

Jackson Heights 7th grader wins spelling bee

(KNZA)--A Jackson Heights 7th grader captured the Jackson County Spelling Bee Saturday.

Dawson Cochren took first place by correctly spelling the words “ appetite” and “ jumbo.” She is the daughter of Lucas and Gera Cochren, of Whiting.

Taking second place was Ethan Cundell, a 7th grader at Holton Middle School.

Cochren will now advance to the state spelling bee to held March 21 at Newman University in Wichita.

The top spellers in 5th-8th grades from each of the county's three school districts competed in Saturday's spelling bee at the Jackson Heights High School gymnasium.

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