



The Heppner Day Care preschool class Thanksgiving lunch was well-attended, with 18 preschoolers and their 34 guests. -Contributed photo



Jeremy, Tiller and Madison Rosenbalm digging in to their turkey dinner at the Heppner Day Care preschool Thanksgiving lunch last week. -Photo by Chris Sykes



Krystal Seitz, Haidyn Seitz and George Nairns enjoy lunch together at the Heppner Day Care preschool Thanksgiving lunch. -Contributed photo



Charlie Harrison enjoys a turkey feast at the Thanksgiving lunch -Contributed photo

'Tis the season to be Thankful—On Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Heppner Day Care preschool class shared a special Thanksgiving Day lunch with their families. The event was held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall to

help accommodate the 20 Preschoolers and their two guests each; in the end they had 18 preschoolers present and 34 guests.

The preschool teacher, Ms. Meg, led the event, which included children

sharing their "What I'm thankful for Turkey," a coloring activity, thanking families for sharing their children with the day care daily, and a turkey lunch with all the trimmings made by Ms. Kellie.

Days Gone By Heppner lights at Heritage Park



This excerpt from the Dec. 4, 1980, Heppner Gazette-Times shows that some things don't change much in 42 years—including the debate over Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving.



Some of last year's lights at Heritage Park. -File photo

Join the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in welcoming the holiday season this Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. with the turning on of the Christmas lights at Heritage Park.

Come see Santa and

Mrs. Claus, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and get in the holiday spirit. The evening will feature a musical performance by the Heppner High School choir, Sage Garden Preschool and Heppner Daycare at 6:30 p.m. with the turning on of the Christmas lights at 7 p.m.

Any questions, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at heppnerchamber@gmail.com, Alicia Doherty at 509-851-8875 or Shelby Matthews at 541-377-0058.

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Oregon East Symphony's holiday music festival returns

Event features Alan Hovhaness's Christmas Symphony, jazz combo and traditional tribal music



Oregon East Symphony Assistant Conductor Zach Banks will lead OES in performing Alan Hovhaness's Symphony No. 49. -Credit: Walters Photography

The Oregon East Symphony's annual Holiday Music Festival will return on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Vert Auditorium, located at 480 SW Dorion Ave. in Pendleton. An ecumenical celebration of the holiday season through song, the Holiday Music Festival features a variety of community music ensembles in addition to the Oregon East Symphony. General admission to the concert is free.

OES Assistant Conductor Zack Banks will lead a string orchestra in performing Alan Hovhaness's Symphony No. 49 (Christmas). Hovhaness was a prolific Armenian-American composer who spent the last three decades of his life residing in Seattle. His

compositions incorporated a variety of influences from across the world, including Indian and Asian music, Armenian chant, Renaissance polyphony, whale songs and medieval plainsong.

Banks, who also serves as Principal Cellist and Education Director for OES and Conductor for the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra, says, "The Oregon East Symphony is thrilled to help ring in the holiday season, and we look forward to sharing the stage with two other fantastic local groups. The Christmas Symphony by Alan Hovhaness is written for string orchestra, and the piece serves as a musical setting for the story of the birth of Christ. The work comes in

four equally captivating movements and carries the unique flavor of this rarely performed American-Armenian composer from the twentieth century."

The concert will also feature Equinox Little Big Band, a jazz combo led by Pendleton School District music instructors Andy Cary and Emily Muller-Cary; Our Songs Are Live, a traditional drumming, singing and dancing ensemble from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation led by cultural historian Fred Hill; the Pendleton Brass Quintet featuring Steve Muller, Andy Cary, Jill Scanlan, Kaitlyn McMasters and Gary Ferguson, and Christmas carol singalongs led by Adam Lange, worship music leader with Christ Church in La Grande, OR.

Thanks to support from the Pendleton Foundation Trust, free, floor-level general admission tickets to the Holiday Music Festival are available at partnering businesses and organizations in Pendleton. A complete list of partnering businesses/organizations who carry free tickets is available at OregonEastSymphony.org. Reserved balcony and floor-level seating is available for purchase by calling 541-276-0320 or visiting OregonEastSymphony.org.

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