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

Newton County School System (NCSS) middle school students represented the school district well by bringing home one first place and two second place awards 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.

The Veterans Memorial Middle School Drama Team earned top honors in the middle school Drama Competition for their production of "Baking a Cake." Team participants included: **Topanga Bailey, Kya Walker, Tanique McDonald, Dora Flynn, Precious Buddington, Madison Beasley, William Bradford, and David Croone.**

One member of the Veterans Memorial Drama team, **David Croone**, brought home two awards, as he also placed second in the eighth-grade Poetry Recitation Contest.

In the Ready Writing Competition, Cousins Middle School student **Deborah Boss** brought home the second place award in the sixth-grade competition.

"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, NCSS Director of Secondary 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."

All students Griffin RESA Literacy Days winners will be honored at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

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