

Chess Mates participate in tournament



Chess Mates members and volunteers: (Back Row L-R): Wayne Seitz, Mary Ann Elguezabal, Jacob Sallee, Joe Armato, Brent Brosnan, Zach Hintz, Conner Pappas, Jordan

Students in Heppner Elementary School's chess club, Chess Mates, participated in the Chess for Success tournament at Desert View Elementary on Saturday, Feb. 19. The students had been holding in-house tournaments at HES

to determine who would represent the team at Desert View tournament.

The HES students were able to make a good showing at the tournament with the kindergarten through fifth grade team

Wright, Ian Murray, Jannie Allen and Dave Kendrick; (Front Row L-R): Garrett Gibbs, Alex Smith, Bryce Fowler, Jason Kendrick, Cade Arbogast, Argho Datta and Ross Cutsforth.

taking first place and receiving a trophy. Individual placers were: second graders, Argho Datta- 1st and Cade Arbogast and Ross Cutsforth- tying for 2nd, fourth grader, Alex Smith- 2nd, fifth grader, Connor

Pappas- 2nd, and sixth graders, Ian Murray and Joe Armato- tying for 2nd.

In high school competition, Heppner High School student Noah Fletcher took first place and will go on to the state tournament.

Ione School Board approves supplemental budget, accepts 05-06 calendar

The Ione School District Board, at their regular monthly meeting rescheduled for Feb. 22 because of President's Day, approved a \$200,000 supplemental budget to accept additional grants and contributions.

The board also approved the 2005-06 school calendar, developed by administrator Bryn Browning with assistance from teachers, with in-

service beginning Aug. 23 and school beginning Aug. 29, prior to Labor Day, with winter break from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, spring break March 27-31, to coordinate with Oregon universities and school ending June 6, with no school on graduation day June 2.

In other business the board:

- approved a revised interscholastic activities program resolution, which includes approved programs, athletic eligibility, administration of the program, athletic program schedules, alcohol/drug violations, assignments and responsibilities and other information.

- approved the first reading of the district's parent involvement policy, which is required by the "No Child Left Behind Act" and encourages "harmonious, constructive working relationships with parents as well as parent-teacher-student organizations."

- approved a resolution concerning the district's local public contract review board.

- heard a report and approved the Umatilla-Morrow ESD resolution services for the district.

- heard the following administrative report from Browning:

- a conflict exists with two parcels concerning a lot search (concerning titles of properties involved in the division between the Morrow County School District and the Ione School District), however, no additional information was available;

- the Ione Education Foundation recently approved a grant for

students in kindergarten through grade five and possibly grades six to eight to work with an artist-in-residence in weaving and quilt-making at the school the end of March and first of April;

- the Ione staff was trained in using the Accelerated Reader program with their students and in using STAR, which provides the teachers with reports and test results from the students. All students in grades one through eight have been tested. Browning said she was using the STAR data to set improvement goals with each student;

- Curtis Thompson has been working for the district cleaning up and organizing the shop building and also began repairing fences, assisting with changing filters, repainting furniture and equipment and general trash from the Rietmann building and custodian's house;

- Browning reviewed the school accreditation report and determined that the process must be completed by school staff. She recommended that the process be put off for at least one school year.

- thirteen students are taking distance learning courses online or through independent study. Courses include: psychology, aerospace students, auto fundamentals, exploring foods, electronics and electricity, business law and personal finance. Four students are also gearing up to enroll in Blue Mountain Community College spring independent study courses.

- March 2 was Read Across America Day and ISD was to launch its literacy plan to the Ione parents and community. The plan includes family literacy nights, a book drive, the Read-n-Play program for children up to age five, additional reading

volunteers, summer reading camps and the possibility of beginning a SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program.

- heard a report from board member Anne Morter, who said that the honor roll has been modified to include the honor roll (formerly the 'A' honor roll) and honorable mention (formerly the 'B' honor roll). She also discussed establishing district policy concerning requirements for students enrolling in online programs and developing a program which would set up student profiles, which would list career goals and classes required to keep students on track for graduation.

- learned that the district audit went well with an "unqualified opinion" received from the auditor. A minor issue concerning a separate fund for the student body funds was also discussed.

- learned that ISD Board Chair Joe McElligott and member John Rietmann met with Oregon legislators in Salem the previous month. They said that they communicated to legislators that they do not wish to have a state mandate on teachers' salaries, nor do they want a state insurance pool.

- met in executive session to review the administrator's job performance, which was favorable.

HLL to hold baseball clinic

The Heppner Little League is holding a fund raiser baseball clinic on March 12 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., with lunch provided. The clinic is open to children ages 8-12. Cost is \$10 and sign-ups will be held the day of the clinic.

For more information, contact 676-9821.

MS Walk coming again to Heppner

Once again Heppner will be one of the host sites for the 17th annual MS Walk, to be held Saturday, April 23. The walk, presented by MS Lifelines, has participants walking 3.1 miles with the goal of raising \$500,000 to fund research, treatment and programs for the more than 5800 people in Oregon and Clark County, WA that have MS (multiple sclerosis.)

Every week 200 Americans are diagnosed with MS. The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS, which has its highest incident rate here in the Pacific Northwest- five times the national average. In many cases, it robs people of significant physical and cognitive abilities. In others, it is a disease lying in wait.

Though walkers in the MS Walk are only asked to raise a minimum of \$25 per person, the average walker raises more than \$160. Top fundraisers earn prizes as individuals and as teams. Walk teams are composed of four or more individuals and raise 70 percent of the funds for the entire event.

Walkers and volunteers can register online at www.mswalkoregon.com or by phone at 1 (800) FIGHT MS. Walkers may register at any time, including the day of the event.

The MS Walk is made possible through the generosity of its sponsors, which include presenting sponsor MS Lifelines and supporting sponsors Berlex, Biogen, Courtesy Ford, Teva Neuroscience and US Bank.

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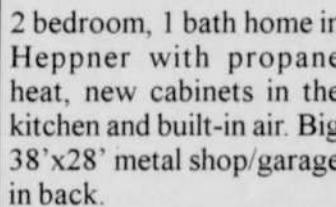


3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Lexington. Carpet and hardwood floors, lots of storage. Owners have upgraded and taken excellent care of this home.

Two swamp coolers, hot tub (runs excellently), two sheds and wood stove included in price. Large lot with carport. Must see this home to appreciate!

\$85,000

2 bedroom, 1 bath home



2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Heppner with propane heat, new cabinets in the kitchen and built-in air. Big 38'x28' metal shop/garage in back.

\$72,500

3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home



Take this one "as is" and get a good deal! 1967 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home in Heppner. 30'x22' garage, two additions make for a roomy single wide.

\$39,000

5 bedroom, 3 bath home

5 bedroom, 3 bath home with view of city. 2857 sq. ft. makes this a great home for kids! Yard, garage, hot tub.



\$110,000

3 bedroom, 2 bath home



3 bedroom, 2 bath home with hardwood floors and a fenced yard.

\$82,000

Don't Be Surprised!



Before picking up a shovel, pick up the telephone. Electric, water, sewer, natural gas, telephone and cable television lines often are buried underground. One wrong move can cause you and your neighbors to be cut off from vital services - or cause death or injury to you, from an electric shock or an explosion. At least two business days before you plan to dig, call your state's one-call center, or your local utilities. Affected utility companies will come out and use color-coded paint to mark the locations of underground utilities. Calling ahead not only is common sense. In some states, it is the law!

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