grease, determination, and most importantly, a sense of family.

Though the game started grim with our high school Lady Bulldogs down by ten, our girls fought back, ending the first quarter with a score of 10-7. The first half ended with a tie of 16-16. After a hard-fought second half, our Lady Bulldogs won with a final score of 37-24! Hanna Hill had the most points with a final count of 13 points, though Jaidyn Greer took a close second with 11 points.

Similar to our Lady Bulldogs, the first quarter of our boys' game had the crowd on the edge of their seats with a score of 12-11, the Bulldogs taking the lead. During the second quarter, both teams fought hard and ended the first half with a tie of 20-20. After a motivated pep talk in the locker room, our boys came back fresh and won the game with a final score of 46-40! Cody Keathley was their highest scorer with 15 points.

I spoke to Hanna Hill, a senior Lady Bulldog, and she said, "I am very proud of the hard work our teams contributed, and I have high hopes for playoffs." We are very proud of both our teams, and we invite everyone to come see our last game of the season before playoffs in Olustee, OK, on Friday, February 2, 2018! The high school games begin at 6:30. Good luck to both teams!



Picture: Klyde Parker shooting a layup against Mountain View-Gotebo

Junior High Bulldogs Play Mountain View-Gotebo

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On Friday, January 26, 2018, Sweetwater played Mountain View-Gotebo. Our junior high Lady Bulldogs kicked off the night playing hard against the Tigers. The first half ended with close score of 6-10 in the favor of Mountain View-Gotebo. Though our ladies held their own through the third quarter, the Tigers scored 12 points in the final quarter and took the victory with a final score of 13-24. We are extremely proud of our girls for their persistence and hard work!

Our junior high Bulldogs also took the court with heart and worked hard. The boys hustled and though the first half didn't favor Sweetwater, they came back strong the second half with a score of 19-18 in our favor. The final score was 31-47, and our boys handled their defeat with grace. I spoke with Lexi McCalip about the games, and she said, "The best part was the fruit bowls with cream cheese dip at the concession stand."

We are very proud of both our teams, and we invite everyone to come see our last junior high game of the season in Olustee, OK, on Friday, February 2, 2018. The junior high games begin at 4:30. Good luck to our Sweetwater Bulldogs!

