

RECITAL: Full house enjoyed talents of young dancers

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tiny ballerinas danced in front of stunning imagery of a Christmas tree as the audience laughed and cheered.

In Spain, families celebrate Three Kings Day. Around dusk on January 5, the three kings Melchor, Gazpar and Baltasar magically arrive. That night children leave out their shoes to hold the gifts the three kings bring to celebrate the three wise men bringing gifts to the newborn king.

In the number "Three Kings Day," choreographed by Kayla Williams, nine dancers from the junior ensemble performed ballet to



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Unique backdrops enhanced the dance production.

the popular Christmas song "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Each year, the grand finale is a joy to watch. "Do You Hear What I Hear" began with 6- and 7-year-old dancers performing ballet to the

song "Children Will Listen" (from "Into the Woods") by One Voice Children's Choir. The dance depicted a traditional Norwegian feast day that came about because of St. Lucia, a young girl in the Middle Ages who helped bring food down to the dark tunnels where the persecuted Christians would hide. As the story goes; she wore a white dress with a wreath of candles around her head to light the way. The song changed to the popular Christmas song "Do You Hear What I Hear." And to end that special performance, 130 dancers lit the way through the auditorium past the audience holding battery-operated candles and back up on stage for a standing ovation.

"The idea behind this performance is that young children have the capacity to be in tune with others," Liddell told *The Nugget*. "Children are very perceptive as they experience everything around them by what they hear."



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A dance number set in a French café,

Agenda

Sisters City Council
City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave.

6 p.m. special meeting

Hearing on councilor-elect qualifications

The Sisters City Council will consider whether Councilor-elect Richard Esterman qualifies under the Sisters City Charter to serve as a member of the council.

- Open hearing.
- Staff report.
- Councilor-elect Mr. Esterman.

- Close hearing.
- Council deliberations.
- Council decision or postponement of decision.

- Adjourn

7 p.m. regular meeting:

- Public hearing and follow-up on changes to Transient Merchant and Special Event Ordinances in 2015.
- Resolution No. 2016-26: Update on rules for Creekside Overnight Park.
- Agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD) for a grant to replace the restroom shower building, add a dishwashing station and

perform riparian enhancements along Whychus Creek and authorize the city manager to execute the agreement.

- Resolutions regarding waiver of certain System Development Charge (SDC) concerning affordable housing units.
- Agreement with OPRD for a grant to replace the restroom shower building, add a dishwashing station and perform riparian enhancements along Whychus Creek.
- Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Cascade East Transit program.
- Contract for water and sewer rate consultation services.
- Contract for permanent city manager recruitment.
- Planning Commission appointments.
- Transportation System Plan (TSP) Project Advisory Committee (PAC) appointments.
- Barclay Park business directory kiosk.
- Quarterly financial report.
- Staff reports.

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