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**IVHS students walk away with cash at Academic Masters**

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Not all high school competitions involve skills and brawn. A few, such as the annual Academic Masters celebrate talent and brains, and there was plenty to admire last week.

The 33rd annual Academic Masters competition took place April 28 at Grants Pass High School. The competition features five students from each of the county's four high schools.

Each school selects their team from a larger group of 20 to 50 or more students through testing. Over the three decades of the competition, over 3,000 students have competed in one or more of the five disciplines for the honor of representing their school.

I.V. High School (IVHS) students worked toward the competition for months, competing first within IVHS for the honor of representing the school against the other three public high schools. Total scores include a semi-finalist written exam conducted by Rogue Community College, together with results of the final contest.

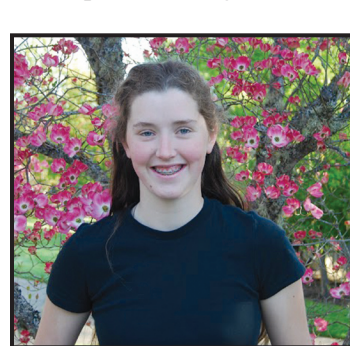
During the night of the competition, the students gave presentations before an audience and music performances were scattered throughout the evening. Nathan Klaiss performed a piece on the baritone horn. Together with his other scores, he won third place and \$500.



**Nathan Klaiss**

The other four competitors were each given 30 minutes to answer a question or solve a problem. The 2016 competition also resulted in a third place award in English for Skyla Patton along with a \$500 prize.

In advance of the competition, the English students were required to read "Mink River" by Brian Doyle, set in a small fictional town on the Oregon coast. They were asked to choose between discussing the function of magical realism in the novel or choosing a character and discussing the character's development throughout the novel.



**Kynan Nordal**

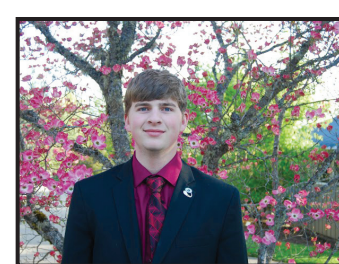
girls' basketball standout Kynan Nordal won \$300 and fourth place in math. The problem the math students were given was a hypothetical situation in which the government needs to crack the pass code on a smartphone. They were then given a series of math problems including calculating how long it would take to crack the code if there were only six digits versus 11 digits, six digits combining alpha-numeric code or how long it would take if fingerprints were included, factoring in 50,000

options.

Chase Nelson won fourth place in science and a \$300 prize for answering the questions: "What is a gene? Where are genes expressed in the body? What is the science behind genetic testing? What are the pros and cons of knowing the information that testing can reveal to us?"



**Skyla Patton**



**Quinn Dietz**

Quinn Dietz again competed for IVHS in social studies and won \$500 for his third place finish. He and the other three social

studies competitors were asked to compare and contrast the Black Plague with flu pandemic of 1918 in terms of the medical, political and psychological effects on society and then speculate on the effect of an equally serious pandemic if it were to occur today.

Three Rivers School Board member Kate Dwyer stated, "This is an amazing competition that is completely unique. We have researched this and there's nothing comparable anywhere else in the country. Originally, there was only one school district in Josephine County. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the two school districts back together. I wouldn't miss Academic Masters for the world and encourage everyone to take the opportunity to experience this awesome free event."



**Chase Nelson**

A booklet is printed each year listing the first place winners for every year of the competition dating back to 1984 when local civic leaders Phil Paquin and Dr. Robert Ballantyne decided to find a way to reward academic excellence. Many individuals and businesses contribute to the cash prizes awarded to the finalists.

Over the past 14 years, Grants Pass High School has won the team award 12 times, including this year. While their school enrollment has hovered around 2,000 students, fourth place finisher IVHS, with a student enrollment averaging 350 tied GPHS for first place in 2014 and won the team award in 2015.

The program also awards a prize to the school with the most representatives in the audience and IVHS won the participation award both this year and last year.

**PATROL ...**

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**Saturday, April 30**

\*The new owners of property in the 100 block of Hogue Drive did not realize that Robert Crow was part of the package deal. Crow has been squatting at that site for several years, and doesn't intend to leave now. The involuntary landlord was advised regarding his options because this is a civil matter.

\*At 1:14 p.m. it sounded like a dog was being killed or had been hit by a vehicle, because it could be heard howling and screaming in pain from the 24300 block of Redwood Hwy. Oregon State Police handled the incident.

\*Normal conversation was heard from a 911-call at 2:22 p.m. from the 200 block of N. Redwood Hwy.

\*Another pocket-dial came in at 5:30 p.m. from Deer Creek Road.

**Outside the Valley**

\*Fifteen items.

**Sunday, May 1**

\*A 1995 Toyota T100 truck with a bright blue flame logo was stolen overnight from the 26500 block of Redwood Hwy. The bed of the truck held \$5,000 worth of construction tools, including various saws, ladders, drills, hammers, a compressor and a chop saw stand. The truck was recovered near Rockydale Road and Waldo Road - there was no mention in the logs of the status of the tools.

\*At 10:39 a.m. there was a fight in progress when an out of control grandson decided to hurt the caretaker in the 300 block of S. Caves Avenue. Reports were filed for first-degree attempted burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault, harassment and strangulation. Once the family realized their transportation was missing from their driveway, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was added to the list of charges.

\*Josephine County Department of Roads and Transportation were notified at 11:41 a.m. that the stop sign needed to be reset at Waldo Road and Rockydale Road.

\*For the last few months, a woman had been storing a bus and two trailers on property in the 3600 block of Lakeshore Drive. When she went to retrieve them, she was confronted by a man in his 60s sitting in the driveway with a small handgun in his lap. The property owner stated that he is holding the bus, trailer, motorcycles and rafts as collateral for a \$7,000 loan. This case may need to be settled in civil court since there are no witnesses to the loan agreement.

\*A poor excuse for a man held a gun to a girl's head, and threatened to stab her and bury her on property in the 4100 block of Deer Creek Road. OSP caught up with the maniac, and a stolen Taurus .22 long rifle revolver was recovered 50 yards away from the residence. At 1:55 p.m. Chance Elliott Johnson, 24, was detained at Josephine County Jail for menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, and a warrant from Del Norte County charging probation violation for burglary. Johnson was also warned regarding trespassing at that location.

\*At 2:18 p.m. an elderly man was passed out in the driver's side of a black sports vehicle. When a Good Samaritan checked on him, he said he was OK and headed to CJ. OSP were unable to respond because they were dealing with a felony traffic stop.

\*All that could be heard on the 911-call was someone yelling at another person in the 27800 block of Redwood Hwy. at 3:27 p.m.

\*A loony lady with longer dark hair tried to break into a house in the 7300 block of Rockydale Road at 3:52 p.m. She gouged up the back door trying to pry it open, then she jumped into a white-colored car and fled towards CJ.

\*The roadway was blocked at 6:25 p.m. at milepost 24 on Hwy. 199 following a rollover crash. One reckless driver was in custody following the high-speed chase.

**Outside the Valley**

\*Ten incidents logged.

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