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Youth orchestra to give concert

The newly formed Youth Orchestra of the Oregon East Symphony will present its debut concert at on Saturday, December 5, at 4 p.m. at the Armand Larive Middle School Auditorium in Hermiston.

Thirty-two young people from Heppner, Hermiston and Pendleton have been rehearsing since September. Players range from age eight through college students. The orchestra includes 17 string players and a full complement of symphonic winds. A few local adult musicians will round out the instrumentation at the concert.

The program will include works by Bach and Albinoni, as well as popular and seasonal favorites like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Carol of the Bells."

A task group from the OES met during the summer to develop the plan for a preparatory orchestra. The orchestra was needed because violinists from most area towns did not have an orchestra in which to play, said April Hall Cutting, Hermiston coordinator. "Pendleton is one of the few school districts in the state to still maintain a string

instrument program," she said. Cutting said that the OES board continues to strengthen its outreach program.

"We had more than enough musicians turn out to audition," said R. Lee Friese, founding director of the Youth Orchestra. Friese also conducts the Oregon East Symphony. "Most of the players had no experience in a symphony. It is a very different from practicing alone or playing in a band," Friese observed.

Associate conductor Tony Marks of LaGrande said, "These kids have come a long way in just a few rehearsals. I'm real proud of them." Marks was the co-founder of the Grande Ronde Youth Orchestra in 1990. Other staff include Antigone Dudder, Pendleton, as string coach and Cutting.

The debut concert is sponsored by Express Personnel Services and the Desert Arts Council. In addition, Hermiston Kiwanis Club has made a major donation

to the scholarship fund to assist players in paying for private music lessons. The youth orchestra is supported by the Outreach Program of the Oregon East Symphony.

Special needs Children sought

Schools in Morrow and Umatilla counties are attempting to locate all persons through age 21 not enrolled in school who may have special needs.

Anyone having concerns regarding a child in his or her care who is aged five-21 is asked to contact the Morrow County School District special education department contact person, Michael Keown, Morrow County School District R-1, 989-8202, 270 W. Main, Box 368, Lexington, 97839.

Anyone having concerns about a child in his or her care who is aged birth-five years is asked to contact the Umatilla-Morrow County Resource and

Referral, located at the Umatilla-Morrow ESD, 1-800-927-5847, ext. 133.

Special needs could include concerns with: hearing, vision, speech, language, health, learning, developmental delay, traumatic brain injury, emotional or behavioral problems, mental retardation, orthopedic problems, autism or other disabilities.

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2nd week Christmas Punch winners announced



Shannon Bara of Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner draws out this week's winners in the Christmas Punch Contest now going on in Heppner. She drew out the following \$25 gift certificate winners: Frances Peck won a \$25 gift certificate to Lott's Electric; Betty Rietmann won a gift certificate to The Shoe Box; Carolyn Holt to Central Market and Sherree Mahoney won a gift certificate to Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply.

The Christmas Punch Contest runs through Christmas, so remember to pick up your card and then have it punched as you shop the following businesses: Gardner's Men's Wear, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab Tires, Peterson's Jewelers, Lott's Electric, Shoe Box, Central Red Apple Market, Pettyjohn's, Morrow County Grain Growers, Court Street Market, Murray Drugs/ Country Rose and Corbin's Bowl and Diner.

Don't forget that all entries in the contest are entered in the grand prize drawing, where one person will win a total of \$600 in gift certificates from participating businesses.

Fund established for ailing boy

A fund raising project is underway to assist a young area boy, Drew Dennis, who has recently been diagnosed with leukemia.

Drew, the four-year-old son of Aron and Heidi Dennis, was treated at the Asher Clinic in Fossil, where his illness was detected, and then sent to Doernbecher Hospital in Portland. Over a week of tests and treatments were performed on the four-year-old, which amounted to an estimated \$17,000 in hospital expenses.

