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Matheny to hold CD cover signing Saturday

Heppner native Sandy Matheny and her Aunt Doris Pitzer of Hermiston have collaborated to create their long-awaited musical CD, "These Old Hills Will Sing." Matheny will be in Heppner at Murray's Drug on Saturday, January 22, from 3-5 p.m. for a CD signing.

The CD is available at Murray's Drug in Heppner and Condon, Wilcox Furniture in Hermiston, as well as by mail order. The cost is \$15 (plus \$2 shipping and handling if mailed). All proceeds from sales of the CD will be donated to the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) Foundation to be used in their spinal cord injury research programs.

On the album, Matheny and Pitzer devote their love of making music to "those living with spinal

cord injuries and to those who life, love, laugh, and cry with them," according to Matheny. Matheny's brother, Dave, was severely paralyzed in a horse accident in September 2001. An eastern Oregon wheat rancher, Dave is once again a vital member of the family ranch between Lexington and Hermiston.

All songs in the collection were requested by friends and family and come with memories attached. In addition to a Matheny original, Old Friends, she also sings Whispering Pines, Hallelujah, Mariah, Wild Mountain Thyme, Blue Bayou, The Rose, Fields of Gold, I Can See Clearly Now, Till I'm Too Old to Die Young, Catch the Wind, Me and Bobbie McGee, What a Wonderful World, and You Have Come Down to the Seashore.

St. Patrick's Altar Society hosts game day for young adults



On Sunday, January 16, St. Patrick's Altar Society sponsored the second get-together for the younger population of the parish. The afternoon was filled with games, snacks, and fellowship. The competition was intense but pleasurable. The group enjoyed each others company while the children had their own party in a separate location. One of the participants commented that it was a great way to break the January blahs.

Heppner Christian Church to sponsor community ham dinner

Heppner Christian Church will be sponsoring a community ham dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, February 6, at the Senior Center dining room from 4-6:30 p.m. There is no charge to the public.

These Old Hills Will Sing
\$15
All proceeds will go to spinal cord
Research at OHSU
Available at Murrays

Meet and Greet
Sandy Matheny
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Photo by: Lee Farren

Holland family wins grandfather clock raffle



Pictured are Dale and Karen Holland and their children Thomas and Stephanie Holland with the family's new grandfather clock. Dale was the winner of the Inland Northwest Musicians' grandfather clock raffle. -Contributed Photo

The Inland Northwest Musicians' grandfather clock raffle came to conclusion at their Christmas concert in Echo on December 12. The winning ticket was held by Dale Holland of Ione.

Gary Kopperud traveled to Ione on December 31 to set up the clock. Kopperud will also keep the clock cleaned and maintained. Kopperud said, "It was a joy to be a part of their winning the clock as they had a special place just for the clock in their home. The clock, with all the miles on it, came through without even a fingerprint on it and arrived and was set up in perfect condition. I think everyone in the Morrow county area knows about their winning the clock as they are very well

know in the area."

Proceeds from the clock will go to Inland Northwest Musicians' operating fund. This organization of five orchestral and choral ensembles travels to communities around northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington to perform free, live classical music. Because there is no charge for the concerts, Inland Northwest Musicians appreciates the donations received from their audiences. The next concerts will be held at Hermiston High School in Hermiston and at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA on the 12th and 13th of February at 4 p.m. in each location. The Inland Northwest Orchestra will perform Scheherazade by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

Neighborhood Center releases 2010 operation information

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County recently released the operation information for the 2010 calendar year. The information listed included some of the needs met in the community, community donations, and who donated financial donations.

In 2010 3,691 pounds of food were donated by the community, clothing donations were valued at \$14,184.65, and 974 volunteer hours were contributed at a value of \$19,967.

With the help of community donations and other financial assistance, the Neighborhood Center was able to provide 9,117 pounds of food to a total of 221 individuals and provide clothing to 214 individuals.

A detailed list of donations and financial contributions and how they were used can be found on Page FIVE.

Bunco party funds to benefit Helping Hearts program

The shared ministry of Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Churches will be hosting a bunco party at All Saints Church on Thursday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. The suggested offering of \$5 will be donated to Columbia Basin's "Helping Hearts" program which assists its customers with their electric bill. The community is invited to attend.

