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Jennie Sloan and Melody Ballard play donkeys learning to share in a scene from “The Fabulous Fable Factory.”

‘Factory’ sure to entertain

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — Dallas High School advanced theater class will be a “story machine” Saturday in two performances of “The Fabulous Fable Factory.”

The play, a short, but high-energy retelling for six of Aesop’s classic morality tales, is based on a musical by Joseph Robinette and Thomas Tierney. Performances will take place in Bollman Auditorium at Dallas High School at 1 and 2:30 p.m. during the annual holiday bazaar at the school.

“The Fabulous Fable Factory” is the class’ annual “children’s play,” a short production staged at DHS geared to elementary school students in the area who take field trips to see the performance.

The class will put on the show eight times for students, in addition to Saturday’s shows.

In the play, the cast be-

Story time

What: Dallas High School’s advanced theater class’ “The Fabulous Fable Factory.”

When: Saturday at 1 and 2:30 p.m. during Dallas School District’s annual holiday bazaar.

Where: Bollman Auditorium at DHS, 1250 SE Holman Ave.

Admission: \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. Tickets are available at the door.

comes a machine with many working parts that “manufactures” stories, such as “The Tortoise and the Hare” and “The Grasshopper.”

“It’s really loud,” Dani Potter, a student teacher with the theater program, said smiling.

The show runs about 45 minutes, but packs plenty of action into that time.

“The whole cast is on the stage the entire time,” said



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In this scene, Sloan and Ballard are dogs teaching a lesson about greed. The production will be staged twice Saturday.

Potter. “Visually, it’s really stimulating, which is great for children’s theater.”

Jennie Sloan, a senior who plays Kassie, the character conceiver, said each of the short stories has a moral, such as learning to share or

the pitfalls of being greedy. But with its audience in mind, “The Fabulous Fable Factory” can’t help but make it silly and entertaining.

“It’s fun. It’s colorful. It’s energetic and there’s some funny moments,” Sloan said.

Active-shooter drill provides learning opps

By Emily Mentzer
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INDEPENDENCE — Overall, the active-shooter drill on Nov. 17 at Central High School went well, said organizer Kimber Townsend.

“I think the best take-aways are in the comments shared by participants afterward,” she said. “Many expressed determination to increase their first-aid skills, while others acknowledged the emotional toll this kind of event, even in practice, elicited, and the need to better prepare to provide emotional support to the whole school community.”

The drill involved more than 120 people, including faculty and students of CHS, Polk County CERT (County Emergency Response Team), and responding fire, emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement agencies.

Buzz Brazeau, Central superintendent, said he was pleased with what he saw at the drill.

“We learned an awful lot,” he said.

One of those things was the way incident command centers are run during emergency events.

“The old model of an incident command was on site,” Brazeau said. “The new model doesn’t really have that. We have to plan for someone outside of the building to be in incident command.”

Also, Brazeau said district officials learned that information needs to be spread throughout the building so it is more easily assessable.

Communication was improved from the last emergency drill conducted at the high school, which was

in July 2014 and simulated a plane crashing on school grounds, Brazeau noted.

“Our communication at times in that first one was spotty,” he said. “Since that time, we installed a repeater, so our overall communication (this time) was better.”

Others struggled with communicating. Independence Police Chief Bob Mason said that, because the officers participating in the drill used a different channel, their radio communication was difficult.

He said he and Monmouth Police Chief Darrell Tallan ran the command trailer.

“What I learned is there won’t be enough people soon enough,” Mason said. “You know that going in that initially you’re going to be pulled in all kinds of directions. As soon as you can, you break that into manageable chunks and start assigning people.”

The exercise was put together by Townsend, Independence Police Sgt. Lyle Gilbert, Monmouth Police Sgt. Matt Olafson, Polk County Fire District No. 1 Deputy Chief Neal Olson and CHS Athletic Director Shane Hedrick.

CHS, IPD, MPD, Polk Fire No. 1 and Polk County Sheriff’s Office deputies participated in the exercise.

Representatives from 12 different agencies, including the regional FBI, Oregon State Medical Examiner’s Office and Oregon State Fire Marshall’s Office, observed the drill.

“When people walk away from an exercise with a list of things they intend to learn, practice and become better prepared for in the future, that’s exactly why we do exercises like these,” Townsend said.

SCHOOL NOTES

‘Suessical’ opens Thursday at Central

INDEPENDENCE — “Suessical the Musical” opens Thursday at 7 p.m. at Central High School.

The play is family friendly for all ages. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, and Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Curtain is at 7 p.m., with matinees on both Saturday dates. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for students, with a special \$3 student pricing on Thursday showings.

Purchase tickets online at www.chsperformingarts.org or call 503-606-2228.

Kings Valley food drive a success

KINGS VALLEY — The Kings Valley Charter School students and employees collected 486 items for families in need during a recent food drive, as part of the school’s Community Holiday Project.

Miss Bobbi’s class won the classroom competition to see who could collect the most.

The school is continuing its efforts to help local families by collecting new, unwrapped gifts.

For more information: Terra Macnab, macnab0517@gmail.com.

Foundation awards \$6,350 in grants

DALLAS — The Dallas Education Foundation provided grants to 21 teachers in the Dallas School District, this fall, totaling \$6,350.

Of the \$6,350 awarded, the Dallas Community Foundation provided \$2,500.

The grants were: Brian Rebischke, Oakdale Heights and Lyle elementary schools, for musical instrumtments; Anna Jackson, LaCreole Middle School, music software for school plays and platforms for drama department; Bill Fischer, Morrison Campus Alternative School, classroom set of calculators and atlas.

Joanna Warkentin, LaCreole, digital scales for science department; Tony Olliff, Dallas High School, reptile/avian incubator for science department and microscopes; Jacob Gradek, LaCreole, materials for genetic lab; Joyce Garland, LaCreole, seventh-grade for language arts novels.

Deanne Harms, Whitworth Elementary School, Chrome Book charging station; Lori Pineau, Oakdale, wiggle seats; Angel Katz, Whitworth, weighted iPads and wiggle cushions; Kristen Huff, LaCreole, art supplies.

Amy Ebner, Oakdale Heights, wiggle seats and bouncy bands. Suzanne Cassim, DHS, classroom set of scientific calculators; Heather Shinn, Oakdale Heights, autism materials for iPad; Anna Tally, DHS, classroom set of graphing calculators.

Brian Green, Morrison, art supplies; Shana Lavier, DHS, Kitchen Aid mixer; Jessica Dehm, DHS and Morrison, books; Lee Jones, robotics team equipment.

For more information about the Dallas Education Foundation, go to www.facebook.com/DallasEducationFoundation/?ref=hl or www.dallaseducationfoundation.com/.



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