



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

The Grant Union junior-senior choir performs Wednesday, March 14, presenting festival music at the school.

Music students share positive notes in concert

Three musicians qualify for state solo contest

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Thirteen Grant Union music students competed at the March 3 District 6 Solo and Ensemble competition at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Each student performed a solo, vocal or instrument, and received expert advice from a judge who was a specialist in their instrument or voice.

"The kids worked hard for weeks — some worked for months preparing a solo to perform," said Grant Union music director Lori Hart.

"I am so proud of each of these amazing students," she said. "The work they put in was phenomenal, and each student had a huge amount of growth and success."

Hart said she appreciated the feedback the students received from the judges.

"It was amazing to hear each of these students perform their solos and to do well under so much pressure to perform by themselves," she said.



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Grant Union band student Carle Wright performs a solo on bass clarinet at the March 3 District 6 Solo and Ensemble competition in La Grande. Wright qualified for state competition with her performance.

she said.

High school performers qualifying for the State Solo Championships were: Alyssa Hoffman, junior, French horn; Samantha Floyd, sophomore, bassoon and trombone (qualified for State Solo Championships on bassoon); and Carle Wright, junior, bass clarinet.

The championships will take place April 28 at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Other high school competitors were Sarah Barker, sophomore, voice; Kohlten Jones, sophomore, tuba; Ellie Justice, sophomore, voice; Matthew Shorts, freshman,

alto saxophone.

Junior high soloists were Max Bailey, grade 7, alto saxophone; Brady Dole, grade 7, alto saxophone; Emily Finley, grade 8, clarinet; Amelia Hall, grade 7, clarinet; Alexander Hoffman, grade 7, baritone; and Destiny Pelayo, grade 7, voice.

The senior band and combined choir also performed festival music for an appreciative audience March 14 at the school, including "Seize the Day" and "Shenandoah" from the choir and "With Quiet Courage" and "Three Phrases from a Yugoslav Folk Song" from the band.

Kids are all aboard for fun

By Angel Carpenter
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Youths were in the express lane for exciting, yet educational, activities during the March 26-30 "Kids Passport to Fun" event.

The spring break activity included tours of three museums — Kam Wah Chung & Co., Ranch and Rodeo Museum and Grant County Historical Museum — as well as games, crafts and more at the city park and community hall in Canyon City.

"We had 229 people come through the museum," said Peggy Murphy, who is curator of the Grant County Historical Museum and spearheaded the event.

"I couldn't have possibly done it without all the wonderful volunteers," she said. Many people from several organizations worked together to offer a variety of activities for the children, including a pelt trunk, old-time photo booth, croquet, games and Legos.

Elise Delgado, project manager for the South Fork



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Jessie Nolan, left, and Elise Delgado assist Addison Wilson in candlemaking at the Canyon City park during the March 26-30 Passport to Fun. BELOW: Joyce Atchley teaches Shasta Ackerman knitting during the event.

John Day Watershed Council, held a candle dipping booth at the Canyon City park.

She said many kids, parents and other residents made candles, and they went through 8 pounds of beeswax.

"They were well-organized, fun activities with an outstanding turnout," she said. "I had a ton of fun, and the kids did too. There was a lot of community support, and it was a good environment. I met a lot of people."



On the hunt for Easter eggs



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Children younger than 3 look for eggs during the Elks Lodge Easter egg hunt at the Seventh Street Complex March 31.



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Grant Union senior Maggie Justice, far right, was ranked fifth at the Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum in Reno, Nevada, for her presentation titled "Save the Bird, Save the Rancher."

Local high school senior recognized for range presentation in Nevada

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Grant Union High School senior Maggie Justice was ranked fifth for her presentation "Save the Bird, Save the Rancher," given in February at the 2018 Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum in Reno, Nevada.

Justice was given the opportunity to attend the forum after receiving an award last June at the High Desert Youth Range Camp.

Barron Rector, associate professor and extension range specialist at the forum, complimented Justice for a job well done.

In a letter, Rector said her project was "excellent, very

nicely presented, informative and you used your own experiences and research to educate and communicate knowledge to the judges and listening audience."

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