



The Sandy High School Symphonic Choir will travel to Vancouver, B.C., at the end of this month to compete in the "Discover British Columbia Music Festival" after a year of fund-raising activities. Photo by Sandi Poulata

Choir sold on Canadian festival

by DAN DILLON

Members of Sandy High School's symphonic choir might be excused if they feel they've spent as much time selling things this year as they have singing.

They sold cheese, candles, T-shirts, calendars and candy. They sold tickets to their Madrigal Dinner at Christmas and tickets to a school concert featuring a Portland rock band, Sequel.

Choir members traded singing for sales pitches to finance a trip to the "Discover British Columbia Music Festival" in Vancouver, B.C., at the end of this month.

Although they worked hard just to make the trip, their real task is still ahead.

The festival is more than just a group of choirs coming together to entertain, as many festivals are. This will be a competition against some of the top vocalists and musicians around, according to SUHS Choral Director Bruce Scarth.

The choir sent an audition tape at the end of last school year to Performing Arts Abroad, an organization that sponsors festivals worldwide. They were selected, along with other choirs which aren't all necessarily high school groups, to participate in the four-

weekend festival.

"When you participate in a festival like this," said Scarth, "you're going to be hearing some of the top groups."

The weekend SUHS performs, April 31, four choirs and two bands will be competing for medals.

The groups compete for ratings: gold medal, silver medal, bronze medal and a festival award for participation.

The performances are limited to three songs: a warm-up, which isn't judged; one from a list of required performances, and one of the group's own choosing. One of the selections must be composed by a North American.

In Vancouver, the Sandy choir will warm up with "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee," by North American composer Jean Berger. Their required selection will be "Oh God Who in Thy Heavenly Hand," by Handel. They will close with "The Heavens Are Telling" from the oratorio "The Creation," by Joseph Haydn.

While Scarth doesn't expect a gold medal rating—"you have to be perfect," he said—he is optimistic the choir could bring back more than a festival award.

The 36 students and six chaperones who

make the trip will also be mixing some pleasure with the business of competing.

Leaving April 30, the group will travel to Vancouver. After Saturday's performance and awards banquet, they will ferry to Victoria, B.C., on Vancouver Island for some sightseeing and relaxation.

On the ferry ride, Scarth hopes to stage a performance for fellow passengers, if the boat's captain consents.

"You have a nice, captive audience," he said, "and we could put on a nice 30-minute show."

The group will return to Sandy May 3. In the meantime, the choir will have one more performance before the trip. They will present a classical concert April 27 at Sandy High School.

While they've been busy raising funds all year to finance the trip, the choir is still approximately \$400 shy of the goal and Scarth said donations would willingly be accepted to help defray out-of-pocket expenses for the students.

And the choral director figures the students have earned their first trip.

"These kids were my first kids at Sandy High School," he said. "It's kind of nice to take them somewhere and show them off."

Keeping posted:

Election of officers set by Firwood Neighbors

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
The Sandy Elementary District Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge School library. Among the topics of discussion will be a new levy proposal, an architectural-engineering report on Sandy Elementary School and district reading committee report.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
The Committee to Elect Carolyn Smith will host a political forum at the Masonic Hall at 2 p.m. Slated to appear are Democrats Jerry Rust, gubernatorial candidate; Larry Gray and Ruth McFarland, U.S. House candidates; Smith and Bob Shiprack, state House candidates.

and the public is welcome. Child's Kingdom Montessori School of Sandy will host an open house in the lower level at the Masonic Lodge at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center.

The Firwood Neighbors Inc. meets at 7 p.m. in B Building at Firwood School. This annual meeting is to elect officers. Area residents are invited to let their opinions be heard and get involved learning the laws of the land.

The Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the Sandy Masonic Temple.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
Sandy Elementary School will hold pre-registration for new first graders at 1 p.m. in the school library.

Rebekah Lodge meets at the Odd Fellows Hall at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Sandy Community Players will hold auditions for singers for "I've Got Rhythm—A Musical Revue." Singers are asked to bring sheet music or their own accompanist with show tunes only. A sign-up sheet is available at the Sandy Community Theater. For more information, call 668-7215.

