

AUDITIONS: ‘Wiz of the West’ will hit stage in Sisters

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Dog, Coyotes, Munch Kin, Buzzards, and Tarantulas. Students grades K-8 are encouraged to audition — no advance preparation is necessary.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. The show is a down-home, country telling of every cowpoke’s favorite yarn — “Aw, Auntie Em, there’s no place like home on the range.” “The Wiz of the West: a fairy tale with a twang.”

The two principal actors from Missoula Children’s Theatre bring a wealth of experience and professional theatre background. Samantha Hayes is excited to keep on “trucking” with the Missoula Children’s Theatre. A native of Terre Haute, Indiana, she earned her BFA in musical theatre from Missouri State University. Credits include: Long John Silver/Director in “Treasure Island”; Fox/Director in “Pinocchio”; Suzette in “Dogfight”; and Angel City Four Alto in “City of Angels.”

Her first role, however, was Spectator 1 in a summer camp production of “Charlotte’s Web,” so you never know how a summer camp will change your life.

Cody D. Schmitt is excited to continue touring with the Missoula Children’s Theatre after touring “Rumpelstiltskin” all last year. He attended the University of Northern Colorado with studies in vocal performance, theatre, and dance.

Sisters Middle School (SMS) coordinator, teacher Lindsay Burden, toured professionally, is an advocate for theater arts, and plans to help start a theater program next year at SMS. “Performing in a live theatre production is an incredible way for kids to learn to express themselves



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Missoula Children’s Theater is partnering with Sisters Folk Festival.

as confident individuals,” Burden said. “In a world where kids are often bombarded by the message that they must be perfect, theatre embraces mistakes, the imperfections, and the quirks... Working through the process of putting together a show is one of the most rewarding experiences a young person can have. Just look at the light in the eyes of a young performer at the final curtain call for the proof.”

The Wiz of the West will be presented on Saturday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Sisters High School auditorium. Tickets for the show will be available at the door. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family. The Missoula Children’s Theatre residency is presented locally by Sisters Folk Festival as part of the Studio to School grant initiative of the Oregon

Community Foundation. Studio to School is a five-year music and arts education collaboration between Sisters Folk Festival and the Sisters School District.

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— Lindsay Burden

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For information about the residency, call Brad Tisdell at 541-408-0200, or brad@sistersfolkfestival.org.

Sisters bookstore hosts slate of events

Nationally recognized photographer and author John Shewey will present slides of his book “Oregon Beaches: A Traveler’s Companion” on Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Paulina Springs Books in Sisters. Shewey is well known for his photography. The book is divided into beaches on the north, central and south coasts. He writes about the location, facilities, access and unique features of each beach.

On Saturday, April 21 at 6 p.m., Oregon author Valerie Geary returns to share her newest book, “Everything We Lost.” Readers enjoyed her debut novel, “Crooked River,” and look forward to hearing the latest story. Once again Geary’s primary characters are a brother and sister. Lucy loses her brother Nolan when he wanders into the desert

outside of Bishop, California. Ten years after Nolan’s disappearance, Lucy is drawn back to Bishop and the tangled memories of the past to discover what really happened to her brother. Childhood memories and challenging family relations blend together in this psychological mystery.

On Saturday, April 28, Paulina Springs Books will join other independent bookstores across the nation to celebrate “Independent Bookstore Day.” Along with Herringbone Books in Redmond, Roundabout Bookshop in Bend, Dudley’s Bookshop & Café in Bend and Sunriver Books in Sunriver, they will celebrate with a challenge for customers to visit all five stores on April 28 with a prize to anyone able to meet the challenge.

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