

Chess Club prepares for tournament



Steve Rhea (center), representing the IOOF Willow Lodge #66, poses with third and fourth grade chess club students: Jason Kendrick, Makayla Kindle, Cade Arbogast, Shane Miles, Misha Hintz, Kaid Peck, Jessie Boyd, Meeka Boyd, Ross Cutsforth, Jacob Price, Jessie Wolford and Jeff Dowdy.

The Heppner Elementary School Chess Club's 89 members are preparing to go to the regional chess tournament in Hermiston on January 28. If the club places first or second at the regional tournament, they will travel

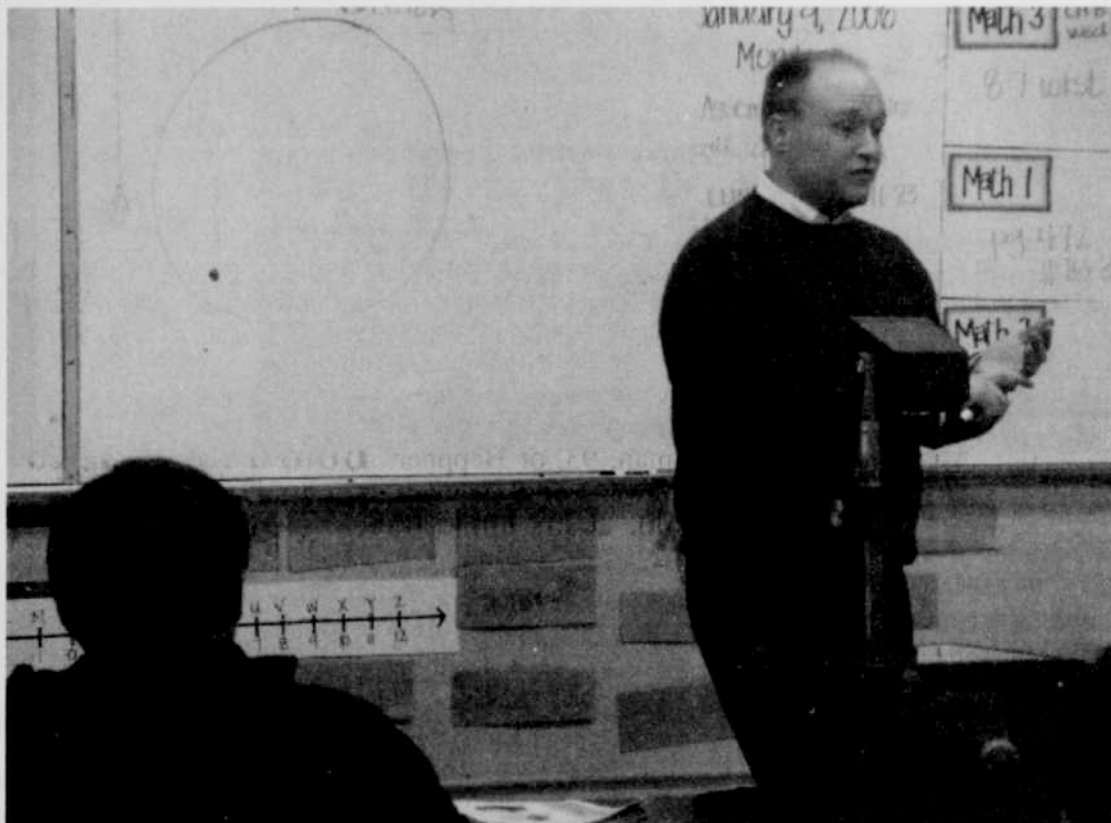
to Portland for the next level of play.

Students gave Willow Valley Service Club and Willow Lodge thank you cards for donating money to the Chess Club for snacks and supplies.

Students in kindergarten through sixth

grade at Heppner Elementary School meet each week after school to practice their chess skills. Students also learn "self control, planning strategy and good manners," said Mary Ann Elguezabal, teacher at Heppner Elementary.

Rep. Greg Smith visits High School math class



Rep. Greg Smith instructs Melissa Coiner's math class concerning tax issues in Oregon.

Heppner High School math teacher Melissa Coiner invited Oregon Representative Greg Smith, Heppner, to speak to her students concerning tax issues in Oregon during her class on Monday, January 9. Smith began by explaining to students how a representative is elected, the number of representatives in

Oregon and the difficulty that rural Oregonians have in getting their needs met in Salem, due to the small number of representatives.

The students asked questions about the large percentage of their parents' income going to taxes and whether eastern Oregon would be better off paying for things that citizens

wanted directly instead of levying taxes to pay for them. One student asked if young people's individual moneymaking ventures, such as lemonade stands, would be taxed at an "adult rate". Discussion was lively as the students became involved in problem solving of Oregon's tax issues.

St. Patrick's senior center news

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will host the Wednesday, Jan. 18, noon meal at St. Patrick's senior center. The menu of the day is pork roast, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, apple juice,

rolls, apple crisp and ice cream.

The annual meeting of the board of directors will take place on the same day. The meeting will include a financial report, summary of the past year's activity and a

perspective of what new challenges are ahead. The public is invited to attend.

Heppner Housing Authority will meet at its regular time on Tuesday, Jan. 31. This meeting is also open to the public.

The Heppner Drive-In and Bakery provided all of the rolls for the community dinner on Christmas Day at the senior center. Those in attendance said they appreciated the thoughtful and generous gift.

New Boardmembers installed



Left to right Bert Houweling, Nancy Snider, Jeff Bailey, Alvin Liu, Jack Thompson, and Barbara Hayes.

