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Ephrata chess tournament is Feb. 2

Seventh Waypoint Foundation tournament

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER
Herald staff writer

EPHRATA — Registration will be open through noon on Feb. 1 for the seventh annual Scholastic Chess Tournament sponsored by the Waypoint Foundation. The tournament is scheduled for Feb. 2 at Parkway Elementary School, 1011 Parkway Blvd., Ephrata.

The tournament is open to all children, grades K-12, in the Ephrata, Moses Lake, Quincy and Soap Lake school districts. That includes public, private and home-schooled students, said tournament director Troy Pugh.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Chess sets and clocks will be provided.

Participation is limited to the first 100 kids to register.

Competitors will check in beginning at 7:45 a.m., with the first round at 8:30 a.m. The next two rounds follow approximately 15



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Students consider their next move during the Waypoint Foundation's chess tournament. This year's tournament is Feb. 2.

minutes after the previous round, with the fourth round at 12:30 p.m. The tournament should be completed by 3 p.m.

Chess, of course, is a game with a centuries-old history, a complex game with a multitude of choices on almost every move. The organizers will sponsor two classes to explain some of the game's basics for kids whose experience with chess is limited.

The classes also will cover some chess strategies and etiquette, tournament rules, chess notation and other things participants need to know. Classes are scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 24 and 29 at Parkway school. The classes are not required, but are encouraged, Pugh said.

The Pugh kids participated in chess tournaments "and received great benefit

from the preparation, participation and prizes won in the tournament," Pugh said. Chess does good things for kids, he said.

The game requires critical thinking, promotes problem solving, concentration and thinking ahead. Chess players have to figure out how to cope with the consequences of decisions, and learn when and how to take risks.

The Waypoint Foundation sponsors the tournament in memory of Ryan Pugh, who died in a car accident in 2001. Ryan Pugh liked chess; as a youth he won the tournament the family participated in three times.

"We determined that a great way to memorialize him as well as give back to our community would be in the establishment of a similar chess tournament," Pugh wrote.

Registration forms are available at elementary, middle and high schools in the four school districts, or online at the Waypoint Foundation website. People who want more information can contact Pugh, 509-754-9800.

Royal City man sentenced for attacking girlfriend

By CAMERON PROBERT
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Her brother was the fastest on the field and a good ball handler. And Dean Murray could really kick that ball. The children were participants in a soccer clinic for the handicapped, and showed what they learned at halftime of

was born with Down syndrome, and Michele's experiences, and knowing other handicapped people through her church, gave her the idea for the clinic. It was designed to give handicapped people the chance to do something

girls soccer players and their friends. The teams met at high noon on a bright sunny day at Lions Field. The boys had a 1-0 lead about half-way through the first half, thanks to the play of Mr. Orange Shoes, as Hill

score was not available at press time. The clinic drew eight participants, and Cleverly's mom, Kim, Ashley Deminger and Ricky Ramon couldn't make the exhibition.



Chess battle in Ephrata

Cheryl Schweizer/Columbia Basin Herald
Natividad Cardenas (left) and Izak Negrete did battle at the annual Waypoint Chess Tournament Saturday. For more photos, visit www.columbiabasinherald.com.

Junior chess tournament draws 97 players

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER
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EPHRATA — Zech Long was in deep trouble, his king surrounded and probably trapped. But then again, maybe not.

"Wait, wait," Long said. It appeared he found a move with his bishop that would stave off the end, at least for a few moves.
Nah. It wouldn't work. "I think I've got him

checkmated," explained his opponent Rachel Poruff to the moderator looking at the board. And she was right. If Zech moved his king in one direction he was threatened by Rachel's rook.

If he moved in any other direction he was threatened by her queen. Checkmate. Rachel and Zech met in the second round of the
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Ephrata musicians make all-state march

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER
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Car prowlers hit Moses neighborhood

No suspects so far
By Joe Urten
Herald staff writer

MOSES LAKE — Car prowlers hit several areas overnight Thursday in Moses Lake. At least seven vehicle prowls were reported.

According to police reports, five prowls were reported in the vicinity of the Moses Lake Clinic, including the 1600 block of East Hayden Drive, 1100 block of South Eastlake Drive, two on South Ironwood Drive and one on East St. Helens Drive.

The other two prowls were reported to have occurred somewhere along Peninsula Drive and South Battery Road near Peninsula Park.

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seventh annual Scholastic Chess Tournament, held Saturday and sponsored by the Waypoint Foundation. The identity of the winners was not available at press time.

The 2013 tournament drew 97 players, said tournament director Troy Pugh. The kids filled the lunchroom at Parkway Elementary School in Ephrata.

The tournament was open to students in kindergarten through high

school, and it drew participants from primary grades right up to juniors and seniors. Players lined up their kings, queens, rooks, bishops, knights and pawns and did battle. Every move was recorded on a chart provided by tournament organizers, and some games were so hotly contested that they spilled over into a second chart. Others went a little quicker. "Some players are really good. Some players don't know what they're doing," explained Luis Gomez, a sixth grader at Parkway

who used to live in Moses Lake. His friend Garrett McLain taught him to play, he said, way back in fourth grade.

"You get to see how people's strategies are, and then you can use your brain. It's really fun," McLain said. He's a seventh grader at Chief Moses Middle School in Moses Lake.

And chess players get to meet all kinds of different people, Luis said. Boys and girls play chess, adults play, teenagers play.

"It's a fun strategic

game. It's really cool to play a game and learn something while I'm doing it," Rachel said.

"Every game is different," Pugh said. He's been playing since he was a kid, and now plays with his daughters, he said. "There's certainly a level of excitement to it," with each player "seeing if they can outwit their opponent," he said.

The foundation sponsors the tournament in memory of the founders' late brother Ryan, who was an enthusiastic chess player.



Competitors keep track of their moves in the 2010 Waypoint Foundation Scholastic Chess Tournament

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