

## Heppner hosts chess tournament



Gaige Futter, Hunter Greenup, Tyson Vawser and Gracey DeLoach concentrate on their games while HJSHS judge Jesse Wolford looks on during the Chess for Success tournament last Saturday. —Contributed photo

The regional Chess for Success tournament was held in Heppner on Saturday, January 28.

Teams from Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam, Union and Wallowa counties were invited to attend. Thirty-five students participated in two separate divisions. Division I was for Kindergarten through fifth grade. Division II was for sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Heppner Elementary School had teams compete in both Division I and in Division II.

Teams that placed first were eligible to compete as a team in the state Chess for Success tournament in Portland on March 3 and 4. Individuals who placed first in their divisions or grade levels were eligible to compete in the individual competition in the state tournament.

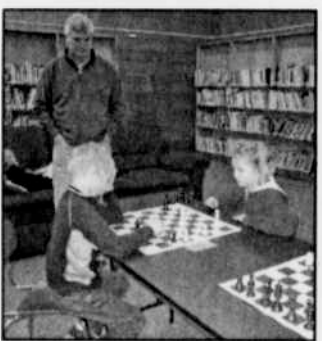
Not only was it a long day, but also a very tense atmosphere. The rivalry between teams and individuals was strong. Everyone was playing their best; the audience could hear a pin drop in the library as the quiet concentration of the players showed on their faces.

At the end of the day, the Armand Larive team from Hermiston and Heppner Elementary tied for the team first-place trophy for Division I. The Division II first-place trophy went Heppner Elementary. That qualifies all three teams—one from Hermiston and two from Heppner—for the state tournament next month.

Individual trophies

went to: Carson Brosnan, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Joe Jones, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Kaden Mecham, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Braeden Ballard, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Gavin Hanna, K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. The players who will go to state for Division I are Gavin Hanna, Tyson Vawser, Jackson Lehman, Carson Brosnan and Leo Waite. The members who will go to state for Division II are Joe Jones, Jackson Lehman, Alex Lindsay and Reiah Waite. The other participants from Heppner were Hunter Greenup, Nicole Prophet, Felix Mathew, Gaige Futter, Gracey DeLoach and Dylan Rill.

This event was made possible by some amazing volunteers. Without their help, there would have been no tournament and the players would not have progressed. Volunteers include Angelica Torres, Wayne Sietz, Richard Jones, Jessie Wolford, Sharon Jones, Kathy Cutsforth, Molly Rill, Bridget Waite, Cherry Webber, Brandi Sweeney, Doris Brosnan, Sharon Morris, Deb Campbell, Sherry Matteson and Mary Ann Elguézabal.



Tournament judge Wayne Seitz watches Gaige Futter and Gracey DeLoach during the tournament. —Contributed photo

## HES announces students of month



Heppner Elementary School announces the students of the month for January. Bottom (L-R): Chance Jones, Sage Ferguson, Gaige Futter, Hayden Qualls, Trevor Nichols, Anthony Rankin, Isabela Cegueta and Zandra Masterson. Top (L-R): Carson Brosnan, Kami Holtz, Cassidy Henrichs, Brett Jewett, Jace Coe, Ivy Sandford, Jaiden Mahoney, Diana Healy and Hayley Akers. Not pictured: Riley Gorham. The character trait for January was responsibility. —Contributed photo

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## Heppner uncertain for districts

*Fate hinges on games this week*

In Weston-McEwen Friday night at the varsity girls basketball game, the Heppner Mustangs (1-7 BMC) earned a win at home by playing tough all four quarters. The game was back and forth all night and went down to the final seconds of play. Bailey Bennett put in 23 points for the Mustangs in the 55-52 loss.

In the boys varsity game, the Mustangs fell behind early and could never quite catch up, losing 62-48 to the Tiger-Scotts. Cody Orr had 17 points for Heppner.

On Saturday, the Heppner Mustangs hosted

the Pilot Rock Rockets. The Rockets picked up the win in the girls' game 42-36. The Mustangs were up by four at the half and played great defense, holding the Rockets to three points in the third quarter. Kelly Wilson led scoring for Heppner with 18 points.

The Heppner boys lost to the Rockets 66-44. The Mustang boys drop to 3-6 BMC and must win their games this weekend to stay alive in the district playoff hunt.

