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Inland NW Musicians Chorale Christmas Concerts planned

Inland Northwest Musicians Chorale will present a concert of Christmas music in the Echo Community Building on Saturday, December 16, at 7 pm. The 40-odd singers of the chorale gather at Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton each Monday evening to rehearse for their concerts under the

leadership of R. Lee Friese of Athena who is music director and conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians ensembles. Concerts are then performed throughout the region. "A holiday concert in Echo has almost become a tradition as the hall is so beautifully decorated during the season," said a chorale spokesperson.

The program will be repeated in Ukiah High School on Sunday, December 17, at 4 p.m.

Concerts by Inland Northwest Musicians ensembles are always free to the public, with donations accepted. A reception will follow each concert, giving community members an opportunity to greet the musicians.

Further information about the performing groups of Inland Northwest Musicians and opportunities to join are available at 322 S.W. 3rd Street, #1, Pendleton, Oregon 97801; phone 541-966-6649, e-mail info@inwm.org.

Piano recital scheduled for Dec. 10

Local Heppner piano students will play their favorite Christmas pieces at a recital on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at Christian Life Center, 545 W. Morgan St., in Heppner. Twenty-eight students, ranging in ages from four to 17 will participate. The students represent all levels of playing, from brand new beginners to advanced students.

Cookies and punch will be served following the recital. The public is invited to attend.

Heppner Junior/ Senior High students participate in Knowledge Master

Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed December 6 in the 47th Knowledge Master Open academic competition. Middle school, junior high, and high school students faced their computers and 200 tough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

Heppner High's school team consisted of 16 students and Heppner Junior High team consisted of 15 students. (See teams list below.) "This is a great opportunity for students to compete nationally and to test their knowledge against their peer group nationwide," said a spokesperson.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete without the expense of traveling to a central site. Results of the contest are tabulated into overall, state, and enrollment-size rankings by Academic Hallmarks, a Colorado publishing firm that hosts the event. Contest results and example questions are available at www.greatauk.com.

High school team: Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff, Lane Wright, Spencer Palmer, Sarah Ballard, Maggie Armato, Grant Smith, Kelsey Wolff, Sean Murray, Brendan McElligott, LaTosha Bowles, Nacho Elguezabal, Andre Rauch, Keenan Jack, Sherilyn Peck, Frank Meyer.

Junior high team: Eric Chick, Ian Murray, Julia Meyer, Karlie Crumbliss, Cody Nelson, Zach Hintz, Stephanie Schuller, Lindsay Cutsforth, Joe Armato, Justin Pranger, Carrie Haguewood, Brett Harrison, Justin Gutierrez, Devin Robinson, Trent Cannon.

Irrigon water safe for consumption

The city of Irrigon reports that the city water system is now in full compliance with the standards set by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Oregon for drinking water. The latest water sample taken on November 6 indicated that the nitrate level was at seven parts per million. This is below the 10 parts per million level set by EPA and the State of Oregon. The limit of 10 parts per million for nitrate was set primarily for the protection of infants who lack the enzymes necessary to process nitrates in their systems. Nitrate in drinking water is not considered harmful to normal healthy adults.

During those times that the city water system exceeds the 10 parts per million limit set for nitrates, the city has provided a tap located behind the Irrigon Fire District Office at 705 N.E. Main Avenue where nitrate free water may be obtained. Water from this tap is available for public use and is free of charge for filling containers for household use.

The water provided by the city of Irrigon is again safe for consumption. Residents will be notified should the level of nitrate in the water again climb above the limit considered safe for all uses.

In order to ensure that the future supply of water in Irrigon is free of nitrate problems, the city is planning on drilling several new wells. Already two test wells have been dug which appear to be in an aquifer hydraulically connected to the Columbia River and low in nitrates. Plans are underway to develop permanent wells at these locations which can be tied into the existing water distribution system. The city's intention is to connect those wells into the water system at the earliest possible date.

These new wells are part of the major improvements to be constructed as part of the \$4,358,000 city of Irrigon Water Improvement Project. The city has received approval from USDA Rural Development for a grant of \$1,038,000 and a loan of \$1,701,000 for this project. The USEPA has also provided a grant of \$383,000 to the City of Irrigon. The balance of the funding will be provided by a loan from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

Booster Club to meet

The Heppner Jr./Sr. High School Booster Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, in the Home-Ec room at 7 p.m. Agenda items will include the election of class representatives. Also any comments, suggestions or ideas for next year or in general are welcome.

