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Local author McKenzie Peters with her new book, "Persephone: A Photographic Journey Through Time,"

Local author, photog to sign books at Bookmine

This Friday, April 19, local author McKenzie Peters and Cottage Grove photographer Bob Zybach will be at a special book signing for their new book, "Persephone in Oregon: A Photographic Journey Through Time." The book-signing event will be held at The Book-

mine, 702 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 4 to 6 p.m.

Peters and Zybach will be on hand to sign copies of the newly released book, which is available at The Bookmine. A copy was also donated to the Cottage Grove Library.

Very Little Theater to perform 'Proof' beginning April 26

The Very Little Theatre has announced its production of "Proof" by David Auburn, directed by Larry K. Fried and presented in Stage Left.

In this often funny, Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play, David Auburn raises many questions about what might be unanswerable yet goes to the heart of our vulnerable humanity.

The VLT cast of Proof will feature Erica Towe as "Catherine," Bill Campbell as "Robert," Chris Gillooley-Kress as "Hal" and Janna Slack as "Claire."

There will be seven performances: Friday through Sunday, April 26-28, and Thursday through Sunday, May 2-5. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. (except for the 2 p.m. Sunday matinees)

General seating tickets are \$14 and are available now, both online at www.thevlt.com or at the VLT box office from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, by calling 541-344-7751.

The play centers on eve of Catherine's 25th birthday, as she stands on the precipice between genius and madness. After years of caring

for her deranged, recently deceased father, Catherine is uncertain as to how to move forward and what life might hold. Her father, Robert, was a famous mathematician who solved the previously unsolvable in his youth. Then his brilliant and inquisitive mind turned against him, rendering him incapable of further significant discoveries. Or has it?

Robert believed Catherine could exceed his own math achievements. Catherine mostly fears she has inherited his mental instability. Her very stable and professional sister, Claire arrives to take care of everything, including Catherine. Enter Hal, a former graduate student of Robert's, now a math professor himself. Hal is combing Robert's 100-plus rant-filled notebooks for the undiscovered gem he believes must certainly be there. Catherine knows better but likes having Hal around. Romance blooms and, in her happiness, Catherine provides Hal the key to a secret she has held back from everyone else.

Unexpectedly, ecstatic joy turns to doubt — and Catherine is pushed to the very edge.

Kindergarteners, families invited to 'round-ups'

South Lane School District Area Elementary Schools are hosting Kinder Round-up/Pre-Registration during the months of April and May.

For date and time, call

your local school for full details of their afternoon event.

You can also contact Karen Snyder at the District Office at 541-942-3381 ext. 118.



Garden Beds available to rent at school gardens

For anyone looking for a place to grow their own vegetables, community garden beds are available for rent in two school gardens this season at the low cost of \$15 per bed. The gardens are man-

aged organically.

For more information, contact Melissa Fery at Melissa.Fery@slane.k12.or.us. You can also call or text her at 541-513-3208.

Opal Theater will host Trashion Show this weekend

April 19-20, the Trashion Show: Junk, Gunk, Fashion Punk will take place at the Opal Theater. Trashion (a portmanteau of "trash" and "fashion") is a term for art, fashion and objects for the home created from used, thrown-out, found and repurposed elements. Ten amazing designers will dazzle visitors with their creations. Come April 19 at 7 p.m., or April 20 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Admission is \$12 and tick-

ets can be purchased via the Opal website at opalcentercg.org/events/2019-trashion-show-junk-gunk-fashion-funk, or at The Crafty Mercantile, 517 East Main Street.

The Opal Theater is located at 513 East Main Street in Cottage Grove. For more information, call the theater at 541-623-0513.

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