SWWC Holds 27th Annual Conference for Young Writers

Over 500 students from around the region were inspired and learned new writing techniques at the Conference for Young Writers held January 9 at Southwest Minnesota State University. Students in grades 3-8 learned how to write poetry, acted out scripts, learned how to write a news story, and so much more. Presenters were excited to share their knowledge and talent with the students. Keynote speaker Douglas Wood, an author of 37 books, artist, musician and wilderness guide, started the day with some music and an inspirational story about his struggles and successes of becoming and author.

The following schools brought students to the Conference for Young Writers:
- Benson Elementary School
- Canby Elementary School
- Clarkfield Charter School
- Ivahoe School
- KMS Elementary School
- Lakeview Elementary School
- Luverne High School
- MCC Elementary School
- Mountain Lake Christian School
- Renville Co. West School
- Sioux Valley School (South Dakota)
- St John's Lutheran School, Redwood Falls
- WWG High School
- Willmar Middle & Roosevelt Elementary Schools
- Worthington Middle & Prairie Elementary Schools
- YME Bert Raney Elementary School

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