Cheerleader Dessert Auction to be held Jan. 29

The 11th annual Heppner High School Cheerleader Dessert Auction will be held on Saturday, January 29. The auction will be held during half-time of both the varsity girls' and boys' games.

Ecumenical Youth Group collecting cans of soup for outreach project

The Ecumenical Youth Group of Hope Lutheran/All Saints Episcopal is collecting cans of soup through February 6 for their Souper Bowl of Caring outreach project. The soup will be donated to the Neighborhood Center.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Obituaries

Mark B. Dowdy

Mark B. Dowdy, 52, of Heppner died Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the Heppner High School gymnasium. A private family inurnment service will be held at a later date.



Mark B. Dowdy

He was born May 9, 1958 in Springfield, the son of John and Helen McKinney Dowdy. Mark was raised in Pleasant Hill where he graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1976. He was a 1982 graduate of Western Oregon State College with a Bachelors of Arts degree in language arts.

Mr. Dowdy taught language arts and coached girls' basketball and baseball at Port Orford from 1982 through 1986. On June 15, 1985 he married Pamela Reimers in Port Orford. In 1988 the couple moved to Heppner where he taught language arts from 1988 through 1995 and also coached girls' basketball and baseball. They moved to Brookings where he was the assistant girls' basketball coach and taught

language arts. From 1996 to 1997 he was the girls' basketball coach and language arts teacher at McKenzie. He returned to teaching language arts at Heppner High School in 2003 where he was the girls' basketball coach.

A life-long learner and avid sports fan, he positively impacted the lives of many, his family, teaching and coaching were his passion.

He is survived by: his wife, Pam; sons, Jefferson Dowdy 14 and Josh Dowdy 12; daughter, Kendall Dowdy 7; father, John Dowdy and his wife Markie of Pleasant Hill; brothers, Terry Dowdy and his wife Ann of Carlsbad, NM and Steve Dowdy and his wife Judy of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; and many other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen, and a brother, Doug Dowdy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Dowdy Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, PO Box 39, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Lopez receives Marine Corps promotion

Marine Corps Cpl. P D. Lopez, son of Ida Alfaro of Boardman, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Wing Control Squadron 38, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

Lopez was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Heppner Christian Church to show documentary

Heppner Christian Church will be showing a documentary by Ken Ham about the "State of the Nation, The Collapse of Christian America" on Sunday, January 23, at 6 p.m. This video was produced by Answers in Genesis and has some interesting insights of why as much as two thirds of young people raised in a Christian home fall away from their teaching. This is open to the community, refreshments will be provided.

WSU President's Honor Roll for fall 2010 announced

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for the 2010 fall semester was recently announced. Emily Katherine Rietmann of Ione was among the honorees.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who stand above the rest with excellent academic performance. To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimal of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA, based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

EOU chamber choir, music department channel best of the 60's

"Flashback to the 60's" when the Eastern Oregon University Chamber Choir and music department present their anticipated first concert of the new year the last weekend in January.

The performance features more than 30 number one billboard hits from 1960-69, drawing on "A Beatles Celebration" concert that wowed audiences last year. Ray Charles, Otis Redding, Elvis Presley and The Chiffons are just a few of the big names in the song lineup.

A total of three "Flashback" shows are scheduled with the opening night performance at 7:30 Friday, January 28. On Saturday, January 29, concerts are set for 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. All take place in McKenzie Theatre in Loso Hall at EOU.

Conductor Peter Wordelman, EOU Chamber Choir director and professor of music, said the goal

of the concert is to be "true to the spirit of the 60's."

Michael Frasier, instructor of music, is the assistant conductor and Allan Sanada is the light designer. The band is comprised of McKern on guitar, Matt Cooper, professor of music, on piano and keyboard, John McKinnon, professor of music, on keyboard, Roger Barnes on bass, Teun Fetz, associate professor of music, on drums, and William Morris on saxophone.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Group tickets are available for \$5 each with the purchase of 10 or more. Ticket outlets are Red Cross United Drug, Sunflower Books and the EOU Bookstore.

"Flashback to the 60's" is presented by Red Cross United Drug and sponsored by The Observer. For more information contact Wordelman at 541-962-3352.