MONDAY, APRIL 19
Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.
The Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building at the school.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
Gov. Vic Atiyeh will be the guest speaker at the Sandy Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at noon at the Tollgate Inn. Reservations are available by calling 668-4006. Luncheon tickets will be available at the door. There is limited seating

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
The Bull Run Community Club will hold a chili and hot dog feed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bull Run School during the Cinderhaws Fun Run.

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Highway 26 wrecks claim two lives

A Rhododendron resident and a Warm Springs man died early Saturday morning in separate traffic accidents on Highway 26.

Jeffrey Scott Stark, 18, of Rhododendron and Vancouver, Wash., died of injuries he suffered in a single-car accident at 4:30 a.m. in front of Olaf M. Oja Lumber Co. on the west end of Sandy, according to the Oregon State Police.

Stark's car sideswiped a telephone pole on the north side of the highway, flipped over and traveled 119 feet into a stack of lumber.

Stark and a passenger in his car, Teresa Elizabeth Lee, 16, were thrown from the vehicle, according to

OSP reports

Lee was taken to Portland Adventist Medical Center where she was treated for facial injuries and released Saturday morning.

Earlier in the morning, Larry Miller, 26, of Warm Springs died when the car he was driving east on the highway about 1:30 a.m. collided with a Datsun pickup truck leaving the Barlow Trail Inn parking lot in Welches.

The truck was driven by David Fisher, 23, of Portland.

According to Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout, the Miller vehicle ended up on the lawn of the fire

department after knocking down a split-rail cedar fence. The pickup crashed on the north side of the road.

Oregon State Police sergeant Michael O'Grady said Miller was killed in the crash.

Fisher was in satisfac-

tory condition at Gresham Community Hospital with a broken femur and lacerations.

A passenger in the Miller vehicle, 29-year-old Isaac Mitchel, of Warm Springs, suffered neck injuries and lacerations Monday he was listed in fair condition

at the Gresham hospital. No citations have been issued in the Welches accident, according to O'Grady, but investigation is continuing.

Video aces saluted

Jon Dunn, Joe Abood and Larry Colver are big winners in a video games skill contest recently sponsored by Griff's Longburger in Sandy.

The three split some \$500 in cash prizes with weekly winners during the month-long contest.

Contestants tried their skill at popular video games Centipede, Phoenix,

Donkey Kong and Pac Man. Combined total points on these games over the course of the contest determined winners.

Dunn placed first with 69,240 combined total points, while Abood placed second with 423,415 and Colver third with 412,012.

Trophies also will be awarded.

Volunteers ready breakfast

The annual Volunteer Firemen's Sportsmen Breakfast will be held next weekend at the Sandy Fire District main station.

The all-you-can-eat affair kicks off Friday even-

ing, April 23, at 6 p.m. and runs continuously until noon Saturday, April 24.

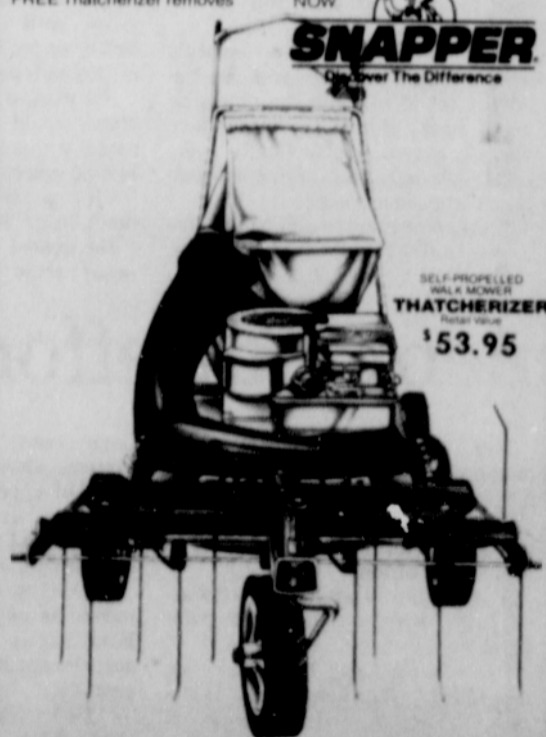
The bill of fare includes ham, eggs and pancakes. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

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