

Hawkers take second at Butte speech meet

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Bozeman High School's speech and debate team took second place in last week's Richest Hill on Earth Invitational meet in Butte, narrowly losing to Glacier High School by three points.

The Hawkets earned 149.5 points, just behind Glacier's 152.5 points. Flathead High took third place with 127 points.

"It was one of those meets where most things just didn't go our way, and we still were one result away from winning the tournament," Adam Thane, Hawkets head coach, wrote in an email.

It shows that the state tournament, which Bozeman High will host Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, will be "incredibly competitive," Thane said. "The Hawkets will be ready and motivated."

In the Butte meet Jan. 17 and 18, the Bozeman team was led by champions Macy Thompson in informative speaking and Josh Nguyen in extemporaneous speaking. The Hawkets were also strong in public forum debate and duo interpretation.

Here are Bozeman students' individual results:

--Varsity policy debate: second, Megan Mahoney & Anna Sofianek; eighth, Lorelei Michael-Owens and Christian Poole.

--Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate: fourth, Samantha Savage; fifth, Soren Wade.

--Public forum debate: second, Annika Gao and Irene Liang; third, Mason Scurry & Aiden Farmer; third, Emily Alegria & Ani Hadley.

--Extemporaneous speaking: first, Joshua Nguyen; eighth, Parker Summerhill.

--Impromptu speaking: sixth, Brooke Bothner.

--Duo interpretation: second, Hugh Burroughs & Tristan Pritham; third, Olivia Bulis & Sada Schumann.

--Humorous interpretation: fifth, Jack Snow; sixth, Willow Craighead.

--Dramatic interpretation: fourth, Zane Segal; fifth, Olivia Bulis.

--Memorized public address: seventh, Olivia Smith.

--Original oratory: fifth, Macy Thompson; eighth, Emily Daniels.

--Informative speaking: first, Macy Thompson; fourth, Sada Schumann.

Among Belgrade students, Jordyn McGowen was third in original oratory and Sean Hecock placed eighth in dramatic interpretation.