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Piano Students Complete Adjudications

Ten piano students from Heppner and Lone recently completed syllabus adjudications with the Oregon Music Teachers Association. The adjudications were held in Hermiston, and the adjudicator was Al Nakata of Portland.

The students and their completed levels are as follows: Devin Robinson, Level I audition; Rainz Cullen, Level I evaluation; Eric Jepsen, Cameron McCurry, and Kristen Van Cleave, Level IV evaluation; Nathan Van Cleave, Level V evaluation; Meaghan Unruh, Level VI evaluation; Emily Unruh and Matthew Van Cleave, Level VII audition; Amy Jepsen, Level X evaluation.

Students completing levels one through six evaluations were required to perform three memorized pieces in addition to musicianship skills. Musicianship skills include scales, chords,

arpeggios, sight-reading, and ear training. Students completing auditions performed two memorized pieces in addition to musicianship skills.

Level X is the highest level of the Oregon Music Teachers Association syllabus program. The requirements for Level X include four memorized pieces, sight-reading and ear training, and scales, arpeggios, and chord progressions in all 12 major and minor keys. Amy Jepsen will receive a medal for successfully fulfilling these requirements.

Dr. Walter Saul of Portland teaches Amy Jepsen, Cameron McCurry is taught by Ruth Naser of Hermiston, Devin Robinson and Rainz Cullen are taught by Darren Van Cleave of Heppner, and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner teaches the other students.

Wedding reception for newlyweds to be held



The community is invited to share in a wedding reception for Joseph and Alexandra Healy on Saturday, June 15 from 4-7 p.m. The reception will take place at Gwen Healy's home, 245 W. Center Street and casual dress is encouraged.

The couple was married on February 2, 2002. Joseph is the son of Jerry and Carmen Healy of Heppner.

WCCC barbeque and golf scramble

Willow Creek Country Club held a family barbeque on May 27. Twenty-eight golfers played scramble. Results are as follows:

Low gross-first Jeff and Pat Edmundson, and Bob and Suzanne Jepsen; and Phil and Kathy Carlson and Doug and Brad Morton, 28; third Rod Ehrmantraut, Sandi and Jon Hanna, and Stub Lewis, 29; fourth Ray and Norma French, and Gene

and Luvilla Sonstegard, 32.

Net-first Bob and Jan McDonald, and Louis and Betty Carlson; second Bob and Lorrene Montgomery, and Louis and Alene Rucker; third John Edmundson, Joyce Dinkins, and Earl and Carol Norris.

Special events-KP #4-men John Edmundson; KP #4-women Carol Norris; KP second shot-Jeff Edmundson team; long putt-Gene Sonstegard team.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Attack ads are irresponsible

To the Editor:

Why does it appear that the Oregon Republican Party's strategy is to convince voters that all tax increases are bad and unnecessary? The Republicans seem to be trying to tell voters that additional tax revenue is not needed. Where did they learn how to add and subtract? Oregon faces an almost one billion dollar deficit for the next fiscal year. Oregon needs legislators who have the courage to face the fact that additional revenue is desperately needed. The Republican strategy, however, is clearly to argue against, and to vote against, any kind of tax increase, in order to be able to blame the Democrats for them. The Oregon Republican Party must be working harder to win seats in the November general election than to solve Oregon's desperate funding problems.

What makes such a strategy so obvious? The clue is in the attack ads sponsored by the Republican Party against Bill Bradbury that started even before the primary elections were held. The Republicans must be very afraid that Bill Bradbury will defeat Gordon Smith in the November election to be putting so much money into attack ads so early in a political campaign. The plan is obviously to show that Bill Bradbury voted for taxes in his years in the Oregon Legislature. Well, of course he did. That is the job of responsible legislators who have the well being of the State of Oregon (and not their own political ambitions) in mind. State legislators are charged with making decisions about programs and services—and how they will be funded.

To repeatedly air attack ads suggesting that taxes are unnecessary, and castigating legislators who vote for them, is irresponsible. To the Oregon Republican Party: Shame on you.

(s) Linda Shaw Heppner

Student sacrifices free time to create keepsake

Some students have a hard time finding time at home to do homework, but not Katie Tayloe. She worked hard at home and during recesses to create a beautiful keepsake book for Mrs. Danielson. At the Heppner Elementary School assembly on Tuesday, May 28, Katie presented the gift and read the book to the audience. This young author, through the eyes of a child, explained the many jobs Mrs. Danielson does for Heppner Elementary School. The last page of the book states, "Mrs. Danielson is a good principal. She is not going to be here next year and that makes me sad." Katie's book is sure to be treasured for years to come.

How has your attitude changed?

To the Editor:

I would be grateful if I could use your letters page to help with research I am conducting. As a minister in the Church of England, I am conducting an international survey to assess the change in people's moral and religious attitudes in the light of the events of 11th September.

I invite your readers to send me information on any of the following: How have the events of the 11th changed your outlook on life? Are you now more or less materialistic? More or less family orientated? Are you thinking more about spiritual matters and trying to find out about God? Are you more or less confident about the future? If you are involved in a church have your views been changed by the idea spreading through congregations that these events fulfilled the symbolic prophecy found in Revelation 18? The similarity between this chapter and what happened was reported the next day by one of Canada's leading newspapers, "The Toronto Sun". This paper pictured the devastation along with words from chapter 18.

