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## **TEAMS COMPETE IN ANNUAL JIGSAW PUZZLE TOURNAMENT**

Over 100 people of all ages competed in this year's North Platte Public Library (NPPL) Foundation Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament on Saturday, January 29th at Bethel Evangelical Free Church. The annual event is a fundraising event for the NPPL Foundation. According to Rob Martinson II, this year's tournament was largest one yet. "This is my first year organizing the event and it's been a lot of work and a lot of fun", Martinson said.

Puzzlers competed in one of five divisions this year. The Elementary School Division had 21 teams competing in it this year. The Jaguars from Jefferson Elementary and sponsored by Hair Loft-A Family Salon completed their 200 piece puzzle in a record 21 minutes 6 seconds. Jefferson will house a traveling elementary school trophy this year for their efforts.

The Middle School Division had 9 teams competing this year. The Dynamite Duo keeps the traveling middle school trophy at Madison this year. Their team was sponsored by Dave Harrold, Do-It Center and they completed their 300 piece puzzle in 45 minutes 55 seconds.

Four people competed in the Adult Individual Division and the winner was Taphophilia Queen. She completed her 300 piece puzzle in 58 minutes 27 seconds. She loves to puzzle and practices at home by timing herself as often as she can.

Thirteen teams competed in the Adult 2-Person Division. The winners were the Teter's Two sponsored by Wiseman Chiropractic Wellness Center. They completed their 500 piece puzzle in 1 hour 23 minutes 3 seconds. This mother/son team has competed multiple years in the puzzle tournament and was excited to take first place after having a year off.

Five teams competed in the Adult 4-Person Division. The Purple People Eaters, sponsored by themselves and friends took first place by completing their 500 piece puzzle in 1 hour 18 minutes 32 seconds. Wearing purple shirts as their good luck and identity paid off for this team.

Prizes were awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each adult division, eight places were awarded in the Elementary division and six places were awarded in the Middle School division. Complete results, sponsors list, and photos from the tournament will be posted online at <http://www.npplfoundation.org>.

The event raised approximately \$4,000 for the NPPL Foundation. The NPPL Foundation would like to express its thanks to all donors and sponsors who make this event a success.

The NPPL Foundation is a volunteer fundraising organization, dedicated to enhancing the services and facilities of the North Platte Public Library. Their current goal is to raise \$1 million to offset a future library capital project.

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