

## Grade school hosts Oregon Battle of the Books

Local teams have been getting ready for regional competitions of Oregon Battle of the Books.

Warrenton Grade School's third through fifth grades traveled to St. Helens last weekend for a regional competition.

The middle school competition will be Saturday, March 16, at Warrenton Grade School. The top teams in each division move on to compete at the OBOB state finals April 6 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

In Battle of the Books competitions, teams participate

in a round robin, quiz bowl-type competition.

Students read up to 16 books and answer questions as a team on the content. The questions are written by volunteer teams of teachers, librarians, and others.

Warrenton started with about 30 participants between the two divisions, but only one team of five students for each division is able to compete regionally.

Warrenton teams faced off earlier in the year in a practice battle against OBOB teams from Astoria at the Astoria Public Library.

Participation in this competition fosters in students a love of reading and can generate much excitement about academic achievement, said Dianna Widdows, Warrenton Grade School's library media specialist.

The program continues to grow each year to the point where thousands of students participate at the school level.

"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.

## Northwest power supplies low, BPA says

Unseasonably cold temperatures have put pressure on the region's electricity system, the Bonneville Power Administration announced.

The cold, plus low stream flows that limit hydropower production, and constraints on transmission imports has caused the provider to take steps to increase power supplies and reduce consumer demand.

"It's always a good idea to use electricity wisely, and it's even more important when supplies are tight," said Elliot Mainzer, BPA administrator.

As temperatures are forecast to remain unseasonably cool, BPA has asked customers to reduce energy use when possible to relieve stress on the power system.

As the nation's single largest supplier of carbon-free

hydroelectricity, BPA takes its responsibilities to the region very seriously and is prepared to manage through all water conditions.

BPA, a nonprofit federal power marketer, and its partners are tracking the low streamflow conditions in the Columbia and Snake river basins and will continue to explore various options for meeting power needs.

### Public safety calls

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Southwest Second Street.

•Female with possible stroke, 2:28 p.m. March 7, 2100 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.

•Female with blood in urine, 5:16 p.m. March 7, 1100 block Southeast 19th Street.

•Female lift assist, 6:24 a.m. March 8, 1000 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Female with hip injury, 1:09 p.m. March 8, 500 block Northwest First Street.

•Female medical alert activation, 4 p.m. March 8, 89300 block Dellmoor Loop.

•Male with accidental laceration to wrist, 5:02 p.m. March 8, 92200 block Whiskey Road.

•Male with fever, 6:09 p.m. March 8, 300 block Southwest Kalmia Avenue.

•Male with possible injury from vehicle collision, 2:43 a.m. March 9, 0-100 block East Harbor Drive.

•Male lift assist, 6:06 a.m. March 9, 500 block Pacific Drive.

•Male with back injury who wants transport, 10:26 a.m. March 9, 90500 block Digger Road.

•Male with back injury, 1:04 p.m. March 9, 33100 block Patriot Way, Camp Rilea.

•Female who fell out of golf cart, 10:25 a.m. March 10, 1100 block Northwest Ridge Road.

•Gym locker fell on elderly fe-

male, 2:11 p.m. March 10, 0-100 block North Highway 101.

•Male with possible stroke, 4:25 p.m. March 10, 2200 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.

•Male with chest pain, 6:24 p.m. March 10, 33100 block Patriot Way, Camp Rilea.

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## Love of reading starts early



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Julian Barajas, 3, of Warrenton clutches his first book received from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. With him are his father, Julian Sr., and mother, Mayvis Cardinaletti. Imagination Library is a free book-gifting program begun by the singer that mails books to children from birth until they begin school, regardless of family income. Launched in 1995, more than 116 million books have been given away worldwide. To learn more, go to [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com).

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