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PRESS RELEASE

The Linn County Spelling Contest was held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Lebanon Community School District office. Local school districts throughout Linn County sent their top spellers to the contest.

The winners of the Linn County contest are:

Division I (Grades 1-5): Nora Horne from Riverview School in Lebanon

Division II (Grades 6-8): Paige Rogers from Memorial Middle School in Albany

Division III (Grades 9-12): Kate Looney from West Albany High in Albany

Winners are invited to proceed to the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship, presented by Oregon Spellers at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Championship begins at 10:00am and runs to 12:15pm in the Picnic Grove. The winners of the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship are awarded cash prizes. All State Fair attendees are invited, however, to the “just for fun” verbal “Bee at the Fair,” in Columbia Hall. The Junior Division (12 and under) starts at 2:30pm and the Teen/Adult Division starts at 3:30pm.

Inquiries about how to qualify students to participate in next year’s Linn County Spelling Contest can be directed to Kaynor Heineck at [kaynorw@kaynor.net](mailto:kaynorw@kaynor.net). Home schoolers and on-line students are invited to apply to compete. For information about the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship go to [www.oregonspellers.org](http://www.oregonspellers.org).

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