

Springfield woman wins Cottage Grove Mega Millions jackpot

When Ann Mingus saw the billboard with the large jackpots for Powerball and Mega Millions, she did what many people do, started day-dreaming about how much she would need to take care of her family and retire.

"As I am driving along I am doing the math in my head, and I thought that \$3 million would do it," Mingus said. "Turns out, I had the \$3 million ticket."

Mingus, from Springfield, won the largest Mega Millions prize in Oregon since the game came to the state in 2010. Mingus realized she won when she saw news reporting that someone purchased a winning ticket in Cottage Grove and checked her numbers.

She didn't tell anyone about her win, not even family members for a few weeks, and immediately contacted an attorney to come up with a plan.

She also hired a financial

planner to assist her in managing the prize.

Mingus purchased the ticket at the Cottage Grove Safeway from a Lottery To Go machine; the blue vending machines that offer Scratch-its and other games.

"I like to use the machine then I don't have to wait in line at customer service," she said. "A lot of people don't know you can buy Mega Millions and other tickets from them."

Officials from Safeway said they were excited that they sold the largest Mega Millions jackpot in Oregon history.

"We can't believe our lo-



cal Cottage Grove Safeway sold the winning \$3 million Mega Millions ticket," said

Jill McGinnis, Director of Communications and Public Affairs with Safeway. "We're

so happy for our customer! It just goes to show, you never know who's going to win - it could be you the next time you're picking up dinner!"

There are 110 stores in Oregon and a store in Grants Pass also recently sold a \$250,000 Scratch-it ticket, which was claimed last week.

The winning Mega Millions numbers for the Nov. 30 draw were 25-28-40-43-63 and Mega Ball of 19. To win \$1 million, players must match five of five numbers with-out the Mega Ball.

Mingus won \$3 million by selected the Megaplier option, which increases non-jackpot prizes by 2, 3, 4 or 5 times. This option costs an extra \$1.

In the case of Mingus' ticket the Megaplier was 3, meaning she won \$3 million.

two multi-state lottery games the Oregon Lottery offers. You can play Mega Millions in 44 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each play costs \$2 to play.

Jackpots start at \$40 million, and the jackpot for the next drawing on Friday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

Lottery officials recommend that you always sign the back of your tickets with each Oregon Lottery game you play, to ensure you can claim any prize you may win.

In the event of winning a jackpot, players should consult with a trusted financial planner or similar professional to develop a plan for their winnings.

Prize winners of more than \$50,000 should contact the Lottery office to schedule an appointment to claim their prize.

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Very Little Theater continues 90th season with 'Blithe Spirit'

The Very Little Theater will be offering two tickets for any performance of its upcoming show, "Blithe Spirit," to any furloughed government worker.

To take advantage of this offer, any furloughed government worker will need to visit the VLT box office and present their valid government-issued ID.

"The on-going govern-

ment shutdown impacts all of us, and we at the Very Little Theatre see this as a way to give comfort to those who have had their livelihoods impacted by this event," said Adrienne West, Publicity Director for VLT.

The Very Little Theatre continues to celebrate its 90th season in 2019 with the Noel Coward classic "Blithe Spirit," directed by Karen

Scheeland.

Coward's Blithe Spirit is an audacious comedy about marriage, love and death, in which the memory of a lost love becomes material for a punch line.

At his best, Coward's work is able to weave little symphonies out of bursts of jaded lust or malicious wit.

Blithe Spirit is a very British drawing room play,

encouraging resistance to encroaching catastrophe by blithely ignoring it.

Set in England in 1941, Charles Condomine, a well to do novelist, has invited guests to be a part of a séance in order to get material for his next book. He invites Madame Arcati, a medium, to lead the séance.

Unfortunately an unforeseen materialization occurs

which leads to comic misunderstandings, other séances, and an unexpected ending.

The VLT cast for Blithe Spirit features Daniel Squire as "Charles," Janna Slack as "Ruth," Aimee Hamilton as "Elvira," Kali Kardas as "Edith," Bill Siedler as "Dr. Bradman," Lisa Roth as "Mrs. Bradman," and Kathy LaMontagne as "Madame Arcati."

