

A Merry Christmas

The Christmas story through the eyes of children

Nordic ski club announces winter schedule



Addison Coe, Paul Lindsay, Jace Coe and John Lindsay were some of the children of St. Patrick's who shared the Christmas story during their annual Christmas pageant. —Contributed photo

The true Christmas Story was once again retold and shared by the children at St. Patrick's Parish. The account of the angels, stars, shepherds, sheep, inn keepers, wise men, Joseph, Mary and Jesus was revealed by toddlers, preschoolers, and grade-school youngsters.

Joseph (Paul Lindsay) led the donkey that carried Mary (Addison Coe) to Bethlehem, and their first stop was the Motel VI where the Inn Keeper (John Lindsay) had to deny lodging for the Holy Family.

The Narrator (Jace Coe) did an excellent job

of moving the story along as he explained each setting

and held the microphone for each actor to express their lines.

At the end of the incredible performance the children shared the true meaning of Christmas from their hearts. One student supported the tradition of gifts saying, "Jesus was a gift from his Father, so now we give gifts to each other."

Another enlightened the crowd by declaring, "I like to remember the two words in Christmas, Christ and then mas—spelled with two s-es—my family and I go to vigil Mass."

Even the littlest ones' thoughts relayed Christmas words such as, "Peace, love, Jesus and joy."

Christmas carols sung by the children were enjoyed throughout the play.

The Arbuckle Nordic Club will have its first scheduled ski on Jan. 3. If weather conditions allow, every Saturday through early March the club will meet at the Heppner City Park at 9 a.m.

The skiing is local, with members carpooling for about 25 minutes before beginning to ski. Bring a lunch to eat around the big warming fire.

Some skiers visit around the fire and return to the vehicles while others

may ski on for more exploration and exercise, eventually returning to town before 3 p.m.

Individual or family dues are five dollars annually. Anyone who doesn't have ski equipment, call Bill Ewing or Steve Brownfield, and they may be able to arrange a loan of equipment for you.

More information about the overnight ski into a local cabin will be available toward the end of the ski season.

Umatilla Forest group seeks facilitator

The Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group is seeking a facilitator to work with group members to identify common ground and develop forest practices recommendations for the Umatilla National Forest.

To learn more or to view the full Request for Proposals, visit umatillacollaborative.org and look under the "Group Information" tab for "General Information."

Proposals are due by Jan. 16, 2015. For questions, contact Elaine at 541-421-3018.

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