

Hawkers win Missoula speech meet

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The Bozeman High School Hawkerc speech and debate team won the Garden City Invitational meet in Missoula last weekend.

Bozeman won 196.5 points to beat No. 2, Flathead High, with 148.5 points and third place Glacier High with 144.5 points. All 15 of the state's AA high schools competed, including Belgrade, the newest AA school.

Adam Thane, Bozeman's head coach, said the competition was a good test for the Hawkerc early in the season, and it showed how tight the race for the state championship will be this year. Without the points earned by Bozeman's novice debaters, the team would have come in second, he said.

The Hawkerc had an "incredibly strong showing" in the team debate events, policy debate and public forum debate, Thane said. The team also had strong showings in humorous interpretation and informative speaking.

Bozeman's individual results were:

--Varsity policy debate: first, Megan Mahoney & Anna Sofianek; second, Nic Kuntz & Daniel Waterman; fifth, Lorelei Michael-Owens & Christian Poole.

--Novice policy debate: first, Isabelle Lewis & Chloe McDonald; second, Nia Zilis & Katherine Callow; third, Liza Huggins & Marika Schultz; fourth Miles Fastnow & Ethan Gilpin; sixth, Cat Gasparakis & Emma Li.

--Novice Lincoln Douglas debate: second, Emmett Allen.

--Public forum debate: first, Irene Liang & Esmie Hurd; sixth, Mason Scurry & Annika Gao; eighth, Aiden Farmer & Ava Murray.

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

--Impromptu speaking: second, Parker Summerhill; eighth, Joshua Nguyen.

--Humorous interpretation: second, Erika Johnson; third, Willow Craighead.

--Dramatic interpretation: fifth, Olivia Bulis.

--Memorized public address: sixth, Olivia Determan.

--Original oratory: second, Emily Daniels.

--Informative speaking: second, Macy Thompson; third, Tesia Frisque.

--Program oral interpretation: third, Alexandra Flory.

From the Belgrade High team:

--Original oratory: first, Jordyn McGowen.

--Novice policy debate: eighth, Garrett Brunner & Aden Bellcock.

--Duo interpretation: seventh, Hannah Grav & James Hookano.