

## Statewide spelling contest will start with competition at local district and county levels

The 23rd annual spelling contest for the State of Oregon will again be sponsored by the Oregon Department of Education and The Oregon Association of Education Service Districts. Both private and public school students are encouraged to join in the competitions. Interested home-schoolers may arrange to participate

in their home school district. Competition is at three levels: local district, county, and state. At each level students will be expected to write all spelling words. Spelling words will be pronounced, used correctly in a complete sentence, pronounced again, and the student will then have approximately ten seconds to write the

word down on paper. Local school districts will conduct and coordinate their own contest. Local districts should complete their competition no later than April 30.

The Columbia County Spelling Contest will be conducted in the Loo Wit Room at St. Helens High School on May 6. Students will compete for the opportunity to go to the state competition, to be held during the Oregon State Fair. Visitors are welcome to view the county competition.

The state competition will be held on Saturday, September 4

in Salem. Plaques and U. S. Savings Bonds will be presented to the first place winners of each division; second and third place winners of each division will receive certificates of achievement and U. S. Sav-

ings Bonds. Contests at both the county and state levels will consist of three divisions: Division I, elementary students through grade 5; Division II, students in grades 6-8; Division III, grades 9-12.

## Students attend HOBY Seminar

Tegan Jones, from Vernonia High School, and Sara Fisher, Jewell High School, joined more than 190 high school sophomore leaders from throughout the state at the Oregon Youth Leadership, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar. The seminar was held in Beaverton last month.

The seminar brings together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with leaders in business, government, and the professions, and to discuss issues. The goal is

to provide a forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and for broadening the young peoples' understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development.

## Jewell student earns bachelor's degree

Kasey Kenneth Johnson, 1995 graduate of Jewell High School, will graduate from Portland University May 2, 1999. He is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in science and physics.

Johnson is the son of Ken and Tamie Johnson of Elsie.

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