



Senior High Chorus

SF To Present Christmas Cantata

Southern Fulton High School Vocal Music Department will present its Christmas concert to the public on Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

The concert will feature the performance of "When Love Came Down," a Christmas cantata blending tradi-

tional and contemporary seasonal music.

The cantata will be performed by a 170-member choir combining 98 students in senior high chorus, junior high chorus, women's chorus, men's chorus and the S.F.H.S. Ensemble and 72 adult community chorus members under the direction of Dan Meredith.

Women's chorus will be featured in the contemporary song "When Love Came Down." The well-known song "Jesus Loves Me" will feature junior high chorus. Men's chorus will be featured in the David Meece classic "We Are the Reason." Soloists for the performance will be Elaina Truax, Megan Deneen, Daniel Wolfe, Chelsey Hollenshead, Elizabeth Hartman, Emma-line Crouse, Brian Stanley, Carissa Gordon and Morgan Strait. Elizabeth Hartman, Rebekah Morgan, Emily Garland, Kacie Hensley, Chelsey Hollenshead, Megan Deneen and Daniel Wolfe will be narrators.

Admission to the concert will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds benefit the choral activity fund. The public is invited to attend.



Junior High Chorus

Birth Announced



Chris and Cherish Harvey announce the arrival of Claire Jaymes, born October 31, 2008, at Washington County Hospital weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long.

Claire has an older brother, Dane, who is 3.

Maternal grandparents are Peggy and the late Dennis McMahon and paternal grandparents are Johnny and the late Linda Silvers of Hancock.

Paternal great-grandparents are Vernon and Shirley Silvers of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

The Harveys reside in Warfordsburg.

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We apologize for anyone we may have missed. Also, a very big thank-you to everyone who showed up to play in the bad weather!

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'12 Days of Christmas' Items Would Cost \$86,609

By Dan Nephin

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Given the economic downturn, even the most romantic might balk at the \$86,609 price tag for the items in the carol. "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

That's this year's cost, according to the annual "Christmas Price Index" compiled by PNC Wealth Management, which tallies the single partridge in a pear tree to the 12 drummers drumming, purchased repeatedly as the song suggests. The price is up \$8,508 or 10.9 percent, from \$78,100 last year.

"True loves may take it on the chin for a peck on the cheek," said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investment for PNC Wealth Management, which has been calculating the cost of Christmas since 1984.

The creative but cash-strapped consumer might consider some modifications. After all, who needs dozens of birds?

Instead of two turtle doves (\$55) why not two Dove chocolate bars at about buck each? Don't have \$4,414 for 10 lords-a-leaping? How about a "Riverdance" DVD? Plenty of leaping there, and it's only about \$25 on Amazon.com. Save a couple grand by skipping the 11 pipers piping and getting a CD of Scottish bagpipe music for less than \$20.

"The price of creativity, I think, has to be measured against the value of true love," said Dunigan. "Necessity is the mother of invention. So this year, it might pay to be a little more inventive."

While some sources suggest the gold rings actually refer to ring neck pheasants - apparently, all the birds were for feasting - Dunigan advises sticking with jewelry.

"At least my experience, if you had to lead with something, gold

rings probably wouldn't be a bad idea," he said.

They are down about 11 percent, from \$395 last year to \$350, the result of pressures on discretionary spending, Dunigan said.

But sticklers for tradition might also save by procrastinating. With the economy in its first consumer-led recession since the early 1980s and energy prices falling as of late, prices could come down between now and Christmas, Dunigan said.

PNC Financial Services Group Inc. checks jewelry stores, dance companies, pet stores and other sources to compile the list. While it is done humorously, PNC said its index mirrors actual economic trends.

For instance, gasoline costs topped \$4 this summer, driving up shipping costs for many

goods. So a pear tree that cost \$165 last year will cost \$220 this year. (The partridge is up \$5 to \$20.)

Luxury items are also up, as reflected by the price of the seven swans-a-swimming, which are up 33 percent to \$5,600.

But the faltering economy has also brought down the cost of some items.

The three French hens (down \$15 to \$30) and six geese-a-laying (down \$120 to \$240) reflect declines in food prices.

The eight maids-a-milking will cost 12 percent more, \$52.40 from about \$47 last year, thanks to their second annual minimum wage increase.

The 10 lords-a-leaping, 11 pipers piping and 12 drummers drumming are all up about 3 percent, reflecting the general average wage increase.

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