

# Young musicians to perform Sunday with orchestra

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**IF YOU GO**

The concert is 4 p.m. Sunday at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

A pair of youthful musicians will perform during the upcoming Inland Northwest Orchestra concert at Hermiston High School.

Kyle Ketchersid, a junior at Hermiston High School, and Nathan Hu, a seventh-grader at Enterprise Middle School in West Richland, earned the opportunity during the March 11 Young Artist Competition. The annual contest, which is organized by the Inland Northwest Musicians, draws participants from throughout the region.

Ketchersid won the senior division and will be playing "Aria" by Eugene Bozza on alto saxophone accompanied by the string

orchestra. Hu, who won the junior division, will perform "Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major" by Ludwig van Beethoven on piano. The program also includes "Polovtsian Dances from Prince Igor" by Alexander Borodine and "Music for Orchestra" by Vaclav Nelhybel.

Under the direction of R. Lee Friese, the concert is Sunday at 4 p.m. in the HHS auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome.

An accomplished per-

former on several instruments, Ketchersid started out playing piano. However, he says he never played the keyboards efficiently and moved on to other instruments, including various saxophones and bassoon. He serves as a bassoonist with the Inland Northwest Orchestra. He has studied the instrument with Rebecca Heckenlively, Adella Hamerstrom and Evan Kuhlmann of Portland State University.

Ketchersid initially stated performing with the Inland Northwest Orchestra as a freshman due to a scheduling conflict between rehearsals for the Willow Creek Symphony (the preparatory orchestra) and his alto saxophone duties with the HHS marching band. Performing

with the "bigger orchestra," as Ketchersid called it, provided an opportunity to gain a more advanced musical experience.

"Traditionally, bassoon parts in bands are very simplistic, with the orchestra they are more advanced," he said. "It's given me a step up on my other bassoon peers."

During his high school career, Ketchersid has participated in band and choir ensembles, as well as musicals.

After playing in the orchestra during Hermiston's spring 2017 "Fiddler on the Roof" production, Ketchersid was cast in the lead role in this past winter's performances of "Seussical the Musical." Also, during the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce

Distinguished Citizens Banquet, he received an Altrusan Outstanding Young Citizens Award.

As for the future, Ketchersid has his sights on performing with a larger orchestra, such as the Walla Walla Symphony or the Mid-Columbia Symphony. In addition, he is interested in studying music performance in college.

Founded in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians is committed to providing live musical performances to rural audiences. It fosters an atmosphere of encouragement and assists musicians in developing their talent. For more information, contact 541-289-4696, [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net) or visit [www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com).



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**Kyle Ketchersid, one of the winners of the Inland Northwest Musicians Young Artist Competition, is featured during Sunday's Inland Northwest Orchestra concert in the HHS auditorium.**

## VFW, American Legion hosts swap meet

For a chance to pick up items at a cheaper price, be sure and head to the Spring Yard Sale & Swap Meet.

Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Desert Post No. 4750 and American Legion Post 37, both of Hermiston, the event is Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 45 W. Cherry Ave., Hermiston. There is no fee for space, which is the size of two pick-up trucks. Items must be family-friendly.

Also, Girl Scouts will be on hand to accept donations for their canned goods drive. People are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate.

For more information, call 567-6219 or visit [www.facebook.com/vfwpost4750](http://www.facebook.com/vfwpost4750).

## Echo sets citywide yard sale

Bargains will be spread all around Echo during an event this weekend.

The Echo City Wide Yard Sale & Flea Market is Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at George Park and beyond. Multiple vendors and yard sales will be on Dupont and Bridge streets as well as multiple yard sales all around town. Maps will be available.

For more information, contact Brie at [wildbleuonderdesignco@gmail.com](mailto:wildbleuonderdesignco@gmail.com) or stop by Wild Bleu Yonder, 200 W. Main St., Echo.

## Event steps out against domestic violence

An event that helps raise money and awareness is being organized by Domestic Violence Services.

"In Her Shoes" is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Riverfront Park, 302 S.W. 23rd St., Hermiston. The registration fee for the walk is \$15, which includes a T-shirt. Children and well-behaved pets are welcome. Also, raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The event includes an experiential activity that provides insight as to what victims of domestic violence and sexual assault go through. Participants can learn about barriers they face and what kinds of decisions they would make in situations. Advocates will be on hand to talk to people.

Domestic Violence Services has served Umatilla and Morrow counties for 40 years. The nonprofit organization has shelters in Hermiston and Pendleton. Its mission is to provide help to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to the shelters, the agency maintains a 24-hour crisis



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**Participants in the Hermiston Public Library's Adventure Time program assisted Hermiston Parks and Recreation with a project April 18 at Riverfront Park.**

## Adventure Time toils in the soil as part of Earth Day project

Hermiston Parks & Recreation received a helping hand recently from the Adventure Time group.

A program offered through the Hermiston Public Library, the participants recently met at Riverfront Park to assist with a planting and weeding project, held in recognition of Earth Day.

The group meets each Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. at the library to participate in a story time and activities. Deborah George facilitates the group.

For more information about Adventure Time activities, call the library at 541-567-2882.

line (800-833-1161) and offers safety planning, peer groups, parenting classes and other support services.

For more information or to pre-register for the event, call 541-567-0424, 541-276-3322 or visit [www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org](http://www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org).

## Sale to benefit hospital auxiliary

A selection of books, toys, gifts, games and unique items will be offered during the Spring Collective Goods at Good Shepherd Medical Center.

Hosted by the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary, the event is Wednesday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, May 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Money raised from the sale will be used towards medical equipment for Good Shepherd and scholarships for local students in the field of medicine.

For more information, contact June Rosenberg at [juner1942@gmail.com](mailto:juner1942@gmail.com).

## Tickets on sale for 'Me and My Prince Ball'

It's almost time to kick up your heels for the Me and My Prince Ball.

Presented by Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington Service Unit 22, the formal/semi-formal event provides an opportunity to build special memories for girls of all ages and their fathers/father figures. The dance is Saturday, May 19 from 6-9 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston.

Tickets, which cost \$20 each, are now on sale. They can be purchased with cash or checks (made out to "Girl Scouts") at 60 Minute Photo, 1000 N. First St., or Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 111. Admission includes a portrait, corsage, boutonniere, refreshments and a chance to win door prizes.

For more information, contact Michelle Kane at [kaneclan@eotnet.net](mailto:kaneclan@eotnet.net), 541-564-5985 or visit the Facebook page to make suggestions for the play list.

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