

Bike donation spokesman wins Gorge Kids' Soup

By KIRBY NEUMANN-REA
News editor

The youngest pitch-person came in first in last week's Kids' Gorge Kids Soup event.

Anson Pulk, 8, took home \$1,400 for his new non-profit endeavor, Anson's Bike Buddies, after 115 or so adults and children cast ballots following the sold-out dinner at Springhouse Winery on Feb. 26.

Anson collects used bikes, repairs them, and then donates the fixed up bikes to families and children in need.

"These were our best presentations yet," said Maui Meyer, one of the event coordinators known as Soupers. Fellow Souper Julie O'Shea said she heard from attendees at the fifth annual Soup that the decision was a tough one to make.

"They were strong presenters and it was great to have such a variety of businesses," she said.

In Kids Soup, young people stand up and present their business or non-profit, and answer questions from audience members, who pay \$30 each for soup and the right to vote. Minus the cost of the food, proceeds go to the grants. (An adult Gorge Soup is held each November.)

Winning \$1,000 were the Roth brothers — Gabriel, Nathaniel and Joel — for their small livestock and milking operation.

In third was Eva Jones, who earned \$400 for her

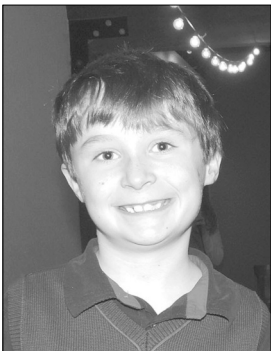
summertime kids' camp for ages 3-9. (One attendee reported that the Roth brothers cast their ballots for other presenters.)

Also pitching in were: Andrew McCreery of Andrew's Ice Cream, building an ice cream cart to sell ice cream in the Gorge; the Rayle and Davis siblings (Kai and Maya and Gwenth and Reed) for Kai's Cones (ice cream to supply their family and friends' ice cream cart); and Abe Brunka, 12, of Protest Inc., which creates innovative outerwear for the snow and skate community. With Abe in the business are Griffin Caldwell, 12; Max Jones, 10; and Parker Arneson, 10. When asked by Meyer, Abe said that, yes, he would look cool in their gear.

Kai's Kones won a grant three years ago to build the cart. Meyer re-

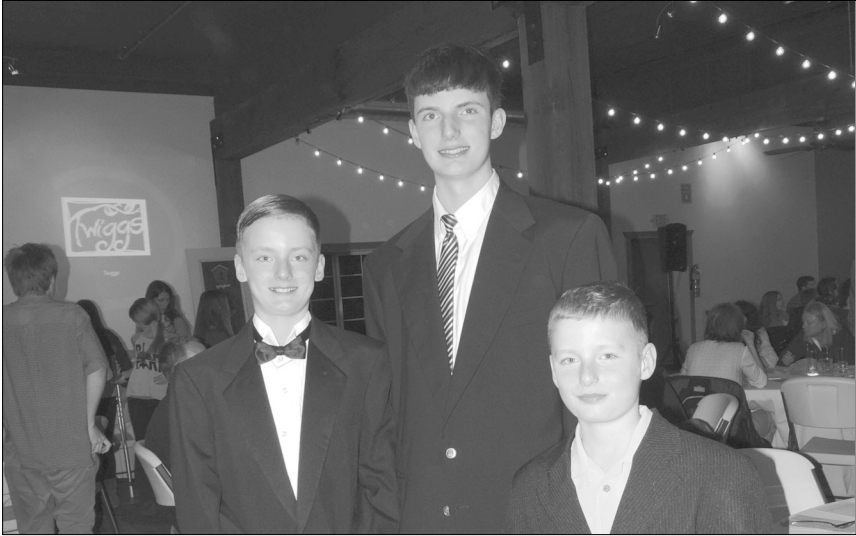
ported that the other previous Kids Soup grants have proven successful. They are New Leaf Gallery, still going after its start-up grant in 2012; Fiona Wylde, who ran a one-day water quality camp in 2013; and 2014 winner Damien Chacko, who used the funds to start his English-language classes for adults, and day-care program to go with it.

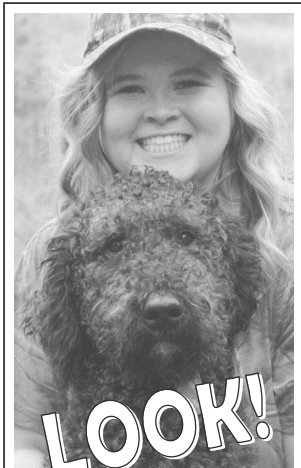
Pulk's program can be found on Facebook and at ansonsbikebuddies.org.



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

AT TOP is winner Anson Pulk. Above, Eva Jones talks with Kids Soup supporters Jim and Jackie Skakel while votes are tabulated. Below, the Roth brothers, Nathaniel, Gabriel, and Joel, who took second.





LOOK!

