

Christmas Concert fills Josephy Center

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Wallowa County Chieftain

More than 100 people filled the Josephy Center, including the upstairs area, for the 2016 Community Christmas Concert on Dec. 18.

The concert is a dual fundraiser for both the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance and the Josephy Center.

At least a dozen singers and musicians kept the audience entertained throughout the two-hour event, with local piano phenom Gail Swart opening the show, followed by her playing accompaniment for Ted Hays and Janis Carper performing their version of "Baby, It's Cold Outside." Other acts included the Oliver family, Rebecca Lenehan and her violin students, Bob Webb and Heidi Muller, Kathy Hunter and Mark Eubanks with his group.

One of the most entertaining moments of the night came when nine and seven-year-old cousins Alden Brann and Freja Hostetter sang "All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth" with their matching sets of missing front teeth.

Darrell Brann, who has participated in the concert with his family for the last eight years, played to enthusiastic audience response. Brann said he and his family have never grown tired of the event.

"We have fun, and most of the times we do tunes off of our album," he said. "One of the songs we're really honing in on is (Bill Monroe classic) "Christmas Time's a Comin."

The kids really love doing it, and it's a fun song to do, and everybody gets to get in on it by the end."

He added that because of their years performing at the concert, the family's holiday repertoire expanded to the point they were able to record a Christmas album for family and friends.

Josephy Center director Cheryl Coughlan said she considered the show a success from both a musical and fundraising standpoint.

"I would say this one was the most successful concert yet, we had a lot of people and we took in a lot of donations, and the talent was as good or better than it has ever been," she said.

The event, which had a suggested donation of \$10, raised more than \$1,400 for both the center and music alliance.

WVMA director Janis Carper, was equally enthusiastic.

"I thought the program was delightful, and the turnout was really great with really good energy in the room," she said. The director added that she particularly enjoyed how many young people performed at the concert.

Like Coughlan, Carper was pleased with the crowd and its generosity.

"I thought it was the perfect amount to fill the room, and they were very generous with their donations," she said. "I really look forward to it, and it's amazing how many people come to it year after year," she said.

AFTER THE MUSIC, A THANK-YOU



Courtesy Photo/Marla Dotson

At the Dec. 28 Joseph Charter School Christmas program, JCS music teacher Michell Homan and her elementary school music students watch as Penny Arentson, (left) Co-Chair of the Joseph City Park Playground Renovation Committee, thanks them for their \$2000 contribution to the playground renovation. The students sold Krispy Creme donuts last fall to raise funds for the project.

FOR THE RECORD

12:30 p.m.: Horses loose in Joseph.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

12:41 p.m.: Dogs chasing livestock in Lostine.
3:15 p.m.: Vehicle slid into the ditch near Joseph.
3:42 p.m.: Vehicle stuck in the snow in rural Joseph.

Thursday, Dec. 22

9:02 a.m.: Tomes Otto Bodkin, 44, of Joseph, was arrested by the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office for felon in possession of a weapon.
11:15 a.m.: Carlos Sanchez, 59, of Joseph was arrested by

Enterprise Police and charged with stalking.

1:17 p.m.: Report of criminal mischief in Enterprise.
4:46 p.m.: Loose cows reported on Highway 82 at mile post 42.
8:58 p.m.: Warrant was issued for the arrest of Darren Lee Weaver, 46, of Wallowa for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and driving while suspended.

Friday, Dec. 23

12:04 a.m.: Possible prowler in Wallowa. Deputy responded, found animal tracks in the snow.
11:12 a.m.: Two dogs reported missing in Enterprise.
11:57 a.m.: Snowmobiling complaint in rural Wallowa.
4:57 p.m.: Burglary reported in rural Enterprise.
5:56 p.m.: Theft complaint in Enterprise.

Saturday, Dec. 24

10:26 a.m.: Vehicle reported

off the roadway in Minam Canyon.

11:43 a.m.: Non-injury motor vehicle accident reported in rural Joseph.

3:05 p.m.: Byron Owen Reed, 35, of Joseph, was arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff on probation detainer. The original charge was reckless endangering.

5:48 p.m.: 911 call reporting a disabled truck on Highway 82 at milepost 52 is partially blocking a lane of traffic.

Sunday, Dec. 25

4:37 p.m.: Deer with injured leg reported in Enterprise.
7:25 p.m. Motorist assist, Joseph.

Monday, Dec. 26

11:25 a.m.: Overdue travelers reported in Enterprise, later located.
5:42 p.m.: After receiving a 911 call in Joseph of an intoxicated person, a report was taken to investigate the violation of a release agreement.

Dispatch log:

Monday, Dec. 19

4:34 a.m.: Dead deer on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise.
7:44 a.m.: Deer caught in a fence in rural Enterprise.
12:50 p.m.: Report of several more mailboxes damaged in rural Enterprise.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

10:28 a.m. Requesting dead deer removal from Joseph.

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DEATH NOTICES

Wanda Womack Ecker Bruner
Feb. 13, 1937 — Dec. 9, 2016

Wanda Womack Ecker Bruner passed away Dec. 9 at the age 89. She was born to Willia Womack and Nellie Pack Womack in Wallowa, Oregon. At her request there will be no services.

Wilma Courtney

Wilma Courtney, 91, formerly of Lostine died Dec. 24 at Alpine House Assisted Living.

A full obit will follow with burial of cremains to be in the spring at Lostine Cemetery. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements

Dawson Neil

Dawson Neil, 81, died at his home in Enterprise Dec. 26. A full obit will follow at a later date Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

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Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Dec. 28	29	13	Partly cloudy
Dec. 29	30	22	Clear
Dec. 30	31	21	Partly cloudy
Dec. 31	30	15	Clear
Jan. 1	27	17	Snow showers
Jan. 2	23	9	Snow showers

Phases of the moon

Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET DEC. 28-JAN. 3

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Rise: 7:28	Rise: 7:29	Rise: 7:29	Rise: 7:29	Rise: 7:29	Rise: 7:29	Rise: 7:29
Set: 4:14	Set: 4:14	Set: 4:15	Set: 4:16	Set: 4:17	Set: 4:18	Set: 4:19

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