

# CREATIVE COMEDY

**A black box theater  
production at  
Ilwaco High School**

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**Dad, played by Cole Allen, right, has set fire to the family home trying to deep-fry a turkey, so he and Mom, played by Carolina Mendez, second left, try to cheer up their children by taking them out to a restaurant. But kids Will Murray and Holly Willing are not happy in this scene from the comedy "Parents Just Don't Understand" being staged at Ilwaco High School.**

BY PATRICK WEBB

ILWACO, Wash. — Imagine Dad has set fire to the family home because he stubbornly wanted to try cooking the Thanksgiving turkey in a deep-fryer.

Then, imagine him and Mom trying to make the best of it by taking their kids to an Italian restaurant — where they are the only customers.

That's just one of the 10 not-so-imaginary vignettes being played out by Ilwaco High School students in their next production, "Parents Just Don't Understand."

The comedy about parent-teenager relationships will be performed at 7 p.m. Nov. 22, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Nov. 23 and 2 p.m. Nov. 24 in the high school's choir room at 404 School Road, Ilwaco, Wash., which is turned into a black box style theater. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors at the door.

In the scene described, Dad is played by Cole Allen and Mom is played by Carolina Mendez. As their teenage children, Will Murray and Holly Willing are not impressed.

Joining them in the cast and crew, all

### If You Go

"Parents Just Don't Understand"

7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday  
and 2 p.m. Sunday

Ilwaco High School choir room, 404 School  
Road, Ilwaco, Wash.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for stu-  
dents and seniors at the door.

playing multiple parts, are Tristan Trudell, Brendan Chabot, Patrick Reddy, Emma Lake, Erin Hines, Jasmine Do, Aimee Meinhardt, Kaitlyn Fisher-Pinto, Kat Johnson, Serena Khun, Kaylynn Ward, Alex Carper, Matthew Do and Owen Cotrone.

"With a play set in this style, as many students who tried out can participate," said director Rachel Lake, who has two teenagers of her own — one who appears in the play.

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