The 10 performances are

Friday through Sunday, Jan. 25-27; Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 3; and Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 7-9.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. each night (except for the 2 p.m. Sunday matinées.)

Adult tickets are \$21, seniors and students are \$17.

Thursday performances are \$17 for everyone.

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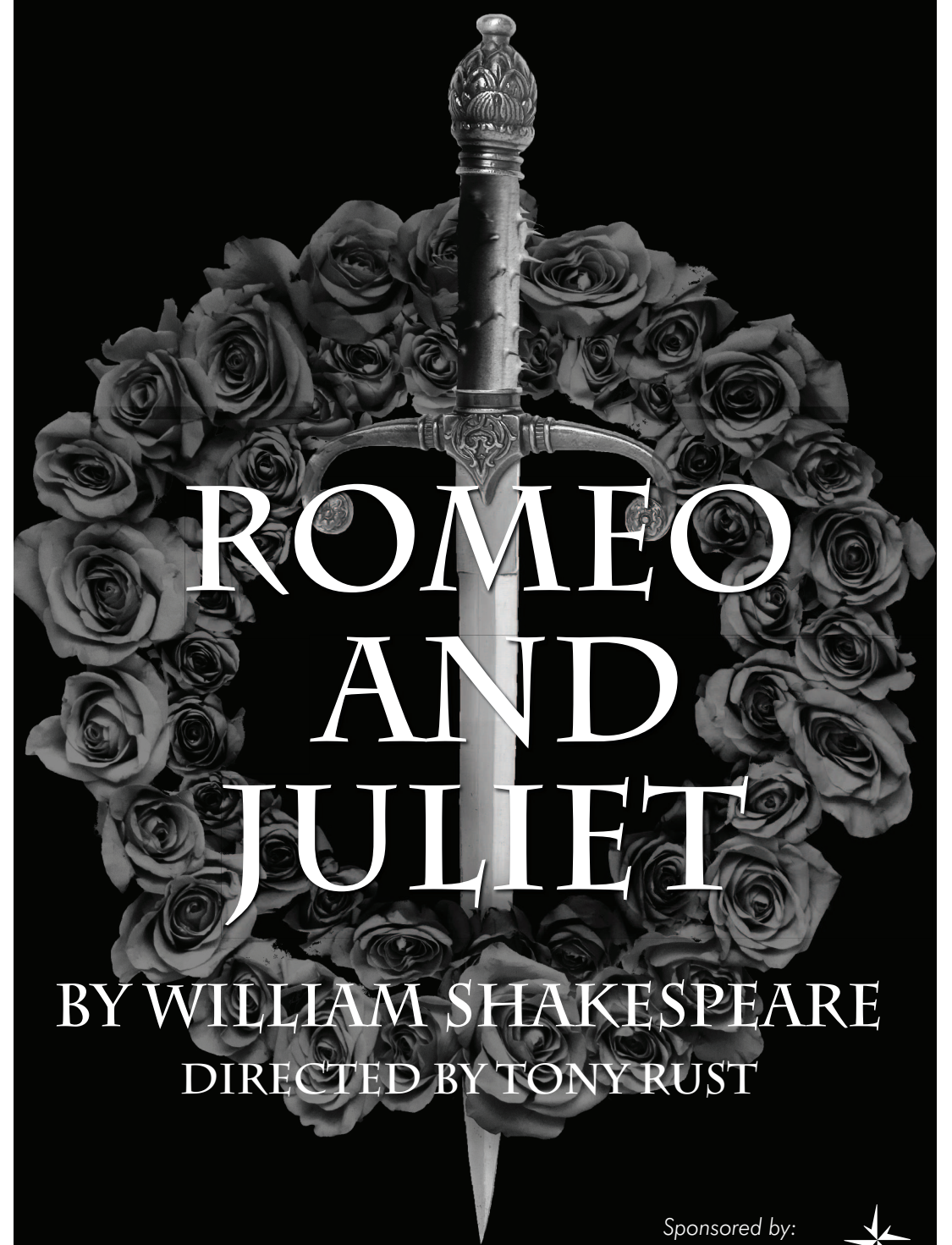
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