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to former U.S. Senator Gordon Smith. Tymchuk is described as gregarious and personable, a man who is curious about everything, including the people he meets.

He spent time with Washington D.C. personalities, serving as director of speechwriting to U.S. Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole and her husband, U.S. Senator Bob Dole, as well as the Senator's legal counsel.

Tymchuk's BA degree in speech and history and his law degree from Willamette University put him in good stead to co-author a number of books with famous people, including four books with the Doles.

Closer to home, he worked with Columbia Sportswear Chairman Gert Boyle on her autobiography, "One Tough Mother." Other Oregon business icons have relied on Tymchuk's talents, including Louisiana-Pacific CEO Harry Merlo, Al Reser, the late chairman and CEO of Reser's Fine Foods, and Former Oregon Senator Mae Yih.

His remarkable memory for names and events made him a four-time champion on the TV game show "Jeopardy."

The "cause of his heart" is Oregon Special Olympics, where he serves as a member of the board. He also gives time to the boards of his alma mater Willamette University and the Oregon State Fair Council.

Accolades for Tymchuk have earned him a reputation as one of Oregon's most respected public servants. He has been named by the *Portland Business Journal* as "The Most Admired Non-Profit Executive in Portland." In 2017, he was selected by Oregon's current and former governors to receive the prestigious "Governor's Gold Award." He is also the recipient of the "Liberty Award," presented by the Oregon League of Minority Voters in recognition of outstanding contribution on behalf of people of color.

Tymchuk resides in Beaverton with his wife, Becky, and their two children.

The Oregon Historical Society was founded in 1898 and is designated steward of Oregon's history. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the OHS houses the Oregon History Museum, a world-class research library, and hosts a wide array of educational programs. Three Sisters Historical Society is applying to be an affiliate member of OHS.

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Kerry Tymchuk is bringing his Oregon History Show and Tell to Sisters.

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Young Sisters chess players took a first-place trophy at a regional chess tournament last weekend.

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Sisters Schools Foundation for helping purchase chess sets and paying the fees to enter a regional tournament held last Saturday and organized by Chess for Success (www.chessforsuccess.org). The tournament was held at Ridgeview High School in Redmond. Sisters competed against five other chess clubs.

Sisters Elementary K-5 grades won the first-place trophy. According to team parents, it was a great first tournament for many of them and they all had a few wins to help their team members get the points needed to win. Team K-5 consisted of Mac Maloney (2nd grade), Carter Roach (3rd), Chris Roach and Brennan Frutos (4th) and Lex Jeffrey, Zoi Miller, and Preston Krone (5th). Individual overall wins went to Chris Roach, first place K-4; Lex Jeffrey, first place for fifth grade. The Sisters 6th- through 8th-grade team members were Devin Coverdale and Conrad Irlam (6th), Maddie Porsche and Justin Blake (7th), and Ashton King (8th). Team 6-8 placed fourth overall.

Each team member played five games, some lasting 40 minutes. The concentration and focus it takes for each game is intense. The players shake hands before and after the game, each child meeting someone new.

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