The Mustangs hosted Union on Tuesday, and travel to Enterprise on Friday and Elgin on Saturday.

## South Morrow students place in Elks Hoop Shoot

The Northeast Oregon District Elks Hoop Shoot was held on January 28 at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston. Sydney Wilson from Lexington placed second in the eight- to nine-year-old girls category; Ivy Sandford from Ione placed third in the 12- to 13-year-old girls category and Wyatt Steagall from Lexington placed third in the 12- to 13-year-old boys category.

Other Morrow County participants were Kacie Gray of Heppner, Casey Fletcher of Lexington and Dakota Howard of Heppner.

Full results are: Eight- to nine-year-old girls: 1<sup>st</sup>, Bethany Tolman from Hermiston, scoring 15/25; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sydney Wilson from Lexington and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sabrina Albee from Joseph.

Eight- to nine-year-old boys: 1<sup>st</sup>, Sam Schwirz from Hermiston, scoring 18/25; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dakota Sams from Pendleton and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jace Troutman from Arlington.

Ten- to 11-year-old girls: 1<sup>st</sup>, Desiree Davis from Baker City, scoring 19/25; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jada Burns from Stanfield and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Giovana

Angel from Pendleton.

Ten- to 11-year-old boys: 1<sup>st</sup>, Jimmy Wells from Joseph, scoring 18/25; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Andrew James from Hermiston and 3<sup>rd</sup>, James Penney from Pendleton.

Twelve- to 13-year-old girls: 1<sup>st</sup>, Emma Logan from Fossil, scoring 20-25; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Satori Albee from Joseph and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ivy Sandford from Ione.

Twelve- to 13-year-old boys: 1<sup>st</sup>, Connor Lafferty from Umatilla, scoring 20/25 and then 4/5 in the tie-breaker round; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Fennern from Condon and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wyatt Steagall from Lexington.

Other participants were Elsie McKay of Pendleton, Maddie McMurray of Fossil, Andrea Payne of Baker City, Jamie Johnston of Wallowa, Kacie Gray of Heppner, Sydney Edwards of Condon, Kairy Escobedo of Umatilla, Savannah Stephens of Haines, Casey Fletcher of Lexington, JuanLuiz Jimenez of Hood River, Dakota Howard of Heppner, Brett Troutman of Arlington, Isaac Colton of North Powder, Nicolas Sands of Joseph, Alex Jensen of Hood River, and Bryson Pierce.

## HES students sing in state choir



Ten fifth- and sixth-grade students from Heppner Elementary School recently traveled to Eugene to participate in the Oregon Music Educators All-State Elementary Choir. Students were required to try out in September and then were selected at a state level. They performed at the Hult Center in Eugene on January 14 for a huge crowd. Some of the generous donations that helped the students attend the event came from Heppner Elks Lodge, Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington Lodge, Heppner Family Foods, Heppner Oddfellows and Gene Heleker. Back (L-R): Wyatt Steagall, Kevin Smith, Madison Combe, Cara Arbogast and Claire Grieb. Front (L-R): Olivia Schmidt, Naleah Stone, Isabella Garcia, Reiah Waite and Cason Mitchell. —Contributed photo

My sister is turning 90 February 15, 2012!  
Born and raised in Heppner, Frances had and still has many friends in Morrow County. Frances was born to Percy & Jessie Cox, you know, Nina Harshman & Stanley Cox's full sister, Marlene Gray's half sister, Oh yes, Frances married Marlene's half brother Norman Griffin. Lets see, Francis is a half & Norman is a half so that makes Marlene a whole- family joke. Anyone who would like to help make the ole girl's day can send a card to:  
Frances Griffin  
1925 Icabod Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97305  
**Happy Birthday Sis,**  
with love, Mike & Marlene-Gray

## Lady Cards keep up winning streak

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals maintained their winning ways last week in Big Sky play, handily defeating Echo on the road on Tuesday, January 24 and barely escaping Dufur on Friday, January 27. The Cards' overall record stands at 13-3, with a 7-1 mark in the Big Sky Conference.

After nearly a week off due to snow and ice, neither team looked terribly sharp at Echo on Tuesday. The Cardinals led 9-5 after one quarter and 20-6 at half-time. Ione's scoring picked up in the second half as they cruised to a 48-23 win.

