

Regional Spelling Bee 2020

SWWC Service Cooperative's Regional Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, February 4 at the Redwood Area Community Center in Redwood Falls. Thirty-two students from 27 school districts, who won at their local level, came together to compete for the top four places that advance to the Multi-Region State Spelling Bee. Scores from the written and oral rounds were combined in order to determine the top 15 students who compete in the afternoon spelldown. Due to tied scores, there were 16 spellers, who competed in the spelldown.

Lydian Talsma from Edgerton and Toni Pritchard from Ortonville battled it out for 4th & 5th place, with Karsten Springborg from Holy Redeemer coming in at 3rd place. Gracie Crooks from ACGC and Reese Magnuson from G-SL buzzed a few more rounds until we declared a 1st place winner. After 11 rounds, we declared our top four students who will advance to the MultiRegion State Spelling Bee on February 18 in Fergus Falls. The winner from the State Bee will then go on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

- 1st Place: Reese Magnuson, grade 8, Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School
- 2nd Place: Gracie Crooks, grade 7, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City Public School
- 3rd Place: Karsten Springborg, grade 6, Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Marshall
- 4th Place: Lydia Talsma, grade 6, Edgerton Christian Elementary
- 5th Place Alternate: Toni Pritchard, grade 8, Ortonville James Knoll Elementary

Schools in the 18-county region were invited to participate in this academic enrichment activity sponsored by SWWC. The Multi-Region State Spelling Bee is sponsored by the following Minnesota Service Cooperatives: Lakes Country Service Cooperative, Northeast Service Cooperative, Northwest Service Cooperative, Resource Training & Solutions and SWWC.

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