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A chess tournament participant studies his next move on the large outdoor chess board at Harrison Elementary School.

Cottage Grove calls 'checkmate' in hosting regional chess tourney

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The Oregon High School Chess Team State Championship was held at Harrison Elementary in Cottage Grove last weekend, Feb. 28-29, hosting 16 chess teams from 13 Oregon schools.

Five players from each team competed in the two-day state event.

Each round, a competing team lined up against the Westview High School chess team where several games went to the full length of allowed time (2 hours and 15 minutes). But as clocks ran out

for some of the games, pieces were hurriedly moved to complete the game.

Willamette was the first to fall, then Wilson, followed by Catlin Gabel and Lincoln.

Clackamas High School tried to derail Westview in the final round, with Clackamas winning on the top two

boards, but board 3, 4 and 5 succumbed and Westview ultimately prevailed.

At the end of the five-round event, Westview was undefeated and won the 2020 Oregon High School Chess Team Champion title.

Cottage Grove's team took home no awards this year, a

stark contrast to its performance in last year's tournament, where the team tied for first in the Midwest League and ultimately finished second after losing a tie-breaker game. "We're having a rebuilding year to be sure," said Cottage

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Guild seeks clothing donations for community clothing swap

The Guild, an after-school program run in partnership with Delight, is bringing together local vendors and thousands of articles of clothing for its inaugural Swap and Shop.

On March 29, Delight will be open for customers to "shop" free clothing and local vendor booths from noon to 6 p.m.

In order to make the event a success — and a true swap — The Guild is seeking quality, well-maintained clothing and shoes to be donated.

The Guild is especially hoping to receive donations of kids, baby clothes and shoes. Donations will be accepted between now and Saturday, March 28 at Delight. Donations can be dropped off between 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Delight store owner Colton Kishner-Lira says this event is personal for him because he remembers the community giving back to his family as he was growing up.

"Any parent knows that kids out-grow their clothes so fast, it's hard to keep up sometimes," Kishner-Lira said. "Growing up as a kid in Cottage Grove, I remember the community always stepped up when my parents struggled to make ends meet, so I'm very excited for this great opportunity for parents to bring in items that don't fit their kids anymore and come out with some great items that will fit them for, you know ... the next month or so, however long until the next growth spurt."

Donations for The Guild, a 501(c)3 charity,

will be accepted at the event but are not mandatory.

The program is currently using donations to fund scholarships.

"Our goal at the guild is really to create a fun atmosphere where kids can come together, play some games, flex their creative muscles while doing science. We want them to learn but not feel like they're putting in a lot of work — you know, they work so hard at school all day, we want a safe space for them to unwind and have fun," said new program coordinator Dillon Hockett. "And of course we want it to be accessible. We're here to build community and you can't do that when cost is a barrier. Not every family has the money left over at the end of the month to send their kids to learn

robotics, or cartography or what-have-you, after school is over, and we don't want those kids to be left out of these experiences, so, we're doing what we can to make our programs as inclusive as possible."

The Guild offers weekly programming for \$45 a month per weekday, with a discount for families who sign up for five days a week. Classes offered have a gaming or science theme, such as D&D Through History, Mindstorms Robotics, Cartography, Planeswalker League and more.

Delight is a table top game store in Historic Downtown and offers Pokemon League, Dungeons and Dragons campaigns, Magic: The

Gathering tournaments, board game nights, and more family fun.

For more information,

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