

'T.' heads for 'Big Apple'

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"I haven't come down from it (hearing the news) since," he said.

Lund began his music teaching career at both Lorna Byrne and IVHS in 1993, following his graduation from Southern Oregon University (SOU), where he earned his teaching certificate.

He began playing music long before he ever considered teaching it, however.

Piano was the first instrument the then 7-year-old learned -- but not by choice.

"My mom said I had to," he said.

T. found the trombone much more intriguing, and taught himself how to play when he was 10-years-old. By then, he was hooked. As a teenager, however, T. decided to pursue a career in his other passion -- auto mechanics. He would work in that field for more than 20 years.

In 1966, during the Vietnam War, Lund was drafted and stationed at Ft. Irwin in Barstow, Calif.

After reading his files, a sergeant in the army learned of Lund's affinity for music and suggested Lund play trombone in the 433rd U.S. Army Band. So he did.

After fulfilling his military duty, Lund went to Holly-

wood, and then started working with the Long Beach Police Dept. in Calif. repairing motorcycles.

An accident led to medical retirement after 12 years with the department. While living in Long Beach T. played in various bands, including the Long Beach Symphony.

It was then that he met his wife.

In 1987, after the couple moved to Southern Oregon, T. quit mechanics and focused on his trombone playing. He went to SOU in Ashland and played in the band there, "just for fun."

He immediately clicked with the band director Max McKee, who he said, "talked him into teaching."

Teaching may be T.'s second career, but it is one he loves just the same.

That he maintains and helps repair all of the instruments for the music departments at both Lorna Byrne and IVHS during non-school hours, is one just one example of his dedication.

"I'm an old mechanic who likes keeping his hands dirty," T. said.

T. began telling staff and his students at the schools about the award and trip early this week.

Excited for their teacher, T said many of the students told him they wanted to crawl in his suitcase and go too.

"It's all about the kids," T. said.

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As of December, seven positions were cut, he said.

However, more cutbacks may be needed, he noted.

Raising tuition is an option, he said, as community colleges statewide are expected to do so.

However, cuts in the college's major programs such as nursing, mental health and automotive are unfortunate, but likely targets, he added.

Levine also noted that at any other time RCC would have been able to provide training for Rough & Ready employees who are at risk for losing their jobs if the plant closes.

"There are zero dollars to help those folks at Rough & Ready," Levine said, adding that 90 percent of the programs that were provided at the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby have been cut during the past few years.

Residents also would lose services provided by the Dept. of Human Services (DHS).

The largest number of people receiving benefits from the Dept. of Human Services are from Josephine County, said a DHS representative at the meeting.

Deer slayers being sought

The Grants Pass Office of the Oregon State Police (OSP) is investigating the unlawful killing of at least 11 black tail deer in the Cave Junction area during the past 6 - 8 weeks.

The deer are being shot and killed after dark and left to waste. Three of the deer's heads have been removed. One of several unsuccessful decoy deer operations resulted in a high speed chase, involving two OSP units and two Josephine County Sheriff units.

The Oregon Hunter's Association is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved. To report any information, phone 776-6263, Ext. 307 or 306.

Without courage all other virtues lose their meaning.

(Sir Winston Churchill)



NICE SHOW - Even though the IVHS Cougar girls' basketball team lost to the Phoenix girls on Friday, Jan. 10, they made a good showing during the Skyline Conference opener. Cougar Kim Hamilton scored a team high of 15 points and had 10 steals. Ivy Fink scored 13. (Photo at left by Mary Wertz) (Photos top and bottom by Gary Bell)



Biscuit Fire officially toast

The Biscuit Fire that affected Illinois Valley last summer and nearly forced evacuation of 15,000 residents, was officially declared out Dec. 31, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Forest Service officials reported that no smoke or other signs of fire were spotted following weeks of rain and snow in some areas charred by the monstrous blaze. It was the largest forest fire in Oregon in a century.

The costs to fight the blaze, which burned nearly 500,000 acres of land prior to its containment Sept. 5, was estimated at \$133 million.



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The annual auction at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. on Friday, Jan. 10 was fun and successful. Recognition should go to Vicki Gill of SOFCU for serving as auction chairman

***Special thanks to Jim Frick, Century 21 Harris & Taylor, for serving as auctioneer**

***And to Anna Swett, of Anna's Attic/One Horse Auction, along with Annie Pinio and Sally Jones, for clerking and displaying items**

The chamber also wants to express its heartfelt thanks to the donors:

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