

Stellar spellers

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JOHN DAY — A dozen county-wide young spellers are now eligible to compete in the state level spelling competition.

Three students in four grade divisions came away with first-, second- and third-place wins at the May 10 Grant Education Service District spelling bee held at the John Day Elks Lodge.

Nearly 50 students from five Grant County schools participated in the bee.

The winning spellers are:

Primary Division

- First: Nicholaus Devine, grade 3, Monument School.

- Second: Morgan Majors, grade 2, Humbolt Elementary.

- Third: Charley Knowles, grade 3, Humbolt Elementary.

Division I

- First: Katrine Bogardus, grade 5, Monument School.

- Second: Max Bailey, grade 5, Humbolt Elementary.

- Third: Amelia Hall, Grade 5, Humbolt Elementary.

Division II

- First: Drew Lusco, grade

8, Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

- Second: Riley Reames, grade 6, Prairie City School.

- Third: Riley Robertson, grade 6, Humbolt Elementary.

Division III

- First: Andrew Copenhaver, grade 12, Grant Union.

- Second: Hailey Carter, grade 11, Grant Union.

- Third: Jamie Waltenburg, grade 12, Dayville School.

Prizes were a Kindle Fire for first place, a Hydro Flask for second and a Cinch Sac backpack for third.

Volunteers helping with the local bee this year were readers Tracey Blood, Stacie Holmstrom, Paul Smith and Chris Cronin; and test correctors Donna Becker, Kevin Brown, Kyle Pettyjohn, Emily Mosley, Holmstrom, Cronin, Blood, Robert Waltenburg, and from the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Sherri Giffin and Julie Speakman.

The Oregon Spellers Statewide Spelling Championship will be Sept. 3 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.



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From left, Morgan Majors, grade 2, Humbolt Elementary; Nicholaus Devine, grade 3, Monument School; and Charley Knowles, grade 3, Humbolt Elementary.



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Katrine Bogardus, grade 5, Monument School; Max Bailey, grade 5, Humbolt Elementary; and Amelia Hall, grade 5, Humbolt Elementary.



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Riley Robertson, grade 6, Humbolt Elementary; Riley Reames, grade 6, Prairie City School; and Drew Lusco, grade 8, Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.



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PC shows off student art

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PRAIRIE CITY — It's a masterpiece of an event that takes an entire school year to create.

Student artwork took center stage — as well as every spot imaginable in Prairie City School's old gym — at the school's annual art show May 5.

The showcase of work painted, sculpted, sketched and composed by students in all grades was organized under the direction of teacher Raymond Field, who has headed up the school's art program for the past three years.

As in the past, Field and his team transformed the school's old gym into a feast for the senses with a welcoming ambiance utilizing a variety of lighting, background music, creative displays and even an assortment of refreshments.

This year's art pieces included ghost footprints by kindergartners, silhouette paintings by seventh- and eighth-graders, impressionism paintings by high-schoolers, and a "Mali perspective" student by students in grades 5 and 6.

The art show is an annual tradition at Prairie City School during the closing weeks of the academic year.



Eagle photos/Cheryl Hoefler

Several boys check out some of the art displays at the annual Prairie City School art show.



Prairie City School art teacher Raymond Field talks with Donna Becker, technical assistance specialist at Grant County ESD during the May 5 art show at the school.



Ukiyo-e art by students in grades 7 and 8, and impressionism paintings by high-schoolers graces a wall in the Prairie City School old gym.



Student pottery and a decorative flower planter combine for an eye-catching display at the art show.

Summer vacation is calling

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Another school year is coming to a close, and area teachers and students are preparing for summer vacation.

Here's a rundown of the dates for last day of classes:

- Monument: Thursday, May 26

- Prairie City: Thursday, June 2

- Dayville and Long Creek: Friday, June 3

- Grant District No. 3 (Grant Union and Seneca Elementary): Wednesday, June 8

Graduation dates:

- Monument: Saturday, May 21

- Long Creek and Dayville: Saturday, May 28

- Grant Union and Prairie City: Saturday, June 4

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is having an Open House and Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, May 19th. The Customer Appreciation Day is our way of saying Thank You to Grant County for your support of public transportation. Rides in John Day, Canyon City, Mt. Vernon and Prairie City will be FREE all day! We recommend you schedule your trips in advance!

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Prairie City will be the epicenter of the eclipse which will spread out across the state. Your chamber of commerce has agreed to take the lead with this project which will take extensive planning, organization and preparation. To start things off we have scheduled a public meeting at 4 p.m. on June 1, 2016 at the Canyon City Community Hall. We encourage each community to have elected officials and citizens to attend. This will be a huge undertaking which could have lasting economic advantages for our area.

The first thing that we need immediately is an inventory of what is available for temporary lodging because most every motel and B&B have already been reserved. If you have a rental, a cabin, a spare bedroom or lot, a campsite, or acreage or room for RVs, please contact the chamber by phone, email or stop in to the office and provide us with that information. This event will be a great opportunity to showcase our county, its lifestyle and its friendly people. We will need plenty of help to make this a memorable and successful event. If you want to get involved in any capacity, plan on attending the meeting or stop by our office and let us know how you would like to assist.

Our next public meeting will be at 12 p.m. on May 19 at the Outpost Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Amber Wright, the program manager for Step Forward. She will be discussing how her organization is involved in finding employment for those who have been out of the work force for an extended amount of time, social security issues for the elderly and others as well as those who have challenges in life. She will be accompanied by others in her organization. We hope that everyone will attend and hear what new things are happening in the organization.

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