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One Dollar

Chess? Check, mate!



Mason Palmer (at right) pondered his next move against opponent Marcus Seibel (wearing stocking cap) during the Waypoint Foundation Chess Tournament, held Saturday at Parkway School in Ephrata. The event, now in its 15th year, was free and open to all Grant County students in grades K-12. Mason and Marcus were among dozens of youngsters who participated, enjoying a pizza lunch while matching wits and vying for cash prizes. Hayden Malone earned the top prize of \$500 after besting Elijah Chamberlain in a playoff match. Hayden and Elijah are both from Ephrata

Ballots due for Tuesday elections

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EPHRATA — Voters are being reminded that ballots for Tuesday's special elections in Grant County must be returned to designated collection sites or postmarked by Feb. 8 to be counted.

**SL street
funding;
levies for
schools**

Election officials mailed out ballots last month to registered voters in Soap Lake and seven school districts for their separate funding proposals.

In addition to return-by-mail, ballots can be dropped off by 8 p.m. on election day at the Grant County Courthouse in Ephrata or at collection sites in the affected communities of Soap Lake, Coulee City, Grand Coulee, George, Mattawa, Quincy, Royal City, and Warden.

More information is available online at <https://www.grant-countywa.gov/270/Elections>.

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