

HES teams compete in Battle of the Books



Top: Heppner Elementary sixth-grade team (L-R): Cody Fletcher, Hannah Finch, Roan Waite, Jett Stewart and Zachary Ferguson. Bottom: Heppner Elementary's third-through-fifth-grade team (L-R): Madison Palmer, Ty Boor, Paul Lindsay, Jackson Coiner and Aden Lathrop. -Contributed photos

Two teams from Heppner Elementary competed for the first time in the regional Oregon Battle of the Books tournament on March 5 at Blue Mountain Community College. The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a vol-

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

The goals are to encourage reading for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.

Nineteen teams competed at the regional competition in the third-through-fifth division. HES's third-through-fifth-grade team of Aden Lathrop, Jackson Coiner, Ty Boor, Paul Lindsay and Madison Palmer earned the 12th seed after pool play and were eliminated in the first round of bracket play.

Seventeen teams competed in the sixth-through-eighth-grade division. Heppner Elementary's team of sixth-graders Roan Waite, Cody Fletcher, Hannah Finch, Jett Stewart and Zachary Ferguson finished with the 11th seed after pool play and were eliminated in a close match in their first round of bracket play.

Both teams say they learned a lot from the experience and are looking forward to reading the books for next year's battle.

Heppner's 'Wee Bit o' Ireland'...it's a wrap!

It looks like Heppner's 34th annual St. Patrick's Wee Bit o' Ireland celebration is now part of our history. As part of the final wrap-up, though, here are final results from a few of the events:

Button Drawing Winners for \$100 each

First drawing, Kiley Post from Boardman; second drawing, Clara Connor from Falls City, WA.

Road Bowling

It looks like the weather held up and there was a great turnout for the event on Sunday, which ended the celebration weekend.

"Unlucky Livers" Adrian, Austin, David and Robert, with "Viper" (Steve and Doug) grabbing third place.

Welly Toss

Lots of people tried their best to throw the Wellington boots at the Welly Toss this weekend; there were 54 children through high school and 18 adults who participated in the individual competition. The winners were:

Men: 1st, Jeromy Wilson; 2nd, Kevin Murray.

Women: 1st, Caralen Proebster; 2nd, Jennifer Ashbeck.

Boys nine to 16: Ty



Top: the winning team in this year's Irish road bowling was the "Bowl Roaders," consisting of Peter Wenberg, Elliott Strouse and Nels Wenberg. Bottom: Some of the youngest winners in the competition were Bridget Wizner and Ireland Martin. -Contributed photo

There were 13 teams, with the "Bowl Roaders" winning the title once again. The team, made up of Peter Wenberg, Elliott Strouse and Nels Wenberg, won a cash prize and will have their names placed on the road bowling trophy. Second place was claimed by

Boor. Boys two to eight: Jace Wilson. Girls nine to 16: Chantrel Rumenapp. Girls two to eight: Clara Connor.

The individual winners each won a free drink card donated by Murray's; those who have not picked up their drink cards can pick them up at the chamber office. Contact the chamber at 541-676-5536.

Welly Toss team competitions had four teams competing, with prizes for first, second and third places.

First place: The Extinguishers took it again this year with a total throw of 296.2. Team players were Rocky Turner, Jon Ellis, Jeromy Wilson and Brian Spivey. First place prize was a sandwich or large nacho donated by Rolling Thunder Barbecue.

Second place: Murray's Team took second place, but just barely, with 272.9; team players were John Murray, Kevin Murray, Dan Wood and Sean Wood. Second place prize was a cheeseburger basket with fries donated by Quality Concessions.

Third place: Two Couples took third after a fierce competition with Murray's Team, ending with a 272.5. Team players were Tom and Amber Gregg, and Cody Mawhinney and Andrea Holmquist. Third place prize was a free menu donated by Tacos Hometown.

The ladies from Community Bank also participated as a team.

Mustang golf opens season at Echo Invitational

The Heppner Mustang golf teams opened up their season at the Echo Hills Invitational Tournament last week.

The Mustang girls' team finished in first place for the tournament by shooting a team score of 497. Heppner was without their top returning player from last year, Sohie Grant, who is dealing with an injury but is hopeful to return by the end of the season. Amanda Rea stepped up and took home the first-place medal on the day with a score of

98. She was followed by Madison Combe with a 123 and Caitlyn Scrivner who posted a 135. Claire Grieb was next with a round of 141 and Rian Dompier shot a 145.

On the boys' side of things, Daniel Bretsch led the Mustangs with a 103. He was followed by four of the five freshman golfers who are on the team this year. Reno Ferguson fired a 111 on the day and Cason Mitchell shot a 121. Ethan Holmgren recorded a 131 and Logan Burrigh followed

closely with a 132. Their team score of 466 put them in sixth place for the tournament.

The only returning letterman on the boys' team,

Logan Grieb, did not play as he was at the State FFA Convention.

The next match for both teams will be at Pendleton Country Club on April 1.



Mustang golfer Claire Grieb at the Echo Hills Invitational last week. -Contributed photo

HEPPNER FFA ALUMNI MEETING

March 31, 7 p.m.

In the Ag room. Anyone interested in being a friend of Heppner FFA is welcome to attend; you need not have been an FFA member in high school. We are here to help our amazing FFA chapter. Questions, contact Angie Hughes, 541-676-9909

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