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Golden Eagle nestling. See raptors galore at Eagle Watch.

EAGLE WATCH:
Drummers and dancers will offer presentation

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Attendees can meet Aquila, a rehabilitated golden eagle, both days. Children are invited to build a bluebird house (on Saturday) or a bird feeder (on Sunday) and make a commemorative Eagle Watch button to take home. The Madras Garden Center will demonstrate how to create a backyard refuge and enjoy birdwatching year-round.

To cap off the event, the Quartz Creek Drummers and Dancers will provide a special

presentation of tribal drumming and dancing sponsored by Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission and parking at PGE's Round Butte Overlook Park is free; new Eagle Watch souvenirs will be available. Also a silent auction will benefit the Oregon Eagle Foundation. Cash and checks are accepted; there is no ATM onsite.

For information, call Parks Information at 800-551-6949 or The Cove Palisades State Park at 541-546-3412 or visit www.oregonstateparks.org. Information will also be posted on the Cove Palisades blog, The Cove Rattler, at: covepalisades.wordpress.com.

Sisters gets set for Battle of the Books

The 2016 regional Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) tournament will take place Saturday, March 12 at Sisters Middle School. America's Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in third through 12th grades. Students read books and come together usually in groups to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they read.

Registration of teams and training for volunteers starts at 8 a.m. and matches begin at 9 a.m. Teams from four Eastern Oregon counties in divisions 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will compete. The top teams in each division will move on to compete at the state OBOB finals on April 9 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

At the regional Battle of the Books tournament, 48 teams will participate in a round-robin, quiz-style competition hosted by Sisters Middle

School. Student-teams in each division read up to 16 books and answer questions on the content of those books written by volunteer teams of teachers, librarians, and others.

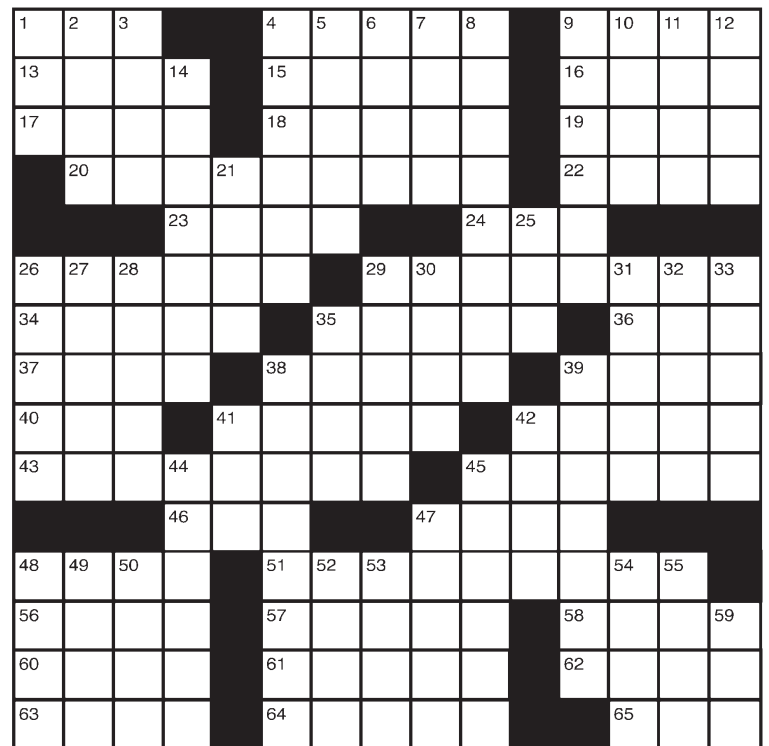
Participation in the competition fosters a love of reading in students and can generate much excitement about academic achievement. The program continues to grow each year to the point now where thousands of students participate at the school level in this important literary enterprise.

In many schools, the final school team is selected in a competition held in front of the entire student body, so the reach of the program extends beyond just participating team members. Teachers believe that the positive image of reading created by the Battle of the Books has incalculable effects on attitudes toward reading of a large number of area students.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Douglas ___; Christmas tree variety
 - 4 Ice cream portion
 - 9 Biting vipers
 - 13 Pitfall
 - 15 Black-and-white bear
 - 16 Tack
 - 17 Bird of peace
 - 18 Marathons
 - 19 Yucca or yew
 - 20 Poverty
 - 22 Difficult
 - 23 Dogs with wrinkly faces
 - 24 Miner's find
 - 26 Rips up
 - 29 Road surface
 - 34 Bleacher levels
 - 35 Amazed
 - 36 Mr. Iacocca
 - 37 Up in ___; irate
 - 38 Wild card
 - 39 Piece of china
 - 40 Island garland
 - 41 Creates
 - 42 Fight off
 - 43 Highly respected
 - 45 Equestrians
 - 46 Driver's spot in a big rig
 - 47 Female red deer
 - 48 "When You ___ Upon a Star"
 - 51 Insulting
 - 56 Where you'll find Columbus
 - 57 Harness straps
 - 58 Actor Wyle
 - 60 Seep out
 - 61 Bert's buddy
 - 62 Bazooka and Spearmint
 - 63 Ran fast
 - 64 Finished
 - 65 Hair covering



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- DOWN**
- 1 Floral wire delivery service
 - 2 Common metal
 - 3 ___ about; praise highly
 - 4 Bits of parsley
 - 5 James & Scott
 - 6 A single time
 - 7 Some works of Wordsworth
 - 8 April 22-30, 2016
 - 9 "O Canada" for one
 - 10 Poet Teasdale
 - 11 Wharf
 - 12 Winter toy
 - 14 Eyes
 - 21 Failures
 - 25 ___ as a beet
 - 26 No longer fresh
 - 27 Takes on new employees
 - 28 Send in payment
 - 29 Jabbed
 - 30 Fills with wonder
 - 31 Wed on the run
 - 32 More modern
 - 33 ___ a fib; lies
 - 35 Roused
 - 38 Huge festive gathering

- 39 Sheets and blankets
- 41 "Cry ___ River"; song of lament
- 42 Orange peel
- 44 Reverberated
- 45 Washed off soapsuds
- 47 Skater Sonja
- 48 Wines & dines
- 49 Pancake house
- 50 S, M, L or XL
- 52 Plant with fronds
- 53 Discover
- 54 Part of speech
- 55 Sports event
- 59 FDR's follower

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