With his ongoing tests, it was necessary to have a medical port surgically inserted in his chest so that his blood could be monitored. According to a family member, now that he has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia, he will have to be treated for three and a half to four years with chemotherapy. Treatment entails continued injections three times a week and lengthy examinations.

According to the family, Drew's illness is curable but

will be very costly for the Dennises, with time lost at work, and traveling and lodging expenses. Drew's father, Aron, worked as a ranch hand on the Stiewer Ranch.

Many area residents drove to Portland to support the Dennises and brought gifts for Drew.

A fund has been established at Klamath First Federal and donation boxes have been distributed in area markets.

For more information call Blu Blakely, 989-8365.

Arts and Crafts Club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 12 noon at Yaw's.

After lunch, the group will travel to the home of Betty Mills for a Christmas goodies and \$10 gift exchange.

Hands on science to begin

The winter session of Hands on Science is scheduled to begin January 8 at Heppner Elementary School on non-school Fridays. The Hands on Science Program is a recreational science program open to children in grades K-6. This winter session will feature classes in architecture and engineering.

"Shape Makers" (K-1) will have the students build the "strongest bridges" and the "tallest towers". The students will change circles to cylinders, squares to cubes and triangles to tetrahedrons. Finger traps, rapper snappers, ramps and balancing acts will have center stage in this class. This K-1 class will be held from 10-11 a.m.

"Towers and Tales" (2-3) will present classes where the adventures will take the students across a bridge, down a river in a boat and into the land of the pyramids. The students will build decoders and abacus. They will also untangle the mysteries of scytales and Egyptian hieroglyphics. This class will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

"Behind the Magic" (4-6) will have the students explore topology, geodesics, balance and three-dimensional designs. The activities are designed to tickle the brain with teasers, puzzles, tricks, and games. Some may think this is magic, but the students will unlock the science secrets behind these activities. This class will be held from 10-

11 a.m.

New this winter will be a Hands on Science class for preschool aged children. In "Mother Goose Construction Company" the preschool-aged child will look at why Jack rolled down the hill, why Humpty Dumpty couldn't be put together again and which building techniques make the strongest London Bridge. These are just a few of the Mother Goose rhymes that will be explored from a scientist's perspective.

The Hands on Science program is made available through the Umatilla-Morrow ESD. There is a \$45 registration fee. "This fee enables the students to come to class with nothing and leave with lots of stuff so they can repeat the experiments at home," says Hands on Science area coordinator, Sarah Carlson. Scholarships are available. "We don't want cost to be a prohibitive factor to participation in these classes," says Carlson. There are eight classes in the session which will end on March 12.

Registration forms will be sent home from school with the children or forms will be available at the public libraries and post offices in Heppner and Lone. Those wishing to register are asked to do so early, because the classes are limited to 10 participants.

For more information about the program or scholarship information contact Carlson, 422-7245.

Rebekahs honor Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge #139 in Lexington honored Delpha Jones with a reception for her 35 years of serving as secretary for the lodge.

Many friends and members enjoyed visiting with Delpha and her husband, Cecil Jones. A memory book was presented to

her and some shared fond memories of Delpha with the group.

Decorating was done by lodge members. Refreshments were served by Noble Grand Kathy Clark, Vice Grand Marlene Gray and Virginia Peck.

Delpha is a 50 year member of the Holly Lodge this year.

Children & Families commission to meet

The next meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Public Health office in Boardman.

The main topics of discussion will be the Emergency Food and Shelter grants, Community Development grants and comprehensive planning.

This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, call 676-9675.

4-H News

**The Barnyarders
By Emily Unruh**

The Barnyarders 4-H club met on Nov. 16 and elected the following officers: president, Daniel Jepsen; vice president, Roy Proctor; secretary/treasurer, Meaghan Unruh; parliamentarians, Julie Proctor, Megan Healy and Whitney Sherritt; and reporter, Emily Unruh.

The club also decided to look into setting up a tour of the livestock slaughtering facility.

The next meeting of The Barnyarders will be in January.

CHRISTMAS PUNCH



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**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
on DECEMBER 28th**