

Symphonic band announces its 38th season

North Coast Symphonic Band returns to the Liberty Theatre for its 38th season in October.

The community band, with Dave Becker as conductor and musical director, is a self-supporting nonprofit group with 50 volunteer musicians.

The group provides two of its four annual concerts for free.

The first concert of the season is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. "Dances of Enchantment" will feature a collaboration between the North Coast Symphonic Band and 3 Leg Torso, a well-known ethnic folk band from Portland.

Each group will be featured alone and then perform together on several pieces. The concert is made possible

by grants from the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Community Foundation. Ticket pre-sales will be announced soon on the Liberty Theater website.

Other concerts:

•The band and Liberty Theatre will collaborate for a "Festive Winter Holiday" concert at 2 p.m. Dec. 16. It will feature vocalist Deac Guidi and other guest musicians.

•"In the Spotlight" is at 2 p.m. April 7 and features retired Oregon Symphony trombonist Alan Pierce. Clarinetist Marten King from Tigard will solo in an arrangement for band by Jeremy Johnson, band director for the Astoria School District. Several other soloists and

guest conductors from the band will be featured. This concert is free.

•The "Spirit of Adventure" free concert is July 3 and celebrates America's birthday, with patriotic favorites and popular vocalists Andy and Rachel Becker, who have appeared with the band in the past.

There are openings for clarinetists, trumpeters and percussionists, with waiting lists for other sections of the band. Interested musicians should own their own instrument, play at the advanced high school level or higher, and commit to attending six rehearsals before each concert.

For more information, call 503-861-1328.



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Things to do before we die

A quick reminder that the Warrenton Senior Citizens Inc. meal site will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in commemoration of Labor Day.

Most of our grandkids probably would define Labor Day as something that happens just before school begins and maybe the last chance for a summer picnic or similar outing.

There's an old saying, "If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it's probably Labor Day weekend."

(I think that happens more elsewhere than on Labor Day weekend in our neck of the woods.)

Labor Day recognizes the contributions working people have made in our society. The Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions was formed in 1881, and the American Federation of Labor was founded five years later.

In 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday. Some refer to Labor Day as the worker's holiday.

I doubt all children are squealing with delight over returning to school after Labor Day. However, the word "squeal" reminds me of a new word I learned recently.

It most likely has debatable pronunciations. The word is onomatopoeia. It's any word that sounds like what it is describing, such as swish, zoom, creak, bang, meow and squeal. Also, any of the animal sounds, such as quack or moo or oink.

Think we could come up with quite a list of "sound words," which would make them onomatopoeiatic.

We seniors never quit learning, do we? I don't know about you, but this word was new to me. And I kinda like it!

A subject that has fascinated me lately, as I continue to experience this thing called life, is the number of things I am doing for the last time.

Of course, there are things I don't mind doing for the last time. And then I wonder about the things I will never get a chance to do on what popularly would be called my "bucket list."

One person's bucket list may include bungee jumping, jet-skiing or mountain biking and those could be on another person's "will never do list."

So much food for thought! I think I'll make three columns: "Last Time Will Do," "Never Will Do" and my "Want to Do" bucket list.

Maybe you should do this too and share them with me.

Anyway, enjoy your Labor Day festivities. I can't resist sharing this thought by Bill Dodds: "Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken."

This Week in Aboriginal History

by Carl A. Ellis



Crazy Horse surrenders, is killed in jail disturbance

Aug. 31, 2009: Florida Gov. Charlie Crist signs a 20-year gambling pact with the Seminole Tribe, which agrees to pay \$12.5 million a month for 30 months in exchange for running slot machines and blackjack games.

Sept. 1, 1875: The U.S. government attempts to purchase the Black Hills from the Sioux Indians and fails.

Sept. 2, 1779: On the orders of George Washington, Gen. John Sullivan and his force of 4,500 men continue attacks on New York Indians suspected of being British Allies.

Sept. 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris is signed by the United States and Great Britain, ending the American Revolutionary War. Congress ratifies the treaty on Jan. 14, 1784.

Sept. 4, 1863: The Concow-Maidu tribes, which

have ancestral homes in Northern California's Butte County, are forced to move. Many die or are killed along the way. One group includes 461 Concows, of which 277 survive the two-week trip from Chico to Round Valley, near modern-day Brentwood, Calif.

Sept. 5, 1877: Crazy Horse is killed. The Oglala Sioux battle hero was bayoneted in a scuffle with soldiers who were trying to put him in a cell at Fort Robinson, Neb.

A year earlier, Crazy Horse was among the Sioux leaders who defeated George Custer's 7th Cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn. The battle, in which Custer and 265 soldiers were killed, was the Army's worst defeat in its history of warfare against American Indians.

After the victory, Army

forces pursued Crazy Horse and his followers. The tribe suffered cold and starvation and, on May 6, 1877, Crazy Horse surrendered.

Sept. 6, 1812: Indians attack Fort Wayne and Fort Harrison (near Terre Haute, Ind.). In response, Americans raid and destroy Indian villages north of the Wabash River.

Ellis is an author and historian working on a book about American Indians.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Sept. 3: Closed for Labor Day.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed greens salad, fruit pie.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.