"Both teams were a little rusty after the week off due to weather," said head coach Mike Garrett. "We had a cold shooting night but were able to play some great defense and held them to six points at the half. Echo is always a tough place to play and it was a good win for us."

JoAnna Patton led the team with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Lacey Thompson and Shadow Kendrick both had nine points.

At Dufur, it was a buzzer-beating, long-range shot by Shadow Kendrick that saved the day for the Cardinals as the three-point shot gave them just what they needed to pull out a 39-38 win. Although Ione had Dufur down 23-18 at the half, the Rangers outscored the Cardinals 17-6 in the third quarter to lead 29-35 going into the final period.

"Dufur came out in the second half and shot the ball very well," said Garrett. "We talked about picking up the defensive intensity in the fourth and the kids responded. We were down by eight and slowly chipped away. With 20 seconds to go, Makenna Ramos hit a big free throw

to tie the game. Dufur went down the floor and scored with about five seconds left to go, up by two. Joanna Patton grabbed the ball out of the net quickly and got it to Shadow Kendrick, who drove hard up the floor and fired off a three-pointer just after half court for the win. It was very exciting and one of those games that really brings a team together. It was a great league win."

Shadow Kendrick was the game's leading scorer with 13 points. JoAnna Patton had nine points and 10 rebounds in the contest.

**Ione 48, Echo 23**

Ione (12-3, 6-1 BSC): JoAnna Patton, 14; Lacey Thompson, 9; Shadow Kendrick, 9; Stacey Halvorson, 6; Makenna Ramos, 6; Lauren Garrett, 2; Jaqueline Jaurez, 1; Emily Holland, 1.

Echo (6-11, 4-3 BSC): Kirsten McCallum, 11; Katelyn Elligsen, 5; Rachel Round, 2; Evangalyn Marcum, 2; Bailey Srofe, 2; Elizabeth McCarty, 1.

Three-point field goals: Ione, 0-5; Echo, 2-14. Free throws: Ione, 8-21; Echo, 3-9. Personal fouls: Ione, 17; Echo, 18. Technical fouls: none. Fouled out: none.

**Ione 39, Dufur 38**

Ione (13-3, 7-1 BSC): Shadow Kendrick, 13; JoAnna Patton, 9; Stacey Halvorsen, 7; Makenna Ramos, 5; Lauren Garrett, 4; Mary Rietmann, 1.

Dufur (12-5, 7-2 BSC): Janelle Keever, 12; Taylor Darden, 10; Alexa Macias, 8; Teneille McDonald, 4; Alexis Anderson, 2; Kylie Reed, 2.

Three-point field goals: IHS, 2; DHS, 2. Free throws: IHS, 5-11; DHS, 8-15. Personal fouls: IHS, 16; DHS, 6. Technical fouls: none. Fouled out: none.

## Ione student on WSU fall honor roll

Ione student Emily Katherine Rietmann is on the fall 2011 honor roll for Washington State University in Pullman, WA, the university announced last week.

"The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who stand above the rest with excellent academic performance," says a WSU statement. "This award is especially noteworthy because of the world-class caliber of faculty who teach here and their high expectations of their students."

To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75, or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

## Ione 4-H food club meets

By Aaron Smythe

The Ione Community 4-H Foods second-year members met on the afternoon of January 25 at the Ione Community Church to prepare a complete meal. The menu consisted of Tuscan chicken, baked sweet potato wedges, zesty Italian pasta salad, apple-sauce quick bread and easy cheesecake in a graham cracker crust.

The chicken was prepared by Alexis Garrett, the potatoes by Aaron Smythe and the salad by Sydney Stefani. Morgan Orem made the muffins, and Babali Peterson and Ann Riemann made the cheesecake and crust. They

were assisted by leaders Nancy and Rebecca Jepsen, and helper Claudia Smythe. The members cleaned up while the meal was baking and the salad and dessert were chilling, and then enjoyed dinner together.

After a discussion of cost per serving, the dishes were washed and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a field trip to Hermiston with the first-year members to tour several food-related businesses on February 10.

The members of the club appreciate the use of Ione Community Church as a central location for their meetings.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:  
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Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
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