

Making their next move

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With other competitors awaiting the end of their match, Timothy Novitsky, 10, (foreground, at left) and Maria Naess, 8, stayed focused on their pieces during the fifth annual Waypoint Foundation Scholastic Chess Tournament for kids Saturday morning at Parkway School in Ephrata. Over 70 area young people took part in the event. More photos and results will be published in this Thursday's Journal.

Photo by Lauren McLaughlin

Check, mate: kids' tourney pays off big



Chess was name of the game at the Parkway School on Saturday, where 10-year-old Sara Naess of Moses Lake (above right), won the fifth annual Waypoint Foundation Chess Tournament, taking home a \$1000 cash prize. All participants received cash awards in the tournament, founded by Roger and Troy Pugh in memory of their brother, Ryan, a chess enthusiast who passed away 10 years ago. The competition attracted 74 youngsters from Ephrata, Quincy, Soap Lake and Moses Lake in K-12 (bottom right). The tournament was made up of six rounds, one hour allowed for each round, with the time being kept on a play clock at each board. Most matches didn't last that long, and players would find new friends to play practice games with while they waited for the rounds to end (above). "It's not an age game, year after year that's proven when younger kids beat older kids," said Roger Pugh. "Last year our champion was a seventh grader."

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