

Humbolt third through fifth graders win regional Battle of the Books

Sixth graders win third

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A team of third- through fifth-graders won their division at the regional Battle of the Books in Sisters March 11.

The Oregon Battle of the Books is a statewide reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant.

Each division has 16 books the kids must read and answer questions about.

"We started practicing in January, by which point the students had already read each book multiple times," Humbolt Librarian Lauren Berry said.

Humbolt also sent two



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From left: fifth-grader Alici Archibald, fourth-grader Maddie Bailey, fifth-grader Bailey McCracken, third-grader Maleah Archibald and fifth-grader Halle Parsons at Battle of the Books regionals in Sisters March 11.

sixth-grade students, Max Bailey and Kennedy Benge, who placed third out of 11.

Through the competition, students in third through 12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature represent-

ing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints.

The organization's mission is to "encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote

academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students," according to its website.

The third- through fifth-grade team will be going to finals in Salem April 8.

Grant Union junior selected for D.C. trip

By Angel Carpenter
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Grant Union junior Annie Wall will pack her bags in June for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Oregon Trail Electric Co-op.

Wall will join three other Eastern Oregon high school students for the opportunity to represent Oregon and the Northwest for the co-op's youth tour, joining nearly 1,500 students from across the United States for the June 9-15 trip. Other Eastern Oregon students on the trip include



Annie Wall

Bonny Daggett of Imbler, Anna Gambill of La Grande and Mason Tomac of Baker City.

The student delegates will visit famous historical sites, as well as meet with

congressional leaders and learn leadership skills.

"This tour was initiated after Senator Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that co-op leaders send young, promising student leaders to the nation's capital where they could have the opportunity to see, first-hand, what the American flag stands for and represents," said OTEC Manager of Communications and Governments Affairs Lara Petitclerc-Stokes. "OTEC's student delegates will have a week packed full visiting historical war memorials, national archives, the Library of Con-

gress and the Smithsonian to name a few."

High school sophomores heading into their junior year can find details on the Rural Electric Youth Tour at otecc.com under the "Community" tab. Applications for the 2018 tour will be available beginning November 2017.

Oregon Trail Electric is a nonprofit electric cooperative serving 23,000 members in Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties. Youth Tour funds come from unclaimed capital credits and their earnings and do not affect electric rates.

OBITUARIES

John Stiner

John Stiner, 68, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday, March 19, at his home. Services were held Tuesday, March 21, at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, with Pastor Levi Manitsas officiating. Interment was held at Canyon City Cemetery following the service. Services were entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Christian Fellowship through Driskill Memorial Chapel.

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New recruit on the beat in John Day

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New Oregon State Police recruit Ben Stinnett graduated from the OSP academy Friday, Feb. 24. Stinnett, assigned to the John Day Outpost, was among 18 graduates joining the OSP family that day. The recruits were welcomed by OSP's Deputy Superintendent Terri Davie at the graduation in Salem, and joined by friends and family, to celebrate the completion of almost 25 weeks of training.



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Oregon State Police recruit Ben Stinnett

Benefit planned for Butch Goslin

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A benefit dinner with live and silent auctions for Butch Goslin, who was diagnosed with terminal cancer in December, will be held at 6 p.m. April 15.

Goslin was a co-owner of Hanks Sanitation in Prairie City, served on the city coun-

cil and spent more than 15 years working for Voigt Construction.

Cash donations can be made in Goslin's name at Old West Federal Credit Union. Auction donations can be arranged by calling Walt Kight, 541-620-1227, or Chelsey McDaniel, 541-792-0886, by April 10.

CASA RAISES POT OF GOLD

Enjoying prime rib dinner at the CASA fundraising event on St. Patrick's Day March 17 are, from left, Jim Officer, Andrea Officer, Jim Carpenter, Mara Houck, Kimberly Neault, Zach DeRosier, Jessica Winegar, Kathy Smartt and Steve Smartt.

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter



Monument Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Dinner

Saturday, March 25th
4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Monument High School Gymnasium
Boyer Pit Pork BBQ Dinner
\$10.00 a plate, children 10 and under \$5.00 a plate

*****Equipment Needed*****

2 - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus'
CAT S60 Smartphone Thermal Camera

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Jeff Wilcox

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JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	65/47
WEDNESDAY	60/47
THURSDAY	54/38
FRIDAY	63/33
SATURDAY	63/44
SUNDAY	55/38
MONDAY	65/40

24/7 FORECAST
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122
ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-28

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of showers	Mostly sunny	Rain	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Slight chance of showers	Cloudy
54	57	53	56	53	55	54
33	39	36	36	36	29	33