

Bozeman's Hawkers easily win Eastern Montana speech meet

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Bozeman High School's Hawkers speech and debate team had a blowout win in the first competition of the season at the Eastern Montana Kickoff at Billings Senior High.

Bozeman's varsity team won with 260.5 points to second place Billings West High with 84 points, while Billings Skyview came in third among large AA high schools with 35.5 points.

Thirty schools of all sizes participated in the Nov. 2 event, said Adam Thane, the Hawkers' head coach.

"It was a strong start," Thane wrote in an email, "where returners did well and the next generation showed that Bozeman has talent upcoming for the next few years."

Three Forks High won among Class B schools with 47.5 points. Gardiner won among Class C schools with 24 points.

Bozeman's junior varsity team earned 144 points, and its second JV team scored 60 points, though they were not competing for overall placing.

Bozeman competitors swept the top six spots in informative speaking, the top five spots in dramatic interpretation, the top four spots in duo interpretation, the top three in public forum debate and extemporaneous

speaking, and seven of the top eight spots in varsity policy debate. The Hawkers also won first in four other categories.

The Hawkers next travel to Missoula for the Garden City Invitational, where all class AA schools will compete.

Here are the Hawkers' individual results:

Policy debate: 1. Megan Mahoney & Anna Sofianek, 2. Nic Kuntz & Daniel Waterman, 4. Nia Zilis & Katherine Callow, 5. Christian Poole & Lorelei Michael-Owens, 6. Chloe McDonald & Isabelle Lewis, 7. Miles Fastnow & Ethan Gilpin, and 8. Amelia Hartshorn & Kate Galindo.

Novice policy debate: 1. Catherine Gasparakis & Emma Li, and 5. Anna Gasparakis & Mae Rosner.

Lincoln Douglas debate: 2. Kamila Ponce, 5. Siena Popiel, 7. Soren Wade.

Novice Lincoln Douglas: 1. Asa Hadley, 3. Maeve Musselman, 4. Tenley Wade, 6. Cady Diamond, and 7. Marly Bayless.

Public forum: 1. Aiden Farmer & Ava Murray, 2. Mason Scurry & Annika Gao, 3. Emily Alegria & Ani Hadley, 8. Sellers Shockley & Emmett Allen.

Extemporaneous speaking: 1. Parker Summerhill, 2. Stephen Voigt, 3. Joshua Nguyen, and 6. Cooper Craig.

Impromptu speaking: 1. Joshua Nguyen, 3. Brooke Bothner, 4. Stephen Voigt, 5. Parker Summerhill, 6. Kate Rose, and 8. Cooper Craig.

Oral interpretation: 2. Alex Flory, 4. Samantha Overcash, and 5. Elizabeth Wrzesinski.

Duo interpretation: 1. Olivia Bulis & Sada Schumann, 2. Willow Craighead & Zane Segal, 3. Rikki Johnson & Jack Snow, 4. Hugh

Burroughs & Tristan Pritham, 6. Sydney Barcus & Ciara Thane, and 8. Rhianna Ashcraft & Kailyn Frosberg.

Humorous interpretation: 2. Hugh Burroughs, 3. Emily Daniels, 4. Rikky Johnson, 5. Willow Craighead, and 7. Ciara Thane.

Dramatic interpretation: 1. Olivia Bulis, 2. Salome Tierney, 3. Maya Arnold, 4. Kyah Hegreberg, and 5. Zane Segal.

Memorized public address: 3. Olivia Smith, 5. Olivia Determan, and 8. Lexi Oliver.

Original oratory: 1. Lia Johnson-Hill, 3. Emily Daniels, 5. Abby Mize, and 7. Olivia Yochim.

Informative speaking: 1. Macy Thompson, 2. Tesia Frisque, 3., Sada Schumann, Abby Sheets, 5. Emma Baumgardner, and 6. Anna Wiseman.