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The cast of Cottage Grove High School's production of 'The Addams Family' musical performs during opening night last Friday. The production has two more shows, this Friday and Saturday. There will be two more productions this school year, including "Pride and Prejudice" and "Radium Girls."

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able to do those scenes with him while keeping a straight face," Wilhour said after the show.

But, from top to bottom, this a comedy-musical that the entire cast is able to have fun with.

"This is a show where you can have a script and you can have your blocking and you can have your lines," Wilhour continued. "But, pretty much everything else you just

improvise ... I get to dab on stage! I don't get to do that with any other show."

Complete with an orchestra conducted by CGHS music director Devin Wright, "The Addams Family" provides dynamic entertainment for the cast and audience alike. Rust is very pleased with the final result.

"These kids have worked so hard," Rust said proudly of her team. "Everyone is perfectly cast. Everyone on that stage can sing, including the ances-

tors ... This is 21 good kids on that stage, doing what they love and they have a passion for it. It comes through when you see the show."

The CGHS drama department will have two more productions during the current season, "Pride and Prejudice" in March — which will be directed by James Scoggins — and "Radium Girls" in May.

"It's not the classic Pride and Prejudice," Rust said.

For their final production, "Radium Girls," the company

will take a dramatic turn to tell a little-known story from American History.

"There were a group of women who were hired in the factories [during WWI] to paint the dials of compasses and things that went on the airplanes," Rust explained. "So, they would paint them with this solution that had radium in it and to keep the brush tips fine enough to paint they would lick them and they had radium on them."

"I want [the actors] to do something that's going to stretch them and their dramatic chops," Rust said. "A lot of the kids on stage are really good at comedy, and that's really difficult to do."

The CGHS drama department is completely self-sustaining — requiring no fees for students who want to participate — and raises all their funds by way of ticket sales.

November Students of the Month

LONDON SCHOOL



JOSIE ECKSTINE

This month we would like to nominate 2nd grader Josie Eckstine. Josie is in Ms. Henderson's 2nd/3rd

grade class. She is always so helpful regardless of the situation. Josie looks after her classmates and makes sure everyone is included in playground activities. We can always count on Josie to be doing the right thing at recess and in the cafeteria. She is respectful, helpful, kind and caring. Josie is always engaged in her work in class and is excited about learning. She has a great work ethic and always gives 100% to any task. Way to be a true London Knight Josie!



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NORTH DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY



AILI LEHOLM

The North Douglas Elementary School

would like to nominate 5th grader Aili LeHolm for Student of the Month. Aili always does her best on her assignments, she's respectful to her classmates, and an overall outstanding student.



NORTH DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL



KIRSTEN OLP

Kirsten is involved in band, Douglas County Honor Band, FBLA, and is a Unified Club member.



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NORTH DOUGLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL



JJ PARSONS

The North Douglas

Middle School would like to nominate 7th grader JJ Parsons for Student of the Month. JJ goes above and beyond in PE. He is an everyday leader and leads by example. JJ always has a positive attitude and a growth mindset.



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YONCALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL



FARAH STRICKLAND

Farah always has a smile on her face when she

comes to class. She is always quick to start and finish her work. She asks questions, is always engaged, enthusiastic to learn, and participates in all things. She is a great student and an awesome person.

Hobbies: Drawing, playing Tenor Sax & the Ukulele. Future Goals: Wants to study Music Education in college. Parent: Stacey Atwell-Keister

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YONCALLA HIGH SCHOOL



JOELLE ADKISSON

Joelle was nominated because she encourages others to do what's right and to get their work done. In the last year or

so she has really discovered her voice and while not a loud voice, she is not afraid to speak up and speak her mind. Joelle is a wonderful student to have in class. She is a solid student who gets her work done with a smile. Hobbies: She loves to shop, particular at Goodwill. Joelle also likes to help her community such as her work on the Halloween Spooktacular Carnival for the North Douglas Fire and EMS group and helping in the concession trailer at school. Parent: Mary Adkisson



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