Wallowa Valley Orchestra Spring Concert March 5

The Wallowa Valley Orchestra will present their Spring concert, Saturday, March 5, at 4 p.m. at the Stella Mayfield Elementary School in Elgin. A reception at the school is planned following the program, hosted by the Elgin Christian Church.

The Wallowa Valley Orchestra is comprised of local musicians, both student and adult, under the direction of Conductor R. Lee Friese and Associate Conductor Randy Morgan. The selections they will perform include: Merle J. Issac's 'Rumanian Overture', 'The Pavanne' (second movement) from Morton Gould's "American Symphonette No. 2", 'Toccata' by Girolamo Frescobaldi, 'Irish Tune From County Derry' by Percy Aldridge Grainger, 'Hillbilly' from "Americana" by Morton Gould, 'Isle of Capri', arranged by Ralph Matesky, music by Will Grosz and 'The Ruins of Athens' by L. van Beethoven.

The Wallowa Valley Orchestra is a member of the Inland Northwest Musicians and all concerts are free, with donations gladly accepted. Corporate sponsors for this season are US bank, US Bancorp Foundation, Oregon Arts Commission, The Oregon Community Foundation, Pacific Power Foundation, the Blue Mountain Community Foundation and the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition.

If you'd like more information regarding this concert, the Wallowa Valley Orchestra or the Inland Northwest Musicians, please contact us at 541-289-4696. You can also find us at www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com, on Facebook and on Twitter.

Telephone Service not Yet Restored for Some Victims of Windy Ridge

Some victims of the Windy Ridge Fire still have not had their telephone service restored from the summer wildfires. Multiple attempts to reach Century Link officials are to date without response. It's not just a matter of inconvenience, but a matter of safety, especially for some of the more remote customers.

Not good, Century Link, not good.

PV Girls Team: Kim Wiiliams, Megan Hufford, Samantha Kerns, Savanah Stephens, Logan Nedrow, Hallie Feik, Tina Combs, Sanora Blair, Sami Sexton, Annalia Jiminez, Taylor Baker,Kaitlyn Uttenruther

Photos by Sam Stephens

Gus McGinn goes for the shot

Badger Ladies Second at District

On Saturday, the Badgers once again met up with Nixyaawii in the District Championship basketball game The Badgers had been the only league team to beat the Eagles this season and they were hoping to pull that off again. The PV Girls started the game timid for some reason and the Eagles just seamed to fly right over them. The Badgers weren't hitting there shots and at the end of the first quarter we were in some foul trouble. Badgers with 10 fouls to the Eagles 1. By half time the Eagles were up by 20 and it seemed almost hopeless. But when the girls came back from halftime they had some fire under them and in the third quarter they actually out scored the Eagles, but it wasn't enough to win after being down so far and in the end.

The Badgers lost 50-30. They played Jordan Valley at home on Tuesday for the first round of state playoffs.

They defeated Jordan Valley 50-47 and travel Friday to play North Douglas south of Eugene.

Badger Boys Take Third at District Competition

By Sam Stephens

The North Powder Boys Basketball Team took third place in the District Tournament falling to the Joseph Eagles, 46-43. Gus McGinn led the Badgers with 22 points followed by Seth Dixon with 13. On the Eagle side Borgerding led with 19 followed by Delury with 10 points. The Eagles took second in the Tournament and their coach received Coach of the Year.

Saturday was a different story, however, when the Badgers met up with the Echo Cougars. The first little bit against the Cougars was tight. However, the Badgers were able to lengthen their lead and ended up with a 65-49 win for the third place spot in the District Tournament. The Badger Boys traveled to South Wasco on Wednesday of this week for the first round of State Playoffs.

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Postal Particulars

with Krista Dennis

You may get your mail delivered by a mail carrier on foot or in a vehicle, but did you ever get you mail delivered by mule train? That is how the residents of Supai, Arizona (a tiny town at the bottom of the Grand Canyon) get their mail. A contract driver for the USPS drives about 70 miles each day from another tiny town, Peach Springs, Arizona to the canyon rim where the mule train is loaded. Peach Springs is the only Post Office in the USA which has a walk-in freezer. Anything that the residents of Supai, Arizona might need, that we would go to a store for, gets packed up and sent down by mule train. Eggs, milk, even frozen french-fries are loaded up on mules for the eight-mile trek which is about a three hour trip one way. Each mules carries approximately 150 pounds which does include mail and even packages from FedEx and UPS. Supai has a population of about 200 people, mostly members of the Havasupai tribe. It is the most remote community in the lower 48. Supai has one small, air-conditioned lodge, a convenience store and café (probably that is where the french-fries go) and there are no vehicles in the community. All mail leaving Supai has a special postmark showing that it was sent out by mule train.

Pine & Eagle Valley News

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This week finds me running faster than I can type. So, look for more information to be shared next week.

Zach Reinhardt and Candace Binford were married on Feb. 20, 2016 (more details next week).

The Pine Valley Grange is going to have a macaroni and cheese dinner in April. Watch for further information in our ad in the coming weeks.

The VFW and Grange Halls in Halfway have funeral dishes left at the halls. If you are missing yours please call Colleen at 541-742-5287 or Dorothy at 541-742-2329 and we will make arrangements for you to retrieve.

And that is the story as I know it. Have a great week...

Eagle Valley EMT's welcomed the new 9-1-1 Baker County Consolidated Dispatch Director Hope Lindsey. She joined us for lunch during her tour of east county on Monday. Feb. 22. From left: Tami Carpenter, Wayne Endersby, Hope Lindsay, Tony Bonn, Debi Duggan, Lynn Carpenter, John Duggan, Joe Adamson and Jerry Boyd. Missing from picture is: Gordon Bond, Tami Waldron and Shelley Welch. We wanted to welcome Hope to Baker County and wish her well on her new position.

Eastern Oregon FFA District Holds Leadership Career Development Events

Imbler was the host of this year's Eastern Oregon FFA District Leadership Career Development Events on February 10th. 11 chapters from around Eastern Oregon came to compete in Creed Speaking,Beginning Public Speaking, Sophomore Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and Beginning and Advance Parliamentary Procedures.Pine-Eagle had students competing in Creed Speaking.

Darby Shouse, Brandon Roe, and Abby Graven competed in the Creed Speaking event. This required members to memorize the five paragraph FFA Creed and recite it from memory. The FFA Creed states the belief in the future of Agriculture.Students then practice their presentation skills working on stage presence, voice, tone, and power of expression. Members are also asked one question about the creed. This gives them a chance to think on their feet in a pressure situation.

Competition was fierce among the 26 competitors. Although Pine-Eagle members did not place in the top three, they did an excellent job. The top three competitors then went on to the Sectional level held at EOU on Feb. 17. The Sectional level Career Development Event included the Eastern Oregon District as well as Snake River, Blue Mountain, and Strawberry Mountain districts. The top three from our district placed in the top three at Sectionals as well. Chloe Birkmaier from Imbler and Quinn Coomer from Baker will be traveling to OSU in Corvallis to compete at State, March 18-21. Pine-Eagle members will be there as well to wish them well.

This week is National FFA Week. FFA Chapters around the nation celebrate the work they do to provide students with premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. This year the Pine-Eagle FFA Chapter will host its annual petting zoo in the Ag shop on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 8:30-11:00. Students from pre-school to 6th grade will be invited over for the event. If you have a young child that would like to spend some time with some of the baby animals feel free to stop by between 8:30-11.

Photo by Joe Denig

From left: Brandon Roe, Darby Shouse, Abby Gravem

North Powder Girls' Volleyball/Basketball
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