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Brahms Singers Present... "Celebrate Freedom" Concert

AGAINST THE ODDS - WHITAKER WARRIORS C2



Brahms Singers, Vancouver WA
by Benard Klem

The Brahms Singers, a local vocal group, will present a free concert Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 4300 Main St. A selection of American folk songs and spiritu-

als with a freedom theme, such as the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Shenandoah" make up the program. Ensembles, solos and audience participation are featured. The Brahms Singers is made up

of more than 90 volunteers.

The Brahms Singers concert is one of the annual "Celebrate Freedom" week events which honor American veterans.

There is a group of young men in the Northeast Portland Community that not many of you know about, they are the Whitaker C2 football team. The majority of the players on this team are first year players in the fifth and sixth grades. All the young boys live in Portland, but they have no home games. The C2 team has been participating in the Clark County Youth Football program for the past four years, which is based in Vancouver, WA. The team's head coach is James Miller Jr.

The first three years of the Whitaker C2 program, the team had a combined record of 7 wins and 14 losses. But this years team was vastly different, with a revamped offense installed by new offensive coordinator Aleem Shabazz and improved play from the offensive line and special teams thanks to coaches Keith Perkins and Rich, Whitaker has gained respect with four wins and three losses. This placed the team in a virtual tie for fourth place with a team that they had previously beaten 20-0. But in a strange turn of events, Whitaker was required to play the team they had already defeated in an impromptu game early Saturday morning. To make matters worse they also had a game scheduled hours later against



Head Coach James Miller Jr

the undefeated regular season champions.

Undaunted, Whitaker set out at 6:30am to play in Vancouver. Led by head coach James Miller Jr., foreman at NW Natural Gas Company, the boys responded with a hard fought 13-6 win. Then just hours later, Whitaker avenged an earlier loss and pummeled the regular season cham-

pions to earn a trip to the league championship this Saturday.

The championship game will be played at McKenzie Stadium on Saturday, November 13th at 4pm. The Whitaker C2 team has overcome all odds and needs your support. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact coach James Miller at 288-2139.

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A Taste Of Eugene

Once again it is time for Eugene and Springfield's annual food extravaganza, the delectable, the delicious, the frolicsome, "A Taste of Eugene". On Monday, November 15 from 6 to 9pm at the Eugene Hilton Hotel, many of the area's most popular restaurants and beverage vendors will be serving delectable bite size samples of their favorite specialties and offering samples of fine wines, beers and soft drinks. If you have experienced "A Taste of Eugene" before you will be pleased that many of your favorite restaurants will be returning with a handful of newcomers like: West Brothers BBQ & Eugene City Brewery, Jo Federigo's Cafe, Cravings, Piccolo Eurobistro, and Jamie's Great Hamburgers. If you haven't experienced "A Taste of Eugene" be prepared for an elegant evening of great food, awesome beverages and outstanding entertainment which can be shared among friends and associates.

Local restaurant proprietors, food/beverage vendors and volunteers have teamed up with Kidsports for the past twelve years to raise money for the program so we make sure every child will have the chance to play sports, regardless of financial ability. Last year over 23,000 boys and girls participated in Kidsports activities. Jenny Rexius, Chairperson of this year's event hopes to raise \$20,000 to benefit Kidsports. Other Taste of Eugene committee members include McLinda Bryant, Gail Christensen, Donna Stark, Ginger Wutschick, and Linda Weaver.

Tickets are limited to the first 1000 guests and they have sold out three of the last four years. We recommend you purchase your tickets well in advance of the event. Tickets are now on sale at both Kidsports offices, all Emporium stores, Eugene Hilton Hotel, and OF Grape and Grain. For Visa and Mastercard orders call Kidsports at 746-0403. Ticket price is \$15, which includes entertainment, and all beverages and food you care to try. Don't miss this much talked about and eagerly awaited food extravaganza!

Every year, concerned members of the community "sponsor" residents of the West Women's and Children's Shelter for Christmas. This year, the need is greater than ever for such giving.

The West became a program of the Salvation Army's Recovery Road in July of 1990. Since then, the numbers of homeless women and children

have grown. In addition, the severity of their problems has increased. The West is home to nearly 60 women and children. Nearly 400 individuals were served last year alone. The program offers food, shelter, and a vast array of support services to its residents.

In an attempt to provide a joyous

The Lewis & Clark College Concert Choir will perform its fall concert

on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 7:30pm, in Evans Auditorium, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road, Portland.

Directed by Gil Seeley, the 50-voice concert choir will perform works by Mendelssohn, Berger and Corigliano as well as folk songs, spirituals and vocal jazz. The concert will feature students Aliyah Conway, Lynn

Sutherland, Danielle McCoy, Danielle McFadden and Paul Butt as soloists.

Admission to the choir concert is free. For more information, contact the Lewis & Clark music department at (503) 768-7460.

Christmas for all, the West offers "sponsorship" as a means of funnelling the community's generosity. Families are available for spon-

sorship" as a means of funnelling the community's generosity. Families are available for sponsorship as well as single women who do not have children or do not have custody of their children. Residents write "wish lists" from which donors may choose items to give them.

To sponsor a family or single women, please call the West at 224-7718.

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