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This Weekend

Students duke it out in Battle of the Books

Dozens of students will compete in the 2018 regional Oregon Battle of the Books tournament Saturday at Warrenton Grade School.

Registration of teams and training for volunteers start at 8:30 a.m., welcome and introductions are at 10 a.m. and matches begin at 10:15.

Teams from Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties in divisions six through eight will compete. The top teams in each division move on to state finals April 7 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

Eleven teams are expected locally in a round-robin,



Left: Warrenton Grade School students enjoy quiet time with books in one of the campus library's reading alcoves.

 Cindy Yingst
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quiz-bowl-type competition hosted by the Grade School. Students read up to 16 books and answer questions on the content.

Participation fosters a love of reading and can generate much excitement about academic achievement, school librarian Diane Widdows

said. In some schools, the final competition is held in front of the entire campus.

"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," Widdows said.

'Vagina Monologues' comes to CCC

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, in Clatsop Community College's Royal Nebeker Gallery.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. The play introduces a divergent gathering of female voices, including a 6-year-old girl, a septuagenarian, a woman who witnesses the birth of her granddaughter, a Bos-

nian rape survivor and a feminist.

Promoters say it will be an evening of laughter, tears and envelope-pushing and is part of Women's History Month.

Proceeds benefit The Harbor Advocacy Center.

The play is directed by Mindy Stokes, director of CCC's Lives in Transition Program and Women's Studies faculty.



Late barkeep's works on display during Art Walk

The Clatsop County Historical Society's Heritage Museum will participate in the Second Saturday Art Walk, from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Featured is the museum's temporary exhibit, "Behind the Bar: The Folk Art of Arvi Ostrom and the Snug Harbor." The exhibit closes soon afterward.

The exhibit features a fraction of the more than 10,000 drawings, paintings and carvings created by Ostrom, Astoria's prolific folk artist

and operator of Uniontown's Snug Harbor saloon.

Upon Arvi's death in 1994, his grandson, Ken Carlson, became caretaker of the vast art collection. He has endeavored to preserve his grandfather's legacy and to share it with the public for the first time.

In addition to the Heritage Museum, the Historical Society operates the Flavel House Museum, Oregon Film Museum and Uppertown Firefighters Museum.

