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**NO TRIVIAL MATTER — LOCAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
TO SPONSOR ITS SECOND ANNUAL 'TRIVIA BEE'**

Fundraising event to be held Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Tower Theatre

Openings still exist for three-person adult teams to participate in a Trivia Bee, to be held Saturday evening, Feb. 24, at the Tower Theatre in downtown Bend.

Up to 49 teams will participate in the event (more than 32 teams have already signed up), which is a fundraiser hosted by the Education Foundation for the Bend-La Pine School District. Event organizers switched from a Spelling Bee to a Trivia Bee last year raising nearly \$40,000.

“The Trivia Bee proved very popular last year and we are looking forward to another fun-filled evening. Our goal is raise over \$60,000 this year. We can accomplish this goal with the help of local citizens and businesses,” said volunteer Trivia Bee Chair Marie Hackbarth.

The Education Foundation for the Bend La-Pine School district is a local, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established to enhance public education in our local schools. With your help, the Education Foundation can enrich the educational lives of our children by granting funds that will go directly into the hands of our students and teachers. Over the last several years, the Education Foundation has raised more than \$225,000 to provide opportunities for learning that are as fundamental as books in a science classroom and as unique as visiting authors.

Teams will initially participate in qualifying rounds with finalists advancing to the championship round. Questions will be asked from the categories of history, arts and entertainment, sports, science and nature, current events and local history and facts.

Prizes will be awarded to the Trivia Bee champions and to the team with the best team name and best team costume.

Individuals wishing to enter a team are asked to visit the Education Foundation's web site (<http://www.educationfoundation.us/>) to download the entry form. Team sponsorships are \$500, which includes three admission tickets for the contestants.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the Trivia Bee set to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for the general public interested in attending as spectators are available at the Tower Theatre, 835 NW Wall Street, and on its website (www.towertheatre.org) for \$20 each, 21 or older please.

The event's title sponsor is Bend-based UNICOM, which has local sales and customer service offices throughout Oregon and Washington. Other event sponsors include Summit 1031 Exchange, Bend Research, Bryant, Lovlien & Jarvis; Miller Lumber; and media sponsors, *The Bulletin* and Horizon Broadcasting Group. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available; more information can be found by visiting the Foundation's website.

Appetizers will be provided by The Blacksmith Restaurant. A no-host bar will be available.

To register a team, sign up as a sponsor or obtain additional information, please visit www.educationfoundation.us, e-mail spbee@educationfoundation.us or call 410-9132.

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