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**Newton County School System Students Win
At Griffin RESA Literacy Days Contest**

Newton County School System middle school students represented the school district well by bringing home two first place, two second place, and one third place award from the recent Griffin RESA Literacy Days Contest. The Griffin RESA Regional Literacy Days Festival is a regional competition among elementary and middle schools in the Griffin RESA region, which consists of the following school systems: Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding and Upson. In order to represent Newton County Schools at Griffin RESA, students had to first win their grade-level competition at both their school and the school system competition.

Veterans Memorial Middle School student **David Croone** earned second place honors in the seventh grade poetry recitation contest and Cousins Middle School student **Kimberly Stier** won second place in the eighth-grade poetry recitation contest.

In the Ready Writing Competition, Clements Theme School student **Azari Parker** brought home the third place award in the sixth-grade competition and Indian Creek Middle School students **Alexandria Turcotte** and **Noelle Holder** won first place in the seventh-grade and eighth-grade competitions respectively.

Indian Creek Middle School's eighth grade Drama Team took second place honors in the Drama Competition. The team consisted of two students, **Emily Hegwood** and **Haley Casola** and was led by Ms. Maxine Lawrence.

"The Literacy Days Competition provides students with the opportunity to perform and be recognized for their talents through the celebration of the arts," said Ms. Samantha Fuhrey, Director of Secondary Education for Newton County Schools. "I am proud of our winners as it takes a tremendous amount of talent and commitment to participate in this type of competition. They represented their schools and our school system very well at the regional competition and we are very proud of them."

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