

Nebraska Choral Arts Society to host its second benefit concert

The Nebraska Choral Arts Society has a benefit concert for the Child Saving Institute at 7 pm. Tuesday at Countryside Community Church. The eight choirs of the Nebraska Choral Arts Society will perform.



Laren Sundell
around and about

This is the organization's second benefit concert. Last year, donations were made to the American Red Cross, Food Bank of Baton Rouge and the New Orleans Children's Choir.

"Last year's Katrina concert went so well that we want to continue what was set in motion," said the group's assistant artistic director, Nancy Robson.

Admission is free, and donations are accepted. For more in-

formation contact 402-342-6753 or visit www.choirmusic.org.

Creighton Prep will honor four

Creighton Prep will honor four people for their service and loyalty at the Loyola Dinner of Honor and Distinction Thursday in the Henry L. Sullivan, S.J., Campus Center.

The dinner, in its 10th year, begins with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception followed by a dinner and awards presentation at 7 p.m.

James C. O'Brien, class of 1978, is Creighton Prep's 2006 Alumnus of the Year.

The school also will induct J. Terrence Haney, class of 1951, and Doug Johnson, longtime band director, into the Hall of Fame and honor Maureen McCann Waldron with the Ancilla Domini award.

For reservations, contact Amy Knight at 548-3858 or by e-mail at aknig@prep.creighton.edu.

Heartland Family board gets update

Pete Tulipana, president and CEO of Heartland Family Service, has given board members an update on the organization.

Shawn Shanahan, program director for the Steve and Cheryl Wild Children's Emergency shelter in Omaha and the Jefferson House Children's shelter in Fremont, also spoke at the Heartland Family Service Friends Board meeting Sept. 14.

Executive committee members for 2006-07 are Patti Pryor, president; Kim Lubeck, president-elect; Pam Miller, Mary deSouza, Tami Chavez and Sally Stalnaker, vice presidents; Nancy Haines, treasurer; Mary Zlomke, secretary; and Debbie Fraser, adviser.

To become a member of Heartland Family Service Friends, call Mary Langdon at

552-7442.

Act II Board has fall luncheon

The ACT II Board recently had its annual fall luncheon at the home of Diane Whitted.

Whitted and Kathy Gross were chairwomen of the event. President Claudia Wilson introduced the current executive committee. They are Susan Moyer, president-elect; Sharon Brodkey, Sherry Taxman, Julie Liakos and Jean Wilson, vice presidents; Vernie Jones and Deb Georgesen, secretaries; Tricia Frary, treasurer; Caitlin Davis, assistant treasurer; and Tami Giitter, adviser.

On Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Act II and the Omaha Community Playhouse will host a preholiday event, featuring a gift boutique, at the playhouse.

The boutique will feature fashions, artwork and jewelry by Omaha artists. Chairwomen

are Francie Prier and Judy Wickersham.

Doctors' Wives group to meet

Doctors' Wives of Omaha meets at noon Monday at the home of Nancy Nielsen.

New officers are Ann McGill, president; Kelly Thedinger, vice president; Mary Jo Langdon, secretary; and Lynda Thomas, treasurer. New members are Patty Brumm, Mary Carollo and Kathy Peterson.

Co-hostess is Debbie Elson. She is assisted by Lorrie Burdeny, Beth Feldhaus, Joan Ferguson, Pam Hoelsing, Sally Johnson, Kathy Martin, Kendra Quinlan, Annette Townely, Melissa Webb and Marilyn Woodbury.

Group feasts eyes on gem collection

The On Track Guild for the

Durham Western Heritage Museum had more than 280 guests at the Ladies and Gems luncheon Sept. 18.

The event began with a tour of the Gems and Minerals collection from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, followed by a luncheon in the Velde Gallery.

Kay Kriss served as master of ceremonies. Honorary chairwomen were Lynne Boyer, Debby Durham and Sunny Lundgren. General chairwomen were Laurette Hess and Sandra Ekwall.

During the luncheon, ballerinas from the Jewish Community Center Dance Program donned jewels from Borsheim's as CEO Susan Jacques described the beautiful jewels.

Jeffrey Post, curator of the Gems and Minerals collection, later talked about the many jewels and gems at the Smithsonian. To become a member, call 444-5071.