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SINGING the song of SPRING

The flute section of the Falls Elementary sixth grade band plays a tune Wednesday at the band's spring concert.

BY SPENSER BICKETT
Staff Writer

The Falls Elementary band and choir rang in the spring season Wednesday with a concert at the Falls High School gymnasium.

Family, friends and community members filled the bleachers Wednesday afternoon to see the fifth and sixth grade bands and choirs play songs they had been working on.

Band director Michelle Boelk led both grades through a variety of different songs. The bands played classic songs like, "Conquest," "Boomerang Blues," "Cango Caves," and "Evening at the Symphony."

Due to a technical difficulty, choir director Tamara Koenig accompanied the choirs on the piano for their songs. During the sixth grade choir's song, "I Love the Mountains/ Take Another Look Now," students Jake Erickson and Devin Reimer accompanied the choir on the ivories.

After their classmates started them off, the sixth grade choir tackled "Shine a Little Light," and "Count on Me," a popular song from pop singer Bruno Mars.

The fifth-grade choir led things off with a French folk song, "Chumbara," which to the English-speaking audience, Koenig said, sounded more like a string of random syllables.



The fifth grade choir, led by Tamara Koenig, sings a song for a crowd full of parents at the spring concert.



Choir director Tamara Koenig accompanies the fifth grade choir on the piano after the CD they were using stopped working properly.



Mitchell Nemec plays the cymbals in the fifth grade band's rendition of "Conquest" during their spring concert.

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Council supports airport project

Resolution calls for review of funding options

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

The International Falls City Council Monday approved a resolution supporting an expansion and improvement project at the Falls International Airport.

The resolution also seeks a recommendation on how to finance the local share of the project, as well as ongoing airport funding. The city jointly owns the airport with Koochiching County.

The airport is governed by a commission made up of two members of the International Falls City Council, two members of the Koochiching County Board and a citizen representative, who is nominated by the city council and appointed by the county board.

The resolution passed unanimously Monday asks the local airport commission to examine all financing options for funding the local share, estimated at

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Reasons to relay

BY EMILY GEDDE
Staff Writer

When Jim Stavseth saw his father, Gus, cough up blood, he knew he had to get him to a hospital.

"I have four brothers and sisters and they looked at me and asked what to do," Jim recalls of that day almost 10 years ago.

The Stavseth family was in Rochester at the time where Gus was receiving treatment for his fast-growing lung cancer. His prognosis wasn't good — only three to six months with treatment.

Unfortunately, Gus died three weeks after his diagnosis, surrounded by his family.

While Jim said he would have liked more time with his father, he is grateful the medical staff at Rochester Methodist Hospital was able to ease Gus' pain and suffering.

"Seeing the way his type of cancer progressed, if there wasn't the doctors to take care of him, it would have been a horrible, horrible death," Jim Stavseth said.

That is why he is so active in Relay for Life.

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