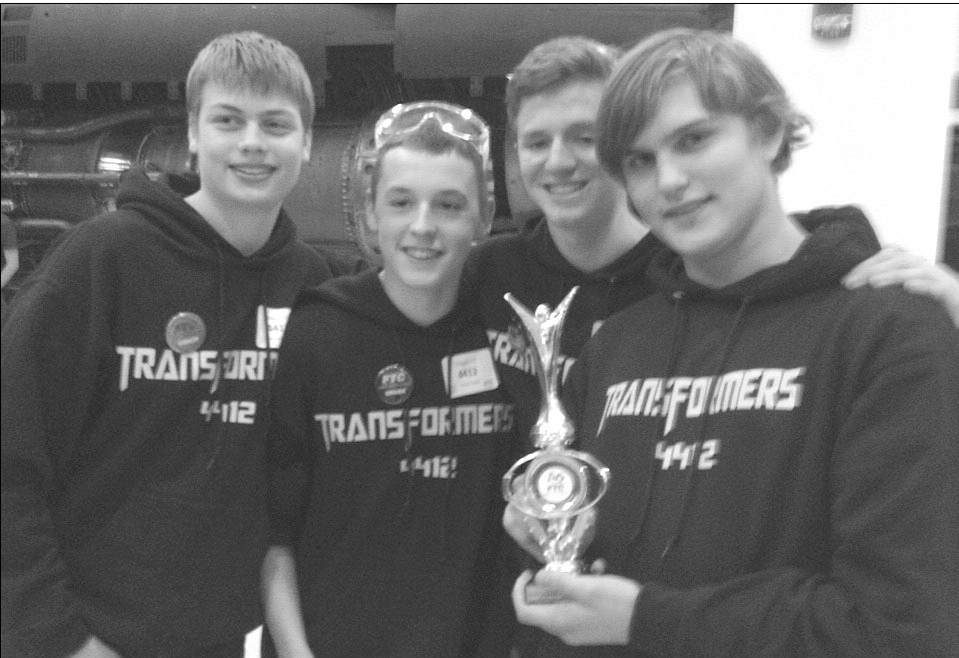
This size ad in the HRN 9 times for only \$175^{50!}
Call Kirsten at 541-386-1234



OPEN FOR DINNER
MONAGON'S PANCAKE HOUSE
Come enjoy our NEW Salad Bar!

10% OFF TOTAL BILL
*Open Mon-Sun 7am - 3pm; Wed-Sat 5pm - 9pm
(Expires 3-31-15)*

1301 Belmont Drive • Hood River
541.436.4035



Submitted photos

TRANSFORMERS:, Erick Siekkinen, left, Peyton Slatt, Travis Running, Levi Geller.

ROBOTICS

Continued from Page A1

went undefeated, with a record of 612 points in one game. The team took first place at the McMinnville tournament in January.

The next day, Occam's Razor advanced with second-place Inspire award, which is granted for community outreach. Their list of accomplishments is long: Members have, among other things, run a summer day camp for young engineers, coordinated volunteers for middle school robotics teams, organized a STEM fair downtown last summer, attended the Gorge Wind Challenge, hosted scrimmages in HRV classrooms, counseled at a 3D printing camp, and mentored middle-school students throughout the FLL (FIRST Lego League) season. Occam's Razor also took home the Control Award, which recognizes a unique and effective control system for the robot's movement.

"Occam's Razor has shamed the competition," said a judge on Sunday. The team also placed fourth in



MEN IN GREEN: Back row: Michael Becker, left, Nathan Olson, Luke Serra, Emmett Becker, Michael McAllister, Ruben Gonzaga, Joey Slover, Dave Slover; Front row, from left, Parker Romero, Jeff Blackman, Quincy Zuck.

overall competition.

Transformers, a team composed entirely of freshmen, also qualified at Saturday's competition.

HELP THE TEAMS

The three teams are grateful for the support of their parents, teachers, and community. Community members can support HRV robotics by "liking" Occam's Razor on

facebook at "Occam's Razor", or purchasing an Occam's Razor T-shirt for just \$20 (To order yours, contact Olivia Acosta at Livifish@rocketmail.com). HRV can always use more volunteers and community support. To see how you can get involved in HRV engineering, contact Jeff Blackman at Jeff.Blackman@hoodriver.k12.or.us.

FULL LINE OF NIKE SOCCER



SHORTT SUPPLY'S GORGE SOCCER CENTER

KIDS TO ADULTS

DOWNTOWN HOOD RIVER

Shoes • Shin Guards • Socks
Shorts • Tops • Team Uniforms

116 Oak St. • 541-386-5474

Hood River Weather Forecast

Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today Mar 4	Sunny	58° / 36°
Thurs. Mar 5	Partly Cloudy	63° / 38°
Fri. Mar 6	Partly Cloudy	67° / 41°
Sat. Mar 7	Sunny	69° / 41°
Sun. Mar 8	Sunny	66° / 42°
Mon. Mar 9	Sunny	66° / 44°
Tues. Mar 10	Partly Cloudy	66° / 48°

Oregon Weather Map



Today's Forecast
Sunny and warm, with a high of 58 degrees, and an overnight low of 36.

Humidity 42%
Wind Speed E 6 MPH
Barometer NA
UV Index 3 out of 10
Dewpoint NA
Visibility NA

Last Update on 23 Feb 7:00 am PST

Actual High / Low

Feb 23	-	53/23
Feb 24	-	61/27
Feb 25	-	50/46
Feb 26	-	54/46
Feb 27	-	47/42
Feb 28	-	54/33
Mar 1	-	54/26

Updated Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 9:00 a.m. PST
Data from www.weather.com

WINTER CHECKLIST



- TRACTION TIRES
- TIRE STUDS
- SNOW WHEELS
- CHAINS
- BATTERIES
- SIPING



HOOD RIVER
3140 W. CASCADE • 541-386-1123