

CHOIR: Songs come from musical 'Big River'

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and the reprise solo by Alec Gannon.

There is a variety of music within the show — there are light hearted and humorous songs such as “Arkansas,” “Do You Wanna Go to Heaven,” “Hand for the Hog,” and “The Boys.” The show also includes slower, more somber songs and songs with a message such as “Waitin’ for the Light to Shine,” “River in the Rain,” and “Free at Last.”

“I had the great honor of doing ‘Big River’ professionally, and the music and messages in the show have stayed with me,” said musical theater Director Rick Johnson. “The idea of equality among all people resonated with me. I want to pass it on to my students.”

Members of the music theater class have been working on the show’s music since September, and have looked at the meanings of all the songs and applying them to their own life. Students also looked at the show as a whole, learning about Broadway shows, and specifically about “Big River” and the message behind it.

Students will be in costume for the show — costumes that show the time and place of the musical and are positioned around the stage for different solos and songs.

All Sisters choirs (6th, 7th, and 8th), jazz choir, and the music theater class will be performing their songs on Tuesday, November 15, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) in the Sisters High School auditorium. The concert is free to the public.

VOLLEYBALL: Squad overcame adversity in win

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opportunities to hit. Setter Alex Hartford led the offense and made outstanding sets to the hitters. Coach Rod Jones told *The Nugget* that everybody played well.

Sisters faced Crook County (CC) in the championship match on Saturday night, and defeated the Cowboys 25-17, 22-25, 25-20, 25-21, to win it all.

The Outlaws took the first set, but had trouble again in the second set. Jones told *The Nugget* that the Outlaws were up 16-11 and just quit executing to the degree they needed to, and fell apart.

“Crook County continued to play great and we let it go,” said Jones.

Sisters took the third set and in the fourth set jumped out with a big 15-5 lead. CC dug deep and crept back in. Every point consisted of long, long rallies and excellent play from both teams. The Outlaws did what they needed to do and pulled off the 25-21 win to take the match.

“We got tough late,” said Jones. “We just kept trying to get the side-out and push and just finish. The whole match was very tense, very exciting, competitive, and nothing but gold.”

“It was phenomenal volleyball on both sides, with two teams that did not quit,” said Jones. “I was in heaven watching it. They all gave everything they had. It was everything you’d want out of two competitors. The girls finished strong and figured out how to play as one. From

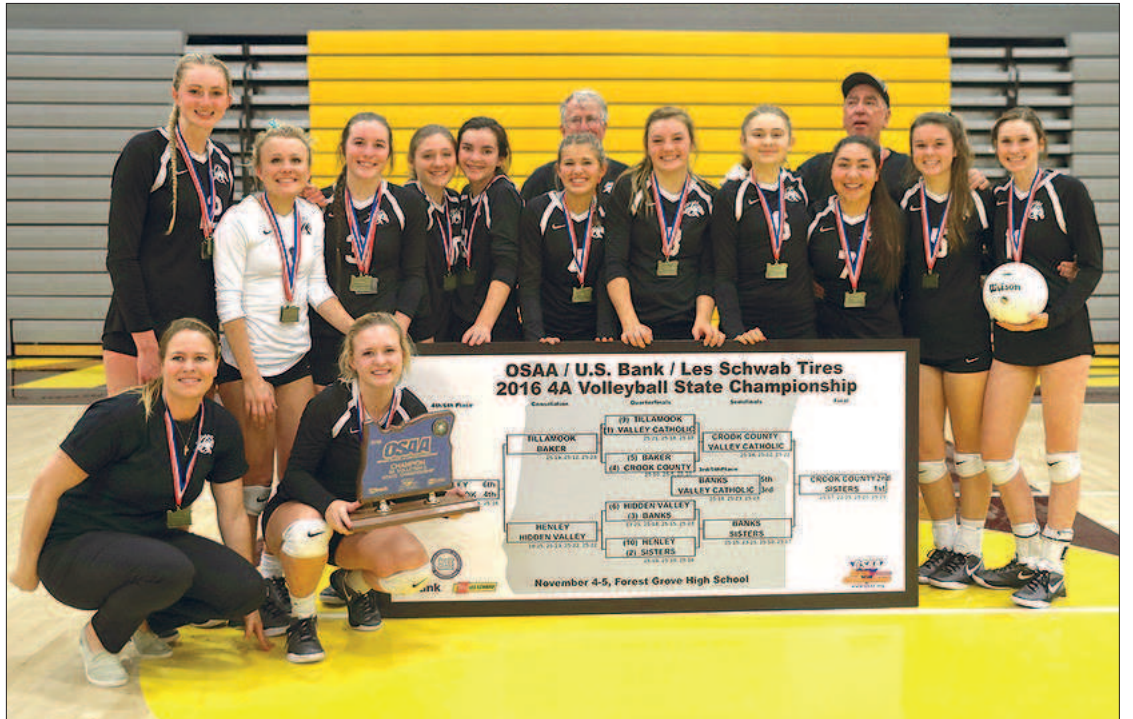


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where they began and the challenges they had — for them to come together at the end is what’s so gratifying.”

Senior Alex Hartford said, “We really worked together during the whole tournament, and especially in the finals to accomplish our goals. For myself, being my last game in high school, I wouldn’t have wanted to play with any other team, and I’m so glad that we finished so strong and took the gold. Where we go one, we go all.”

Harrer commented, “Winning the state title was fulfilling because we all knew it wasn’t going to be easy playing Crook County. I think a lot of us from last year had a lot of fight and determination to get first, after being runner-up the year before. We all came together and fought for this like no other. We went

through adversity with half our team being sick, and overcame that. We had our doubts, but we had faith we could win, and we did!”

Kendra Sitz, who has had to sit out due to injury, said, “Even though I was watching from the sidelines, it was great to see our team come together, and play their hearts out after overcoming some obstacles over the weekend.”

Harrer was chosen by Moda Health as the MVP for Sisters in the final match. Harrer was also a first-team all-tournament selection.

Jones said, “Hawley was the most dominant player at the state tournament, and that says it all.”

Jessie Brigham was also a first-team pick.

“Jessie was flying all over the place,” said Jones. “She was a fearless, dynamic player and thought every ball

was hers.”

Ashlynn Cantwell earned second-team honors.

“Ashlynn had an excellent state tournament, and had a great offensive match in the finals,” said Jones. “She served tough and played great defense.”

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