

Elk City and Merritt Students Win WARP Competition

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Two Elk City students and one Merritt student won top honors at the 9th annual Timed Writing and Research Project (WARP), a competition held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Sayre.

First place and a \$600 scholarship were awarded to Ashley Lackey of Elk City High School. Hannah Briggs, also of Elk City High School, won second place and a \$500 scholarship. A \$400 scholarship was awarded to third place finisher Amber Simons of Merritt High School.

Twenty-four juniors from five area high schools, as well as one home schooled student, competed.

On the day of the competition, students spent the morning researching and organizing a two-to-three-page paper. They were treated to lunch at the Bulldog Café inside the SWOSU-Sayre Student Union where they played games for prizes. After lunch, they returned to computer labs to put the finishing touches on their papers.

Five sponsoring teachers attended a workshop, taught by SWOSU-Sayre Computer Science Instructor Deborah Carpenter.

Many of the participants were introduced to the SWOSU-Sayre campus, administration, faculty and staff for the first time.

Organizer of the event—SWOSU-Sayre Language Arts Instructor Judy Haught—expresses appreciation to all the volunteers at SWOSU-Sayre who contributed to the continuing success of the event and to the high school teachers who took time out of their schedules to give their students this opportunity for scholarship and growth.