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Poplar Bluff, MO - Oak Grove Elementary won the 11th annual Butler County Community Resource Council Spelling Bee Championship with two classmates vying for the top spot on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Fox Radio Network.

Journey Warren was named the 2020 champion, spelling the 87th word v-o-r-t-i-c-e-s correctly over finalist, Clint Wallace, also of Oak Grove. Representing the other elementary schools were third graders Willem Thurston of Eugene Field, Brody Oatman of O'Neal and Miley Baker of Lake Road.

Event moderator Kathern Harris of the CRC Children and Youth Succeeding in School Committee stressed that all the contestants were winners for making it to the championship upon competing in a three-week tournament at their respective schools. Oak Grove hosted an additional round in order to narrow its three-way tie down to two.

Last year Oak Grove also sent two competitors to the spelling bee, which ended in a tie between Oak Grove and Lake Road after the finalists spelled all 190 words on the list correctly over the radio. This year the difficulty of the words was increased to a fifth grade level, according to Harris, who noted that some of the tie-breaking words were used in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The spell-off was emceed by Dave Wyman of the Missouri Department of Transportation, who serves the CRC as a member of the Parents Working Committee. The spelling bee aired live on KYEX 88.3/98.3 FM, the radio's nonprofit station. Fox Radio has been broadcasting the spelling bee since the event's debut in 2010 to help raise the stakes and

provide the students with a memorable experience, confirmed owner Steven Fuchs.

Pictured (From left) Willem Thurston, Miley Baker, Journey Warren, Clint Wallace and Brody Oatman pose at Fox Radio Network last week before going on air.

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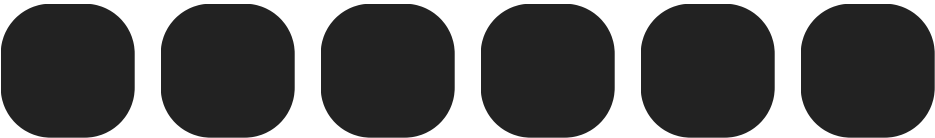
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At the eighth grade level in Science from left: in a tie for third place Rachel Beecher of Bernie and Harli Hinkle of Woodland, Alex Porter of Richland second place and Marie Fees of Dexter first place.

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In seventh grade Science from left: Jack Shirrell of Advance third place, Chris Sutton of Bernie second place and in a tie for first place Logan Williamson of Bloomfield and Korbin Williams of Dexter.

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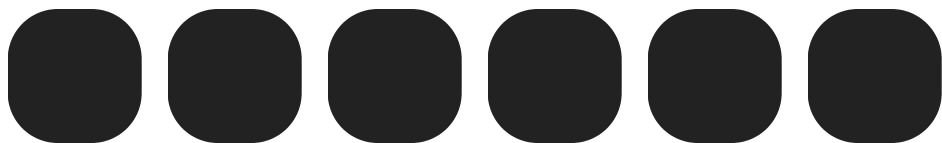
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In sixth grade Science from left: Cole Lang of Bernie third place, McKinzey Daniel of Puxico second place and Oliver Brown of Woodland first place.

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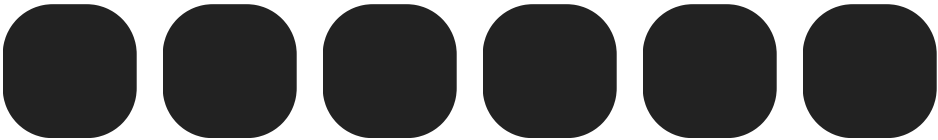
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In fifth grade Science from left: Allison Vessell of Bernie third place, Jude Seidelman of Woodland second place and Ava Porter of Richland first place.

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