

# Heppner students compete in chess tournament



**Pictured:** Avia Botefuhr, Eva Worden, Journey Cavan-Harris, Max VonGunten, Joe McMasters, Mary Ashbeck, Ketch Fennern, Jasper Hanna, Hannah Brannon.

Elementary and middle school students from Heppner participated in the 2020 Regional Chess for Success Tournament in Hermiston last week. Players also attended from Baker City, The Dalles and Hermiston.

Heppner did not have enough middle school students for a team but Journey Cavan-Harris and Delilah Saucedo earned a total of six points. Journey will attend the state tournament as the sixth-grade champion. The Heppner elementary team earned 19 points for first place and will be attending the state tournament. Elementary team players were Joe McMasters, Mary Ashbeck, Jasper

Hanna, Avia Panky-Botefuhr, Maxwell Von Gunten and Ketch Fennern.

Joe McMasters earned first-place in the fifth-grade category and Jasper Hanna and Mary Ashbeck tied for first in the K-4 category.

The state tournament will be held in Portland, OR on March 13 and 14.

# Fr. Condon play to be presented



**The cast of the play back row:** Monika Elquezal, Bill Kuhn, Brian Kollman, Anne Morter, Rita Van Schoiack and Dan Van Schoiack. **Front row:** Irelyn Kollman, Madelyn Nichols, Janet Greenup and Beth Dickenson. **Sitting:** Joe Lindsay. **Not pictured:** Nikki Sweeney and Jennifer Ashbeck.

“The Little Way of St. Therese,” written by Father Gerald Condon, will be presented March 8 at 3 p.m. at the Ione Community School and on March 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall in Heppner. Admission is free, donations accepted.

Saint Therese was born in France in 1873 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in May of 1925. With a steel will, she struggled with the church authorities to be permitted to join the convent at Lisieux. Church law did not permit a person so young to make such a serious commitment. She was refused by the Mother

Superior, went to the local Bishop, and was denied. Not daunted, she went to the Pope. The rest is history. Her approach to holiness was the “Little Way of Spiritual Childhood.” She was affectionately known as “the Little Flower.”

Father Condon has been writing and producing plays for over 25 years. Many of the cast members participating in this year’s production were in his original productions. It is a routine comment among cast members and production crew, “You can’t say no to Father Condon.”

# Ione receives CREZ II funds



**Port of Morrow Commissioner Marvin Padberg (left) presents a CREZ II check to Ione School District Principal Rollie Marshall.**

The Ione School District was recently awarded \$24,366 from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II (CREZ II). Port of Morrow Commissioner Marvin Padberg presented the check to Ione Principal Rollie Marshall, who thanked the CREZ II Board for its generous donation.

Marshall said Ione will use the funds to further upgrade technology in the Ione schools. “For a small school district like ours, having a source of funds like this is really positive,”

Marshall said.

Money disbursed from CREZ II was collected in 2019 in accordance with agreements made with various businesses and the CREZ II Board. The Columbia River Enterprise Zone II was established in 2009 after the success of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone I. Enterprise zones offer a unique resource for Oregon communities, providing benefits for both businesses located within an enterprise zone and the region surrounding it.

# Creth Harris celebrates 103rd birthday



**Creth Harris celebrates her 103rd birthday with sons John (left) and Bob at Ashley Manor in Hermiston.**

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