

OBOB Teams Turn the Page on a Great Season

After months of preparation and local competition, Humbolt Elementary's Battle of the Books teams were ready to compete in the Oregon Battle of the Books regional competition. Both teams had a strong showing at regionals, proving their knowledge and teamwork every step of the way.

The third through fifth-grade team, the Terrific Page Turning Turtle, included Sydney Reitz, Finley Armichardy, Ezra Randleas, Corbin Saul, and Agnes Bailey, along with coach Carrie Sullivan. The team finished pool play in fourth place, advancing to the knockout round, where their season came to a close after

a great effort.

The sixth through eighth-grade team, Projekt Pony, included Samantha Reitz, Cleome McNab, Artemus McNab, Penelope Green, and Vivienne Klusmier, along with coaches Jessi Brunson and Tawnya Reitz. Their adventure followed a similar storyline to their younger counterparts. They also finished fourth in pool play, advanced to the bracket, and ultimately fell in a tiebreaker round after a close matchup.

While neither team placed in the final standings, both groups showed dedication, teamwork, and a true love of reading. A great chapter in this year's OBOB story!



Students Gifted Food for Spring Break

The Backpack Program is making a big impact in Grant County! On March 17, 2026, 30 incredible volunteers came together to fill 1,000 shopping bags with approximately three pounds of food each. These bags supported all kindergarten through 12th-grade students enrolled in Grant County schools over spring break, helping to ensure they had access to meals when school was not in session.

Food insecurity remains a real challenge in our community, with recent data showing that about 17% of Grant County residents are affected. Programs like this

are a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together to support our students and families.

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A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make this possible, with special appreciation to our ESD staff, board members, district school superintendents, Grant Union students and staff, and Monument School staff for stepping up to serve our community. Your efforts are truly making a difference!



Eastern Oregon Regional High School Art Show



Grant Union Jr/Sr High School students Lilly Paddock and Calia Paddock were recognized for their artistic talent by the prestigious Eastern Oregon Regional High School Art Show. Lilly received Honorable Mention in the overall category for her work "Crab Apple Shade." Calia was awarded Art Center East's award "Excellence in the Arts" for Grant County for her work "Pomegranate." Congratulations to these students!

