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The junior choir sings 'The Rainbow Connection' at Friday's 'May the Fourth' concert held at the John Day United Methodist Church.

37 musicians perform 'Epic' concert

By Angel Carpenter
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A crowd of over 100 enjoyed the "May the Fourth: A Concert of Epic Proportions" presented by members of the local Youth Arts Program Friday evening at the John Day United Methodist Church.

There were 37 musicians in three choirs, a string ensemble, a flute duet and two guitar groups, performing a variety of selections from movies and plays such as "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones," "Brave," "Tangled" and "Wicked."

"I say this every time, but this was our best concert yet," said YAP executive director Rebecca Bogardus of Dayville. "I think it will keep getting better."

She added, "It was fun to do this style of a concert, a pops concert with costumes."

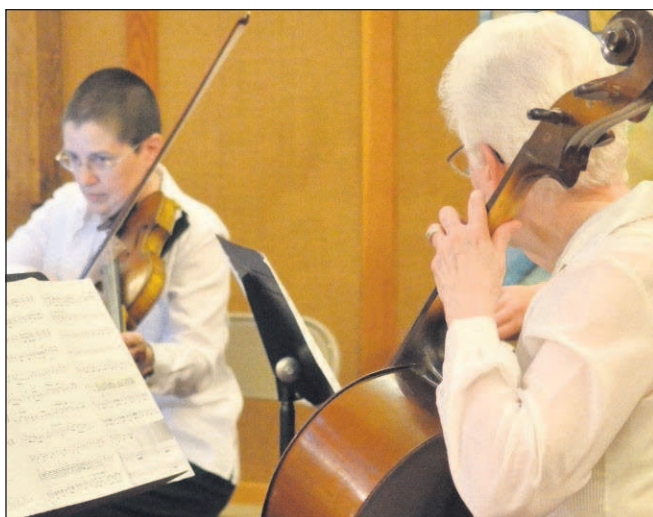
Bogardus directed the show choir and youth guitar groups and performed with another flutist, and Janine Goodwin of Prairie City directed the junior and intermediate choirs and the string ensemble.

The pair also sang a touching duet "For Good" from the play "Wicked."

Some of the lyrics included: "I've heard it said, that people come into our lives for a reason bringing something we must learn. ... Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

The duet was fitting as Bogardus, her husband, Peter, and their four children plan to move to McCook, Nebraska, after the school year.

Rebecca said her husband will teach math at a school in McCook, and she will be involved with music there.



Janine Goodwin, on violin, and Rose Coombs, on cello, warm up after the intermission at Friday's concert.



Youth Arts Program executive director Rebecca Bogardus, center, passes the torch to Janine Goodwin, left, who will take Bogardus' spot, and Kathy Sherwood, who will direct the Summer Youth Arts Program.

"I'm going to miss it, but I'm absolutely certain that (YAP) will continue to be at least as successful as it has been, if not even better," she said.

Bogardus is "passing the torch" to Goodwin, who will be YAP executive director, and Kathy Sherwood of John Day, who will be director of the Summer at the YAP program for youth.

Bogardus started YAP in 2014 with a vision to create

a quality arts education program, reaching everyone in Grant County.

This school year, she and Goodwin started a pilot outreach program at Dayville School, where they've taught kindergarten through fifth grade choir, as well as some private violin and solo vocal lessons.

That group will present a concert at 6 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the school in one of the elementary classrooms.

Teen Health Fair mixes fun with education

Students learn to better manage stress

By Angel Carpenter
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Senior Elijah Humbird had a big role in the fourth annual Grant Union Teen Health Fair May 1 at the school.

Humbird, who is the Grant Union student body activities director, said he chose the health fair as his senior project.

"I helped plan it and 're-boot' it," he said.

Humbird and others in the leadership class, taught by Elizabeth Shelley, surveyed 200 students to see what topics they were interested in learning about this year. Top choices included skills to cope with stress and suicide prevention.

Students in grades 7 through 12 rotated through eight stations. Humbird said the workshops for smoothies and stress-relief balls were popular, as well as the lesson on CPR taught by Blue Mountain Hospital paramedic Mimi Maddess and EMTs.

The teens kept rhythm to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling" dance song while practicing on CPR dummies.

Oregon State Police trooper Cody Weaver taught the dangers of distracted and impaired driving, and Assistant District Attorney Mara Houck shared the legal repercussions of sexting, using a Power-Point.

Dental health and a segment on using exercise to cope with stress were also in the mix.

Humbird also arranged for a mental health promotion panel, which included a substance abuse counselor, addiction specialist and two mental health counselors from Community Counseling Solutions,



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Grant Union students learn CPR from paramedic Mimi Maddess, back left.



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Learning to make stress balls was a popular station at the Teen Health Fair at Grant Union.

where students learned it's OK to ask for help when needed.

He said, overall, the health fair went well.

"It was fun and good," he said. "I feel like I'm giving

back to my community and my school."

Other partners in the fair with Grant Union included Grant County Health Department, OSU Extension and Body, Fitness & Dance.

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