

SCHOOL NOTES

KVCS planning an evening of pi, pie

KINGS VALLEY — Kings Valley Charter School is hosting its annual Pi(e) Night for students, their families and the community Saturday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym, 38840 Kings Valley Highway.

For “pi,” the event will feature Math Jeopardy, a pi digit memory contest, and various math and logic games.

For “pie,” there will be a pie-baking contest with “sweet” and “savory” categories for age divisions 14 and under and 15 and above. Entry fee is \$2 per pie.

Pizza, desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade will be available for purchase.

For more information: 541-929-2134.

Ink Blot schedules open mic night

DALLAS — *Ink Blot*, Dallas High School’s literary magazine, will host an open mic night March 18 at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar.

The event, which welcomes writers, poets, actors, musicians and other artists to perform, will run from 6 to 9 p.m. at the downtown Dallas venue, located at 788 Main St. Artists can sign up to perform the evening of the open mic.

Ink Blot hosts monthly events — either open mics or poetry slams — inviting local talent of any age to share their work.

For more information: www.dhsinkblot.com.

CHS fares well at skills competition

ALBANY — Students from Central High School made a strong showing during the High School Industrial Skills Contest held Thursday at Linn-Benton Community College.

Students competed in contests for drafting and engineering graphics, heavy equipment/diesel technology, machine tool milling and turning, and several types of welding technology skills.

Central High students who placed included:

Heavy Equipment/Diesel Technology — Efrén Aguirre, first; Jacob Flores, second.

Welding Technology-Novice Gas Metal Arc Welding — Riley Olsen, first; Jacob Flores, fourth.

Welding Technology-Gas Tungsten Arc Welding — Travis Gibson, third.

About 250 students from 19 Oregon high schools, including Central, participated.

Lunch program seeking volunteers

POLK COUNTY — Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunches to local students during Marion-Polk Food Share’s Spring Break Lunch Program.

Spring break is March 23-27 and the program will have 41 locations in Polk and Marion counties. Each location needs at least two volunteers to lead activities and serve lunches.

Volunteers are needed to prepare sack lunches each day starting March 22 through March 26, lead pre-planned activities for children at each site from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and those willing to be “on-call” to fill in for last-minute cancellations during the week.

All volunteers must be able to pass a background check.

To volunteer or for more information: Marion-Polk Food Share, 503-505-1109; email to SBLVolunteers@marionpolkfoodshare.org; online at www.MarionPolkFoodShare.org.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Local woman earns nursing degree

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alexandra Nicole Younger of Independence graduated from Samford University’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing during recent commencement exercises. Younger earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

Emma Bucher, right, as Ida Bluebird, reacts to proof that she is “forgetful, snobby, judgemental and shallow” in a scene from LaCreole Middle School’s production of “Burden of Proof.” The musical murder mystery will take the stage Friday and Saturday for three shows, each revealing a different suspect in the murder of Marvin Bluebird. Tickets are available at the door 30 minutes before each show.



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

A murder mystery musical

LaCreole Middle School students staging ‘Burden of Proof’

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Who killed Marvin Bluebird?

That is the question for the cast of “Burden of Proof” to contemplate — and eventually reveal — when the murder mystery musical takes the stage at LaCreole Middle School on Friday and Saturday.

As for the possible suspects — all with “colorful” names, think “Clue” — this show has more than enough to keep the audience guessing as the collection of strange and shady characters gather for a party at the victim’s home on a dark and stormy night.

Could it be the fortune-telling couple, the Greens?

How about Marvin’s wife, Ida, who is described by her daughter as “forgetful, snobby, judgemental and shallow”?

Maybe Marvin and Ida’s spoiled daughter, Violet?

What about Marvin’s mis-

Who Done It?

What: “Burden of Proof.”

When: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: LaCreole Middle School, 701 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

Admission: General, \$5 for Friday and Saturday evening shows; students and seniors, \$3. The Saturday matinee is \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door 30 minutes before each show.

For more information: 503-623-6662.

trepreneur, Miss Magenta?

Or that mysterious stranger, Pearl, who shows up looking for help after her car breaks down during the murder mystery-required thunderstorm.

They are all trapped in the house together, so any num-

ber of scenarios could have ended unlucky Marvin’s life. In fact, the play has three endings, one for each of the three showings Friday and Saturday.

The play was written by former students of Anna Jackson, the LaCreole drama and choir teacher and director of “Burden of Proof.” She formerly taught at Mountain View High School in Vancouver, Wash., where Mitch Garrison (writer) and Katie Kibota (music) wrote the play for a summer drama camp when they were freshman. The two are now in college.

This year, Jackson told them she was planning to direct the play at LaCreole, and they decided to make some minor revisions for its second run.

“They added a couple songs and changed some lines a bit,” Jackson said. “They did a really nice job. I’m super proud of them.”

She’s equally impressed

with the play’s cast.

“They are really talented. I feel really lucky,” Jackson said. “And they are goofy, so it makes it really fun. I love the fact it’s a murder mystery, but it’s really hysterically funny.”

Kade Metzger, who plays soon-to-be-dead Marvin, said he likes the suspense and constant “who done it” guessing throughout the play.

And there’s, of course, all the possible motives. Marvin has secrets revealed throughout the play, earning him more than a few enemies.

“I like it because it’s like soap opera-ish,” said Karia Hevener, who plays the Bluebird’s snobby neighbor Anita Rose, referring to the play’s call for over-the-top acting.

Cast members say audience members shouldn’t try to predict the ending, but just sit back and watch the plot unfold.

“It’s fun and entertaining,” said Emma Bucher, who plays Ida.

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