(For the benefit of those unaware of the similarities being talked about, Revelation 18 refers to the fall of an "economic Babylon" - v. 10 describes destruction as "coming in one hour" with v. 17 adding, "in one hour such great riches come to nothing". In v. 8 it says it will be "burned with fire", and vv. 9 and 17 says people "will weep as they see the smoke of burning and will watch at a distance." From v. 11 it states that "the merchants of the whole earth will weep because no one buys her merchandise any more" and we are given a list of the kinds of products, including oil, which would no longer be traded through her. V. 17 adds that those who trade on the world's oceans would be affected. V. 2 makes a double statement "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen" suggesting that two objects would befall disaster which some feel is a reference to there being two towers).

If you belong to a church, when did you first hear this being discussed and by whom? If you are not a church member and this is new to you, do you find these similarities comforting or disturbing? Does it change your views on religion in any way? I am also keen to hear from any who claim they had a "premonition" that something was about to occur. Three members of my congregation experienced this and one minister in New York wrote in August how he had just had a vision of the Twin Towers engulfed in flames. Confidentiality is assured. Write or e-mail your views to the address below. Results will eventually be published on www.bible-questions-answered.co.uk

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Obituaries

Charles D. "Chuck" Starr

Charles D. "Chuck" Starr, 61, of Lone, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A memorial service was held Sunday, June 2, 2002 at the Lone High School gym.

He was born December 24, 1940, at Oakland, California, to Donald and Edna Hill Starr. He was raised in Southern Idaho and attended school there before moving to Oregon. He attended high school at West Linn, graduating in 1959. He graduated from Lewis and Clark College in 1963.

On October 21, 1961, he married Deena Ostrander at West Linn. In 1972, the family moved to Morrow County where he began 23 years of service to the Morrow County School District as a coach and math teacher at Heppner. In 1976, he became principal at Lone School.

In 1985, he was assistance superintendent for the Morrow County School District. He left Morrow County for a time, returning in 1993 to become superintendent. He retired in 1998.

Mr. Starr enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time in the outdoors with his sons and grandsons.

Survivors include his wife, Deena Starr of Lone; sons, Terry Starr of Whitefish, Montana, and Denny Starr of Spray; his mother, Edna Myers, and sister, Donna Rogers, both of Pocatello, Idaho; brother, Ken Starr of Chubbuck, Idaho; and six grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Morrow Scholarship Trust, P.O. Box 926, Heppner, Oregon 97836, Pioneer Memorial Home Health, or Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

"Don't bug me, I'm reading"

The theme of this year's summer reading program at the Heppner Public Library is, "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading." The program will begin on Wednesday, June 12, at 11:15 a.m. until 12 noon, and will continue every Wednesday with the last day to be July 17. On July 23 there will be a special program at 4 p.m. in the park.

The program is for children toddler age through elementary school. Every student who reads a minimum of 10 books this summer will receive a certificate from the state Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Each week, a featured speaker will share something pertaining to bugs. Registration forms are available at the library. Wells Fargo Bank and Oregon Public Broadcasting provided the funds for the program.

For more information, contact Margaret Flaherty at 676-9964.

One student on National Honor Roll

Lone High School students: Tracy Griffith, Diana McElligott and Michael Radie have been recognized by the National Honor Roll for exceptional academic and extra-curricular success. The National Honor Roll out of Washington recognizes only 4.5 percent of high school students around the country. D.C.

Verne H. Minnich

Verne H. Minnich, 84, of Boardman, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

At his request, there will be no service. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Minnich was born February 15, 1918, at West Salem to Edwin Jesse and Leah Pearl Hunter Minnich.

He graduated from Columbia Adventist Academy at Meadow Glade, Washington.

On June 28, 1947, he married Esther Lillian Webb at Yreka, California.

He moved to Boardman 40 years ago from Vale.

He had been employed on tugboats on the Columbia River, worked as a logger and drove logging truck, then drove water trucks in construction until 1971 when a work injury forced his retirement.

Mr. Minnich loved to fish and hunt.

He was a member of the Teamster's Union.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, at the home in Boardman; daughters, Joan Lambert of Pine Hollow and Linda Pratt of Lake Havesu, Arizona; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two nephews. A sister, Ruth Ann Bohlman, and a stepson, William Anthony Housley, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

There are many compliments in the wind for the Main Street flower baskets. These baskets, ordered from Green Feed, were purchased with funds raised at the April Fool's Basketball Tournament put on by the Chamber Merchants Committee and by additional contributions by Heppner merchants. The City of Heppner is keeping the 18 baskets watered. Everyone working together brings great results.

The merchants usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. at GD's Linger Longer; however, this month the meeting has been moved to Wednesday, June 12, same time, same location. The group will be putting their heads together to plan for "Celebrate Heppner's History" on Friday, July 26, and will be also discussing Fair and Rodeo, Halloween, Christmas, and a conference for businesses in Pendleton June 26 and 27. All are welcome to attend.

Fair and Rodeo is just around the corner and the search is on for warm bodies who would be willing to help with the parade. Horse knowledge and expertise is not necessary, but would be helpful. Just a few hours of your time will assist the Chamber in putting on a great parade. Talk to Cliff Green, Sharon Harrison, or stop by the Chamber if interested.

A Chamber welcome to Gail Burkenbine, a snowbird who returned home for the summer and who has offered to volunteer on Fridays in the Chamber office.

Next week the Chamber program will be focused on Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo court.

Thought for the week: "If you cannot find the truth right where you are, where else do you expect to find it?" -Dogen

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