All Booster Club members, class representatives need to be there, said a club spokesperson. Everyone is invited to find out what the Booster Club is all about.

Obituaries

Sid Paul High

Memorial service for Sid Paul High will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, December 7, 2006, at the Heppner Fairgrounds Annex Building. Burial was at Meadows Valley Cemetery in New Meadows, Idaho, on Sunday, December 3.

Mr. High, 49, formally of New Meadows, Idaho, died Wednesday, November 29, 2006, at his home in Heppner.

He was born October 12, 1957, at Everett, Washington, the son of Harold and Dorothy Stilson High. He was raised at Everett until age 12 when the family moved to New Meadows, Idaho, where he graduated from high school in 1975.

He began working for the United States Forest Service which he continued for the next 32 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and anything involving the outdoors. According to family members, he always put others first in his life by helping in whatever way he could. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his companion of 24 years, Lisa Daniels of Heppner; daughters, Kristy Daniels of Riggins, Idaho, Kari Daniels of Heppner; son, Cody High of Klamath Falls, Oregon; parents, Dorothy and Bill Freeman of New Meadows, Idaho; brothers, Robert High of Phoenix, Arizona, and J. R. Freeman of Boise, Idaho; sister, Anissa Qualls of New Meadows, Idaho. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews are also surviving.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Morrow County EMT Association, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Health Dept. lists December hours

The Morrow County Health Dept. has announced its clinic hours for the month of December:

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Heppner Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12-1 p.m.;

Monday, Dec. 11 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m.;

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m. Flu clinic is scheduled;

Thursday, Dec. 14 - Heppner Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12-1 p.m. Flu clinic is scheduled;

Monday, Dec. 18 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m.;

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Heppner Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12-1 p.m.;

Monday, Dec. 25 - Offices closed for Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Boardman Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12:30-1 p.m.;

Thursday, Dec. 28 - Heppner Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed from 12-1 p.m.

New priest

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The Rev. Johnson says she's enjoying her new calling and the community. She remarks that she has never lived on the east side before. "People have just been so welcoming. I knew my call wasn't to a large city," she said. "To start with Advent is just a great way to begin. I'm so happy to be here."

The Rev. Johnson says she loves to spend time with people, likes moves, music of all kinds and plays piano and guitar, and likes spending time with her family, especially two nieces, one in Olympia, WA, and one in Adna, WA, and a grand-niece and nephew who also live in Adna. "I like laughter, fun, hanging out and love the beach and the mountains," she said. "This is the highest elevation I have ever lived at." She also has three cats, Oliver, and two kittens she inherited from a niece, Milpe, which means first harvest, and Neube, which means cloud. She says she is looking forward to meeting both her congregations and is especially excited about "getting to know Lutheran".

The Rev. Johnson is living at the Hope Lutheran parsonage. Her ordination is on Saturday, January 6, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints. Her first Eucharist will be on Sunday, January 7. The community is invited to attend.

2006 OWGL annual meeting Dec. 8

The annual membership meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League has been scheduled for Friday, December 8, from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Doubletree Lloyd Center, Portland, in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Grains Conference.

The business meeting agenda will include the election of officers, introduction of the 2007 board of directors, review of 2005-06 fiscal year audit report, acceptance of committee priorities for 2007, and the traditional presentation of the Winn-McRae Gavel to the incoming president.

Members of the association, in good standing, are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Registration to the conference is not a prerequisite for attending the annual meeting. Wheat producers wishing to actively participate in the annual meeting who are not currently members of the association are welcome to contact the association office in advance of December 4 to remit membership dues prior to the annual meeting. Questions may be directed to the OWGL staff, 541-276-7330.

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Please bring an
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Starts at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, December 9th
Tom & Jerry Party**

Steak and Oyster Dinner!

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

The local dance group will perform in the St. Patrick's dining room on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the program they are planning.

The lunch menu for Wednesday, Dec. 13, will be baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, acorn squash, green salad, fruit and ice cream cups. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will serve.

MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner:

Happy Holidays from Green Feed and Seed!
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