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# Therapy dog training to serve students

Newfoundland poodle Renee brought to Boone

**Peter Mendenhall**

Something new, fluffy and adorable is coming to Boone. Boone is getting a new therapy dog.

Renee is a 9-month-old Newfoundland poodle who is currently in the midst of her training to become a therapy dog. Cheryl Mullins, Renee's owner and Boone behavior specialist, decided a therapy dog could benefit students after working with students with behavior disabilities.

She works in the EBD room, a resource special education room for students that have a behavior disability.

Renee has passed her canine good citizen test, which shows she is well mannered and has a good temperament.

Renee is currently in a 16-week long training course. At the end of it, she will test for an official therapy dog license with the American Kennel Club.

Mullins says she knows how helpful therapy dogs can be and how they are known to be able to calm students.

Sophomore Kendall Rottinghaus has been around Renee two



Renee, the Newfoundland poodle who is training to become a therapy dog, pictured with Boone students Mackenzie Wolfe, Tory Ryder and Kendall Rottinghaus.

or three times. She felt that petting Renee and being around her made her "happy" and "calm."

Renee is not currently at the school full time. She has only been in the school four or five times, including Celebrate the Arts Night.

She should be in the school

full time next school year. Renee will start out in the areas near Mullins' classroom before she is introduced to the rest of the building.

"I want everyone to be able to meet her," Mullins said.

Renee will be available to all students once she is acclimated to

the building full time.

Renee is hypoallergenic, so students do not have to worry about allergies.

The students who have met her enjoy being around her.

Junior William Parker said "She's nice. She's pretty."

# 7 students qualify for FBLA state contest

**Autumn Jones**

Seven students from Boone qualified for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) state competition while at Northern Kentucky University for the regional competition on March 13.

This year's state competition will take place on April 15-17 in Louisville, Ky. While at state, the students will not only get to compete but also attend leadership conferences.

If students qualify at state, they will head to the national competition in San Antonio, Texas. To qualify, students must place first, second, or third place in their event.

Junior Noor Dahleh qualified for state with a second place win in Social Media Campaign.

Dahleh has been a member of FBLA for two years. She first joined because her brother was a member, and she decided to stick with it as she enjoys competing and learning new leadership skills.

"The competitions are great," Dahleh said. "It's really nerve wrecking but placing is a great reward for all the work."

Sophomore Cole Waymeyer came in first place in the Journalism competition; he says it was a shock to him.

"I never thought I would bring home first," Waymeyer said. "It was hard, but I used my prior knowledge from my journalism courses at Boone to help me."

This is Waymeyer's second year in FBLA, but he first joined because he had an interest in business. Now he enjoys it because of the friendships and competitions.

Business teacher, Jay Van Ryzin has been advising Boone's chapter of FBLA for 14 years. Van-Ryzin described this year's team as a "very good group of kids," and he looks forward to seeing what they can do at state.

As members of FBLA, students learn important leadership skills while competing in various academic events.

Students can compete in individual, team, or chapter events. Events range from journalism to graphic design.

# NHS hosts annual dodgeball tourney



Seniors Trevor Miller (LEFT) and Hunter Freeman compete in the National Honor Society's annual dodgeball tournament in the Boone gym on March 22. The event raised money for the organization.

**Liam Minniti**

Nine teams competed for \$130 in restaurant gift cards at the National Honor Society's annual dodgeball tournament on March 22 in the large gym.

National Honor Society (NHS) sponsor and science teacher Rebekah Smith was impressed with the quality of play.

"All the teams were really good," Smith said.

The winning team consisted of seniors Dylan Gascon, Justin Johnson, Matthew Rice, Juan Patino, Tommy Smith and Cooper High School senior Tristen Keyes.

Some football, soccer, and basketball players participated, and one team made up of baseball players wore their baseball jerseys.

Executive Council member John Mark Shutt was in charge of creating the tournament rules. However, he found his role frustrating.

"I was in charge of the rules, and the many disputes were an annoyance," Shutt said. "The NHS dodgeball tournament is always an interest-

ing and emotional experience. You get to see who is a sore loser and who is not."

Smith explained that NHS does the event every year, and this is the third one. Smith said that the event raised almost \$300 overall for NHS's membership dues.

Senior and NHS President Greg McMillan said the event also helped to raise money for stoles that are worn during graduation by NHS members.

"I thought it was well organized and each member of NHS did a good job fulfilling their role," McMillan said.

## FBLA Regional Results

<b>Yazan Orabi</b>	1st
Securities & Investments	
<b>Nathan Nguyen</b>	1st
Intro to Financial Math	
<b>Noor Dahleh &amp; Alissa Avila</b>	2nd
Social Media Campaign	
<b>Cole Waymeyer</b>	1st
Journalism	
<b>Jenna Rose</b>	2nd
Intro to Business Communication	
<b>Baylee Gallenstein</b>	2nd
Intro to Parliamentary Procedures	