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Hermia's father, Egeus (Gabriel Smith), asks Theseus, the Duke of Athens (Chase Magill), if he may kill his daughter Hermia (Jillian Flannagan) for disobeying his wishes for her to marry Demetrius (Sean Flannagan).

ALL BUT A DREAM?

'Midsummer Night's Dream' to play on WOU's outdoor stage

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — As the sun dips below the tree line at Western Oregon University, shade creeps across the lawn at the outdoor amphitheater.

It's still warm, but cooler there near the stage. Are you dreaming, or are fairies playing pranks on Athenians on stage?

No, it's not a heat-induced vision, but Apple Box Theater's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, adapted for the young actors by Maren Anderson.

Fairies and mischief go hand in hand during this walk in the woods gone wrong.

Helena and Hermia are best friends — and have been forever — but are

thrown into a jealous competition because "Everyone likes Hermia, so Helena is left out," explained Delaney McCannell, 13, who plays Helena.

By "everyone," Delaney means boys. Hermia loves Lysander; Lysander loves Hermia. Demetrius also loves Hermia, and her father insists she marry Demetrius or face certain death, according to ancient Athenian law.

Rather than choose between death and the nunnery, Hermia and Lysander head into the woods to marry. Helena tells Demetrius, and they all head into Fairyland where the king and queen of fairies will play with their emotions to comedic ends.

"In the end, everything's OK," Delaney said. "Mine (Demetrius) has a love potion, so the rest of his life is a

lie, but that's OK."

Delaney said she had to channel what Helena feels: anger, balanced with sadness.

"You're not normally an angry, sad person," said Jillian Flannagan, 12, who plays Hermia.

The play presents a few challenges, specifically touching a boy, Jillian said.

"I just have to do it for the play, I guess," she said about a scene where she has to hug Lysander.

Even with the evening shade, the sun has been baking the cement stage of the amphitheater all day, and the young actors feel the heat.

"You have to walk barefoot on it," Jillian said. "You have to lay on it."

"You know, cooking like bacon," Delaney added.

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To the Theater

What: Apple Box Children's Theater production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," adapted by playwright Maren Anderson.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Where: Western Oregon University's outdoor amphitheater at Rice Auditorium.

Admission: Free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket.

Of note: The production is made possible in part from a grant by the Polk County Cultural Coalition and sponsorship from Ash Creek Arts Center. It is completely volunteer run, for children aged 7 through 14.

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ACADEMIC HONORS

EOU announces spring dean's list

LA GRANDE — Tanner Yarbrough, of Dallas, qualified for the dean's list at Eastern Oregon University for spring term 2015, along with 464 other students. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Salem Hospital awards scholarships

SALEM — The Salem Hospital Foundation announced that 84 students in a medical or medically related field will receive a college scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year. A total of \$167,500 will be awarded to students pursuing degrees in a variety of medical programs — putting the foundation's total scholarship funding over the \$2.5 million mark since it began in 1968.

Several named scholarships were awarded in honor or memory of local community members — including the Rollin Haag nursing scholarship, the Elmera "Tiny" Richardson nursing scholarship, the Sewell Family scholarship, and the Grayce and Glola Sigg nursing scholarship. In addition, the Salem Self-Help Nursing Scholarship was awarded through the Salem Foundation.

Local recipients for the 2015-16 school year are:
• Dallas: Angie Bishop, Jamie Broussard, Leslie Classen, Christina Feil, Brenda Hess, Shaymarie Parker and Kristi Tichenor.
• Independence: Sheali Bowker, Kirsten Fertig, Mayra Garcia-Murillo and Ana Ramirez Falcon.
• Monmouth: Shannon Carey, Katie Groff and Sarah Solvedt.

Local students named Ford Scholars

POLK COUNTY — Four students from Polk County received scholarships from the Ford Family Foundation's Ford Scholars program.

Kiri Watson, Gabriella Ledesma, Marco Gonzalez and Taylor Ashton received scholarships.

OSU announces honor roll for spring

CORVALLIS — Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll spring term have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 982 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,571 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. Local students on the honor roll included:

• Dallas: straight-A average: Zacheriah A. Tucker, senior, Psychology, 3.5 or better; Patrick C. Casalegno, junior, pre-merchandising management; Katharine E. Crawford, senior, psychology; Natalie N. Eriksen, post baccalaureate, psychology; David W. Gorden, post baccalaureate, management; Callie A. Instenes, senior, graphic design; Emily A. Lund, sophomore, pre-public health; Caleb T. Naughton, freshman, environmental sciences; Joseph P. Orton, freshman, biology; Logan G. Stewart, junior, elect and computer engineering; Kyle R. Stockdall, sophomore, pre-business; Anthony M. Tallon, senior, exercise and sport science; Joseph A. Villella, junior, pre-environmental engineering; and Mychal P. Westendorf, senior, forest engineering.

• Grand Ronde: 3.5 or better: Amy D. Hyatt, junior, human development and family science.

• Independence: straight-A average: Emma J. Miller, senior, agricultural sciences. 3.5 or better: Stephen Hinkle, freshman, English; and Olivia M. Zuercher, senior, English.

• Monmouth: 3.5 or better: Sean R. Maroney, freshman, university exploratory studies; Zachary D. McClure, senior, pre-chemical engineering; Michael W. Osborn, junior, chemistry; Brianna H. Poppitz, sophomore, English; David M. Powell, junior, pre-civil engineering; Travis J. Rice, senior, public health; and Peter J. Teague, senior, civil engineering.

• Rickreall: straight-A average: Bridget H. Regan, sophomore, zoology. 3.5 or better: Audrey R. Regan, senior, English.

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