



**MUSIC TO FILL THE HEART** - The talented cast of the LaConner Schools-Community Theatre hopes to thrill local audiences with their performance of the classic "The Sound of Music". The play opens this Friday evening. Pictured above are The Trapp children (L to R) Nate Cook, Jenny Skiffington, Julian Bruce, Sara Tivel, Megan Raymond (at top), Courtney Blunt, Jesse Mann and Emilie Mann as Maria.

## **"The Sound of Music" community play opens Friday**

The LaConner School-Community Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music" has a little more local flare than just its talented all-star cast.

Johanna Trapp-VanPelt, one of the youthful voices portrayed in the 1967 movie, was a SneeOosh area resident for a number of years before she passed away.

To make things a bit more intriguing, the

children were accom-

panied by their father on guitar, mandolin and violin.

Maria and a neighborhood priest brought sophistication to the family act.

When the family lost its fortune after the Austrian national bank folded, the children had to learn how to work, doing laundry and other household chores.

They looked at their misfortune as a big adventure, but the

became "The Trapp Lodge", which is still a popular stop for skiers and other tourists.

After spending 30 years as a missionary in New Guinea, Maria died at the age of 82 in 1987.

The LaConner production, which stars LCHS sophomore Emilie Mann as Maria and teacher Marshall Keith as the