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Central's production of "Almost Maine" begins Wednesday (today) and runs through Saturday. Performances are at 7 p.m. each night.

Almost: Dallas earns come

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He said it didn't matter what the audience thought of that scene.
"It's up to them," Eschette added. "Everyone experiences love in different ways, and we hope people can see that."
"Almost, Maine" opens Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. and runs through Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. All proceeds go to fund the

drama department.
"We're self-sufficient, so we have to make what we spend," Witt said.
He also said he hopes this play — which is better known than the school's last production, "Once on the Island" — will bring in more people. According to him, putting on lesser-known plays is a risk, but it gets his students more exposure to what's out there. "It's gotta be a balance."

Perrydale School finds space for preschool class

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

PERRYDALE — Creative scheduling and a generous offer from a teacher has ensured that preschool will continue at Perrydale School next year.

Superintendent Eric Milburn shared the development with the Perrydale School Board at its meeting Monday night.

At a meeting in April, the board and school leaders had discussions of ending the program due to lack of space at the school. Currently, the program serves 10 children.

Perrydale Vice Principal Dan Dugan said music and drama teacher Misty Matthews offered a solution: using what would be her classroom for the early part of the day to hold preschool.

Dugan said Matthews has a unique perspective on the problem as she oversees the school's art program and another that has high school students involved in helping teach students in early education classes.

He said that she didn't need a classroom until fifth- and sixth-period music classes. Her classroom would be free for preschool if art classes could be held elsewhere.

"She said, 'I'm willing to give up this idea of my own room in order to make this happen,'" Dugan said. "I just thought that was a pretty noble move on her part."

Under the new arrangement, art teachers would need to take their lessons into home rooms instead of having students come to them.

Milburn said elementary school teachers were supportive of the idea.

That was confirmed Monday by kindergarten teacher Janeen Thomson,

who had an artist visit her classroom recently. She said those sessions went well.

"I think art in our classrooms is the way to go," she said.

Board member Anna Scharf mentioned that the district still needed to consider how the program would be paid for in the long term.

Milburn said the school was still planning on forming a committee to explore funding possibilities.

In other business, the board:

- Voted to change a contract with a candidate for its soon-to-be vacant business manager post. The contract had already been accepted by the candidate, but had not been reviewed by the board before it was offered.

The changes were reducing the amount of vacation days from 17 to 10 and removing bereavement days included in the contract.

Milburn said he based the contract on what was included in the job posting and the contract with longtime Business Manager Julie Braxling, and didn't know the board wanted input on negotiations. He warned that if the candidate rejects the changes, the district may have to start over with filling the post, which would be vacant in a month.

Board member Trina Comerford said she worried that the contract would set a precedent by offering first-year employees more than three weeks of vacation.

Scharf noted the district needed to establish job descriptions for the business manager position and others.

Board Chairman John Cruickshank said the district needed to have clearer guidelines for negotiating administrative contracts.

Brazeau to serve double in '16-17

Superintendent will be interim principal at Central High School

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Central School District Superintendent Buzz Brazeau announced that he will serve as interim principal at Central High School for the 2016-17 year.

The school board voted unanimously at its May 2 meeting to adjust Brazeau's contract to allow him to serve as both interim principal and continue as the district's superintendent.

Ben Gorman, president of the Central Education Association and English teacher at CHS, said teachers were excited about the renewed emphasis on improved communication in the district.

"Though we were disappointed by Brazeau's handling of the situation at the high school, we believe that he recognizes that there is some significant healing that needs to take place, and we hope he will make it a priority to foster positive, collaborative relationships with teachers," he said.

Brazeau will use the high school as his headquarters. Jann Jobe will serve as assistant principal.

"This allows us to get things moved forward with the culture in the district," Brazeau said.

Gorman said teachers take the naming of Jobe to assistant principal as a

good sign.
"In the short time she's returned to help out at CHS, she has already demonstrated the combination of competence and caring that CHS needs in order to heal and move forward," he said.

Gorman said teachers are optimistic about the coming school year, adding that he and other teachers at the high school are counting on Brazeau and the school board to ensure that the high school's needs for a principal are met while not short-changing other district buildings of a superintendent.

The intent is to begin the search for a permanent high school principal in the normal timeframe, which is February to March, Brazeau said.

Gorman said teachers would like to be "fully included" in the search process for the next principal.

The move came after Greg Mitchell accepted a job as the principal at Baker City High School, effective July 1.

Mitchell took the job in Baker City after months of complaints from high school teachers about a hostile work environment — which Assistant Superintendent Rich McFarland said were investigated and unfounded — and formal grievances filed regarding scheduling and grading.

Whitworth seismic work slated for 2017

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Work on seismic upgrades at Whitworth Elementary School in Dallas are scheduled to take place in the summer of 2017.

The school is the recipient of a \$1.492 million state grant specifically for retrofitting schools to withstand earthquakes, including the

anticipated Cascadia subduction zone rupture that could result in a 9.0 magnitude quake.

The work would address structural deficiencies identified in a seismic assessment of the building.

According to a schedule in the grant application, plans should be final by January, and construction should begin in July 2017.

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THE NICE GUYS (Digital) (R)	(11:30 2:00 4:35)	7:10 9:50
ANGRY BIRDS (Digital) (PG)	(12:10 2:30 4:50)	7:15 9:30
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR (Digital) (PG13)	(11:30 2:45)	6:00 9:15
NEIGHBORS 2 (Digital) (R)	(12:45 3:00 5:15)	7:30 9:45
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MONEY MONSTER* (Digital) (R)	(12:20 2:40 5:00)	7:15 9:30

Monday - Wednesday May 23 - May 25

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★★★★☆

Row →

Three-by-three square →

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9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

By Ben Arnoldy

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