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Sisters from Chase County Schools took first and second place in the annual Chase County Spelling Bee last Wednesday. Seventh grader Anna Bauerle came in first with Emma Bauerle, a sixth grader, taking second place.

Twenty-seven students from CCS and Wauneta-Palisade competed in the tournament at CCS. There were also six alternates.

For the second year, the bee was administered in a written format, rather than orally. Each round consisted of 10 words, which each contestant wrote out.

Five rounds were completed before students began to be eliminated, according to Principal Nathan Vitosh. A student was eliminated if he or she missed 10 words.

There were eight total rounds.

Judges were Marcie Yaw, Elizabeth Haarberg, Lori Owens, Kim Bubak and Denise Bales.

Contestants were:

CCS—Sixth graders Emma Mollendor, Ryan Moline, Vivana Galaviz, Alexandria Howard, Emma Bauerle, Makenna Wallin; seventh graders Anna Bauerle, Calen Griffen, Sam Haarberg, Andrew Vaverek, Mallory Coleman, eighth graders Maddison Vaverek, Emily Owens, Johna Westfahl, Bethany Sorensen, Morgan Fisher, Shandra Johnson.

Wauneta-Palisade—seventh graders Wes Anderjaska, Jasmyn Smith, Cassidy Rathe, Jordyn Doetker, James Martin, eighth graders Taylor Nordhausen, Jake Maris, John Christner, Jack McGraw, Emma Skelton.

Alternates were Makenna Ketter, Aubrey Fisher, Bridget Langin, Jenna Luhrs, Dan Sullivan and Spencer Hartman, all of CCS.