

Wildcat Pride

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Book Fair fun for kids

By: Kelsey Fisher

The Spring Book Fair was good and busy, said Miss Linda, the school librarian.

While the fall book fair raises money for the library, the spring book fair is really just for fun, "so students and parents can buy books at reduced cost," said Miss Linda. The school does not receive a percentage of profits from the buy one, get one free book fair.

However, some people still make donations to the school library at the book fair.



Coleman students place at speech contest

By Claire Mauck

McAlester--Three Coleman Elementary students competed in the 4-H District Speech Contest March 29 in McAlester. The students were Jasmynn Sanchez, Macy Perrin, and Claire Mauck.

Fourth-grader Jasmynn did a food demonstration on "How to Make a Fruit Bouquet," and placed fifth. Jasmynn said she picked her topic "because it makes a great gift."

Fourth-grader Macy gave a speech titled "Walking into the Vet Life," and placed sixth. Macy said, "I really liked the speech about leopard geckos." Macy competed in the category illustrated presentations, where 4-Hers give speeches using posters, pictures, and other props.

Fifth-grader Claire gave a speech on "How to Make a Mango-Pineapple Smoothie," and placed first. Claire said, "My favorite part was definitely the samples! My favorite sample was Caramel Butter Bars." Since Claire and Jasmynn were both in the food demonstration category, people who gave speeches offered samples of the food they showed how to make, including cheddar jalapeno biscuits, salsa, butterscotch fudge, depression cake, a cherry smoothie, and fudge brownies.

In total, there are 23 counties in the Southeast district. In addition to the Coleman students, 22 4-H members from Johnston County also gave speeches at the District Speech Contest. *Continued on back*



What's Up Wildcat?



Grade: 3
Age: 9
Siblings: Ava, 3, Lucas, 12

Hialeah Willingham loves all her teachers and her favorite subjects are math and P.E.

Her favorite thing to do is play with puppies at her Mimi's house. (Her mimi is Mrs. Willingham.)

If she were principal for a day, she would make P.E. longer and make bigger lockers.

Interview by: Taylen Wisdom & Raylee Holder

Art Corner

Through the Woods
By Claire Mauck

Saw a fox,
Trees whisperin', Quick, look, a rabbit!
Katydid's dancin', Me lookin',
Me walkin', Through the woods.

Through the woods.
Saw a doe,
Birds chirpin', Oh, look, an antler!
Water rushin', Me searchin'
Me skippin', Through the woods.
Through the woods.

Talkin' with a Teacher!

Rhonda Stephens

Mrs. Stephens went to school at Kenific, but graduated from Coleman. When she was little, she wanted to work at a flower shop.

At home, Rhonda loves to garden, read, cook, and see her family.

Mrs. Stephens has three children and seven grandchildren. Her favorite thing about teaching is seeing kids learn.

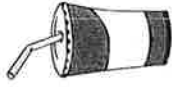
Interview by: Talyn Chamberlain & Jerron



By: Alli Claborn & Allison Collins

P.K.3.-K:
Romey Williams, Kindergarten, age 6

Question of the Month



What's your favorite soda?

Mackenzie Tipton, 8th grade:

Dr. Pepper

Carli Claborn, 1st grade: Sprite

Jason Carney, 2nd grade: Coke

Marcus Hill, 5th grade:

Mountain Dew

Macy Perrin, 4th grade: Root Beer

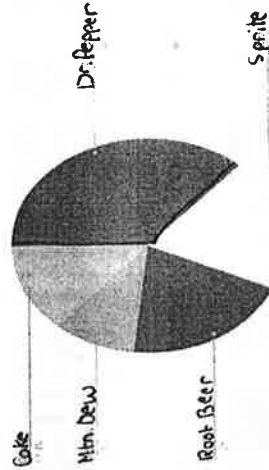
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Interviews By: Dean Bird & Seth Patton

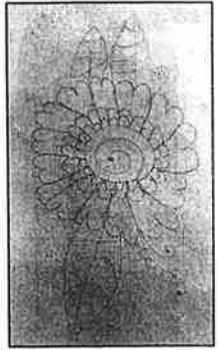
Survey Says...

Survey By: Jasmynn Sanchez & Kimberly Powell

Coleman's Favorite Soda!



1st - 4th grade:
Taylen Wisdom, 4th grade, age 10



Speech Contest, cont.

Sharyne Pitmon, Johnston County Extension Secretary, said that public speaking can be very hard for kids, but it is "a very important building block to your future that will open a wide range of opportunities, from making new friends to helping you get the job of your dreams."

Allison Pitmon, Johnston County 4-H Vice President and senior at Mill Creek High School, said she used to be shy, but now that she has given speeches in 4-H for several years, she is not shy anymore. Now she says to young 4-Hers, "I encourage you to try, find something you are passionate about and give a speech."

The Johnston County 4-H speech contest was February 13, and seven Coleman 4-Hers competed. They were Tyson Alexander, Mackenzie Tipton and Katie Don Gaither, Alli Claborn, Macy Perrin, Jasmynn Sanchez, and Claire Mauck. Macy won Grand Champion, Claire won Reserved Champion, and Tyson won Reserved Champion.

If you would like to join 4-H, contact Kim Mauck: (580)-916-2644.

Public Speaking Tips for Kids:

1. Choose a topic you are interested in.
1. Write your own speech, asking for help only when needed.
2. Use note cards so you don't have to memorize the whole thing.
3. Make eye contact with most everybody.
4. Take a deep breath before you begin and relax.