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Barbara Hayes received the "Hat's Off" award for her many years of volunteerism as the "woman who takes your money" during all the many annual Chamber events including Town and Country, Celebrate Heppner Pie Auction, all weekly lunches and the Christmas Tree Auction, to name a few. Not only has she voluntarily served as Heppner Chamber Treasurer for many years, she is visible organizing all

three parades in Heppner, helping at Dinner At The Cemetery, and working on all of the afore mentioned functions. "Wherever there's Chamber, there's Hayes", says executive director Claudia Hughes.

Attendees at the Chamber Luncheon were encouraged to attend the Town and Country Banquet, sponsored by Centurytel, to congratulate award recipients and hear Jonathan Nicholas, Portland Oregonian columnist.



Barbara Hayes

Honorary pages requested for State Capitol

State Representative Greg Smith will again host honorary pages at the Capitol during the next Legislative Session scheduled to start this month. "This is a fun and interesting program that allows youth to work at the State Capitol for a day," said Smith. Applicants must be at least 12 years old.

Interested students may contact Shirley Gunter at (503) 986-1882. She will send out written confirmation of the date and time of the visit. The House schedules only six honorary pages on any one day, so the date may be a few weeks away. Those wishing to participate should have several options available when they call.

According to a news release, there is a dress code for participants. They advise that when honorary pages assist in the House Chamber during a floor session, they are in contact with elected officials and may be on television as part of the gavel-to-gavel coverage. They recommend clean, modest clothing respectful of the Oregon State Capitol, as well as comfortable shoes. Unnatural hair color/haircuts, nose rings/studs, extreme clothing such as short tight skirts and/or pants, low-cut blouses or shirts, logo T-shirts, etc., are not appropriate for the House Chamber, said the news release.

A typical day for an honorary page is from 8:30

a.m.-3:30 p.m. with a lunch period at noon. The day will begin with a detailed historical tour of the Capitol. During the daily floor session, pages have the opportunity to meet some of our Representatives. Duties for honorary pages in the afternoon vary in tasks such as using a copy machine, filing, and running errands.

Students must set up their own transportation to and from the Capitol. They are also responsible for bringing a sack lunch or lunch money.

For additional information, e-mail Greg Smith's office at rep.gregsmith@state.or.us or call (503) 986-1457.

Program on Africa to be presented

Ruth Swanson will present a program, "Sights and Sounds of Africa," at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m.

Swanson is a registered nurse and an associate in ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has made seven trips to Africa visiting believers and taking part in a medical mission in Cameroon, West Africa. She also visited Christians in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Namibia.

"The program will bring some smiles as you see her photos of children, but there may also be some tears as you witness the faith of people who have a strong connection to God in the middle of their poverty," stated a press release.

The public is invited to attend. For more details, call 676-5069.

Heppner Little League meeting

Heppner Little League will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Pettyjohn Building conference room. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Health District

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good so far. The district lost \$48,378 in November.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 360 patients in November with 16 new patients and an additional 55 patients seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 181 patients with 40 new patients and an additional 76 seen by a nurse, and 23 no-shows; the Heppner Ambulance had 16 total runs with 15 transports; Boardman Ambulance had 17 runs with 10 transports; Irrigon Ambulance had nine runs with five transports; there was one life flight; total ambulance revenue was \$26,314; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had six admissions, 403 outpatients, 67 emergency room encounters, 1337 lab tests, 90 x-ray procedures, 31 CT scans, 39 EKG tests, one respiratory therapy procedure; Home Health had 104 visits; Hospice had one admit; the pharmacy administered 1015 drug doses for \$44,231 in revenue.

Heppner City Council

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county would assist in the reconstruction of all of Riverside Street. Part of Riverside lies in the city limits and the far end by Devin Oil lies outside.

There was no written agreement for the exchange, however most of the council felt that there was an agreement and between the city and county, and they wished to maintain a good working relationship with the county.

The Riverside Road reconstruction project cost over \$300,000 so most council member felt the city got a good deal out of the agreement; however, there was some hesitation in taking on ownership of roads outside the city limits.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH LAURIE MURRAY

Daughter of John and Ann Murray, Laurie was born in Heppner and has attended school here her entire life. Laurie is very active in school sports and academic programs. She is a Senior this year and is involved in National Honor Society, Volleyball, Wild Horse Club, Chamber of Commerce Rep., St. Pat's Youth Group, 4-H, and is Student Body President.

Laurie's resume of activities and awards is impressive. She has been an 4.0 honor roll student all four high school years. Her freshman year she won American Citizenship awards, Outstanding Mathematics awards, and Excellence in Word Processing award. Her sophomore year she was nominated for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Representative, was geometry student of the year, and won awards for excellence in Physical Science and Language Arts. Her junior year she was Student Body Secretary, Spelling bee champion at the local and district level and won awards for Advanced Placement Biology and Language Arts. She was also an East Oregonian Outstanding Student. This year tops it off with Student Body President.

Student of the Month is sponsored by Sherrell Insurance Agency--Farmer's Insurance Group 127 N. Main, Heppner • 676-5818

FREE FIREWOOD - YOU HAUL

The Morrow County Fair has free firewood at the Fairgrounds that needs to be hauled away.

The wood is located on the grass between the Wilkinson Arena and the Pavilion. The trees had to be removed since they were in danger of damaging the two buildings.

Morrow County Fair Board and Morrow County is not responsible for injuries suffered during cutting or removal of wood.

The removal will be done on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call 676-9474.